



The week ahead

This is School Spirit Week

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| Mon., June 12 | Multiples Day (dress as twins/triplets, etc.) |
| Tue., June 13 | Pajama Day |
| Wed., June 14 | Vacation Day (dress for vacation, but no swimsuits please)
Gr. 5 Picnic at Inverness Pool, 9:30 am-2:30 pm
Ms. Goodhand's end of year celebration, 10:15-11:30 am
Ms. Jackson's end of year celebration, 2:30-3:30 pm |
| Thur., June 15 | Dress to Impress Day
Last Day of School for Head Start
Gr. 5 Promotion rehearsal, 9:30-11:30 am, APR
Ms. Wolfe's class Wing Ding, 1:30 pm
Mrs. Bedell's end of year celebration, 2:15-3:30 pm
Gr. 5 Promotion Ceremony, 7:00 pm, Churchill HS auditorium |
| Fri., June 16 | Bells Mill Spirit Day (school colors)
Last Day of School, early release, 1:20 pm |

A Look Ahead

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| June 27 | Report Cards mailed home from MCPS Central Office |
| July 10-28 | Camp Bells Mill, 8:30-noon |
| Sept. 5 | First Day of School |
| Sept. 12&13 | Back to School Night for K-2 |
| Sept. 13 | Back to School Night for Gr. 3-5 |

- **It is important that parents pay off any negative balances owed to the cafeteria. Please check your child's lunch account balance.** The school is obligated to pay any negative balances that remain on the last day of school, so it would be greatly appreciated if you would deposit the amount your child owes for lunches. Now is a good time to deposit enough funds to see your child through this last week of school. Funds left in the account will carry over to next school year.
- **This is a reminder to have your student check the lost and found area on the stage for missing items. Small items such as eyeglasses are in the office. Unclaimed clothing will be donated to Goodwill.**

- **If you wish to honor your child's teacher with an end of year gift, please consider a tax deductible contribution to the Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund.** Your donation will help deserving Bells Mill students and their families. The teacher will receive a card stating that a contribution in their honor has been made by you, and you will receive a receipt acknowledging your tax deductible contribution. Please make checks payable to "*Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund*" and send them to Ms. DeMarino in the office.
- **Reminder from the Health Room . . .** Your child's medication must be picked up by you or another responsible adult no later than 1:00 pm on Friday, June 16. Any medication left after that time will be destroyed. Medication forms for next year will be provided when you pick up your medication. Medication forms are always available on the MCPS website. The form number for the Epi-pen and Epi-pen JR is #525-14. The medication form for all other medications is #525-13. Questions, call Mrs. Messina at 240-740-0481.
- **Make sure you are signed up to receive electronic Bear Post communications.** Bear Posts are weekly messages that include the principal's weekly newsletter, event dates and school news. Important back to school information will be communicated in August via Bear Post. If you have not already done so, visit the PTA website and enter your email address to receive Bear Post communications. Encourage neighbors who are new to Bells Mill to sign up too.
- **Next year's school supplies list is now available on the Bells Mill website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles/> .**
- **MCPS announced the winners of its first ever United We Learn: Combating Hate through the Arts contest, during the Board of Education's May 22 meeting.** The contest was open to students from all grade levels. The categories were: written word, performance, visual art, and video/audio. Winning submissions are being published, printed, or broadcast through MCPS media platforms. Visit the contest website to see all winning entries montgomeryschoolsmd.org/events/unitedwelearn/.
- **Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) invites all students to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program, which will run June 10 to September 10.** This year's theme is "Build a Better World." The program features learning activities, book lists, and fun educational events to encourage learning all summer long. Prizes (while supplies last) will also be awarded upon completion of the learning activity tracks. Starting June 10, participants can sign up for the program and keep track of the books they read or have read to them. Registration will be available [online](#) and at any MCPL branch library.
- **The County Council approved an operating budget for FY 2018.** The budget allocates \$2.52 billion to MCPS—a \$62.3 million increase more than the current fiscal year. This budget will allow MCPS to manage enrollment growth and build the foundation and structure needed to ensure that all MCPS students are able to achieve at higher levels. The approved budget includes investments in improving student performance while narrowing achievement gaps. The Board of Education will take final action on the budget on June 13. Please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/ for more information.

