



## ***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***

**April 24, 2017**

**Office of the Principal**

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### **The week ahead**

- Mon., Apr. 24**      **No School for Kindergarteners**  
**Kindergarten Orientation (by appointment)**  
**Daisies, 3:50 pm, rm. 209**
- Tue., Apr. 25**      **No School for Kindergarteners**  
**Kindergarten Orientation (by appointment)**  
**Gr. 1 to National Zoo**  
**Legos, 3:50 pm, rm. 149**  
**Chess, 3:50 pm, rm. 209**  
**Talent Show Auditions, 3:50-5:30 pm, APR**  
**Gr. 5 Parent Presentation: Children and Cell Phones, 7:00 pm, Media Center**
- Wed., Apr. 26**      **Model UN, 8:10 am, rm. 149**  
**Spanish, 3:50 pm, rm. 159**  
**Mad Science, 3:50 pm, rm. 150**  
**Talent Show Mandatory Rehearsal, 3:50-5:30 pm, APR**  
**Bells Mill Night at Tally Ho in Potomac Village, 4:00-9:00 pm**
- Thur., Apr. 27**      **Take Your Child to Work Day (please call in absences)**
- Fri., Apr. 28**      **Gr. 3-5 Talent Show, 6:30 pm**

### **A Look Ahead**

- May 1**      **Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm, APR**
- May 2**      **PARCC testing begins for Gr. 3-5 (see schedule below)**
- PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, APR**
- May 5**      **Science Fair, 9:30-11:15 am and 7:00-8:00 pm, APR**

- **Please join us for Bells Mill Restaurant Night at Tally Ho, Wednesday, April 26, 4:00-9:00 pm, in Potomac Village.** Dine in or carry out and a portion of the sales will be donated to the PTA. Don't forget to mention that you are with Bells Mill!
- **Bells Mill Stars of Tomorrow Talent Show for Grades 3-5 is on Friday, April 28, 6:30 pm, with auditions on Tuesday, April 25, 3:50-5:30 pm, and mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, April 26, 3:50-5:30 pm.** Students should bring an afternoon snack to the auditions and rehearsals. *No transportation is provided for these activities.* Please pick up your child no later than 5:30 pm on the audition and rehearsal days. A piano will be available for

student performance. No student may participate without a permission form. Questions, contact LaTisha Gasaway at [minds\\_in\\_motion@yahoo.com](mailto:minds_in_motion@yahoo.com).

- **This is a reminder that there is no school for kindergarteners on Monday and Tuesday, April 24 and 25.**
- **Take Your Child to Work Day is Thursday, April 27, 2017.** If your child will be absent all or part of the day, please be sure to notify the office. Your child's absence is recorded as unexcused unless we hear from you.
- **Register now for Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp, July 10-28, 8:30 am-noon, for all Bells Mill rising kindergarteners through grade 5 students. Information letter and registration form went home in backpacks and are also attached to this newsletter.**
- **Take advantage of a free shred day. Bring your personal documents for shredding on Saturday, April 29, 9:00 am-noon, in the Bells Mill parking lot. Sponsored by Kris Feldman of Long and Foster Real Estate.**
- **Attention parents of students in Gr. 3-5, PARCC assessments are scheduled for May 2 through May 15.** Please refrain from making appointments on your child's testing dates. Have your child eat a good breakfast, be well rested and arrive on time. Check the schedule below for your child's testing dates.

**May 2, 3, 4 – English/Language Arts**

**May 9, 10, 12, 15 – Math**

Students who are absent due to illness will have the opportunity to make up all or part of the assessments.

- **MCPS Parents Encouraged to Complete Engagement Survey** A random sample of families at all grade levels in each MCPS school will be asked to participate in the 2017 Parent Engagement Survey. Parents who are selected to participate will receive information by mail and are asked to complete the survey online by June 1, 2017. The survey is about your experiences with your child's school and education. Your answers are confidential and are reported with the answers from other families. The information you provide will help schools better understand families' engagement in their children's education and improve connections between schools and families. The survey is brief and can be completed in 10 minutes.
- **MCPS parents, staff, and community members are invited to the fourth annual Special Education Summit, *Leading the Way Today, Partnering for a Better Tomorrow*.** The summit will take place from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, at Walter Johnson High School. The summit will feature a keynote speaker, resources, and workshops for families of students with disabilities. Families also will have an opportunity to meet representatives from many MCPS offices and Montgomery County agencies and nonprofit organizations. Registration for the summit can be completed at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/special-education/events/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/special-education/events/).
- **Montgomery County Rec. Dept. summer camp programs will be extended to support families without childcare options due to the later start time of the school year.** This follows the executive order that Governor Larry Hogan signed last fall, which required Maryland's public schools to start classes after Labor Day, beginning with the 2017–2018

school year. Register online at [www.activemontgomery.org](http://www.activemontgomery.org) and is also by mail or fax to 240-777-6818, or in person at most recreation and parks facilities including community recreation centers, ice rinks, tennis centers, aquatic facilities and at the Montgomery County Recreation Administrative Offices at 4010 Randolph Road in Silver Spring. For more information about summer programs call 240-777-6840.



## **Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp**

**Bells Mill Elementary School  
8225 Bells Mill Road  
Potomac, Maryland 20854**

March 22, 2017

Dear Parents,

We are offering an exciting summer adventure for your child: **Camp Bells Mill** for our students entering Grades 1-5 in the fall; and **KinderCamp** for those entering Kindergarten. The camp will be held at Bells Mill ES from July 10 to 28 and will be staffed by our own great teachers. Your student will spend three and a half hours each day having great fun with creative activities that support the MCPS curriculum. Camp hours are 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon (doors open at 8:25 am). Limited bus transportation is available. Children should bring a healthy snack and drink from home. It is important that you are able to commit to sending your child to all 15 days.

Students are offered learning opportunities through arts/crafts, physical education, technology, music, reading, math, science and social studies. All elements of the program support the MCPS curriculum.

*Please note that your child must be registered as a Bells Mill student in order to attend. If your child is new to Bells Mill, this means that before your child can attend camp we need your current proof of residency, your child's birth certificate, your photo ID and an up-to-date immunization record.*

The fee for attending camp is \$550 per child. There are opportunities to decrease tuition fees based on income eligibility requirements. No student will be denied attendance due to financial constraints. Please contact the office if you would like information on payment options.

**Please send \$550 payment (check/money order payable to Bells Mill ES) along with the attached form by Monday, May 22, 2017. We will make room for all Bells Mill students, but it is important that you let us know if your child will be coming so that we can plan staffing and hire the appropriate number of teachers. Contact the office if you have questions.**

Sincerely,

  
Jerri Oglesby  
Principal

**Keep this sheet for your information.**

Attachment: registration form

**Detach this sheet and return it with payment by Monday, May 22, 2017.**

Please enroll my child (name) \_\_\_\_\_ in Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp  
from July 10-28, 2017.

My child is entering Grade \_\_\_\_\_.

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phones: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/medical conditions we should know about: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am attaching a \$550 check/money order to pay tuition in full.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want my child to attend camp, and I will contact you regarding tuition payment options.

Transportation Information (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will drop off and pick up my child.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will ride the bus to and from the stop at Seven Locks Rd./Scotland Dr.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

