



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

May 29, 2017

Office of the Principal

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The week ahead

School is closed for Memorial Day, Monday May 29.

Mon., May 29	School Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
Tue., May 30	Legos, 3:50 pm, rm. 149 (last session) Chess, 3:50 pm, rm. 209 (last session) Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 pm, APR
Wed., May 31	Gr. 1 to Sharp Farm, 9:30 am-2:00 pm Spanish, 3:50 pm, rm. 159 (last session) Mad Science, 3:50 pm, rm. 150 (last session) Bricks for Kids, 3:50 pm, 149
Thur., June 1	
Fri., June 2	Bells Mill Bash, 5:30-8:00 pm (see ticket info below)

A Look Ahead

June 5-7	Geo Bowl for Gr. 3-5
June 7	GT Info Meeting for Gr.2 Parents
June 9	Gr. 4 Wax Museum, 9:30 am, APR
June 14	Gr. 5 Picnic at Inverness Pool, 9:30 am-2:30 pm
June 15	Gr. 5 Promotion Ceremony, 7:00 pm, Churchill HS auditorium
June 16	Last Day of School, early release, 1:20 pm
June 27	Report Cards mailed home

- **We are beginning the process for creating classes for next year.** Grade level teams will form heterogeneous classes based on gender, ethnicity, ability levels and other factors specific to each grade level. If you have specific information to offer in regards to your child's placement please share with your classroom teachers. They will spend an enormous amount of time ensuring that your children have friends in their class, intellectual peers and are grouped to experience success the following year. We have an incredibly talented staff at Bells Mill who know your children best in an academic setting. The decisions for grouping are made with great thought. All staff who work with your children are involved in this process. Teacher assignments are made on matching the teacher with the group of students. **Please note that I do not accept requests for a specific classroom teacher.** I know my staff well, and we do an excellent job of matching teachers with students.

- **For those families who are unable to commit to 3 full weeks of Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp (July 10-28, 8:30 am-noon), we are now offering the option of registering for only 1 or 2 weeks. The cost is \$185 per week or \$550 for all 3 weeks. Information letter and registration form are attached to this newsletter. Please indicate the weeks we can expect your student and return your registration as soon as possible. Camp will be staffed by Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Jackson, Ms. O'Neill, Mr. Hirsch, Ms. Floyd, Ms. Conran, Ms. Jen Obendorfer, Mr. Romans, Ms. Matthews and Mr. Leffler.**
- **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION ICE CREAM PARTY CONTEST UPDATE:** May is the LAST month to turn in your Box Tops to win your child's class an ice cream party. Make sure that you put your child's teacher's name on the page or bag when you deposit them into the Box Top bin in the front hallway of the school. There are many classes neck and neck with only a few Box Tops separating them! Thank you for supporting Bells Mill through this wonderful program!
- **Attention parents of students who are new to MCPS and all Gr. 2 parents,** there will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 7:00 pm, in the Media Center. We will review the Global Screening Process for Gifted and Talented identification, and we will discuss how to read and interpret the Parent Report.
- **Bells Mill Bash will be held June 2, 5:30-8:00 pm (RAIN OR SHINE). This is a fun end of year event for all families and all grades.** There will be multiple inflatables for kids to play on, a rock-climbing wall, face painting, crafts, popcorn, cotton candy, and a DJ. Potomac Pizza and Carmen's Italian Ice and Custard will be available for purchase. Food truck purchases are NOT included in the cost of the ticket. Tickets will be \$17 at the door. Parents/adults, please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help with this event. To volunteer, visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4fa8af22a46-bells> . Questions, Jamie@LHSFNA.org .
- **MCPS Parents Encouraged to Complete Engagement Survey** A random sample of families will be asked to participate in the 2017 Parent Engagement Survey. Selected parents 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.
- **Montgomery College Summer Youth Program offers over 200 fun and educational classes for students in Grades K-12. For registration information and a schedule of course offerings, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youth .**



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: _____

