



The week ahead

Mon., June 5	Gr. 3 Geo Bowl Daisies, 3:30 pm, rm. 209
Tue., June 6	Gr. 4 Geo Bowl
Wed., June 7	Gr. 5 Geo Bowl Bricks for Kids, 3:50 pm, 149 GT Info Meeting for Gr.2 Parents
Thur., June 8	
Fri., June 9	Gr. 4 Wax Museum, 9:30 am, APR

A Look Ahead

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 from MCPS Central Office

- **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.
- **Every week the cafeteria manager sends home notifications of low and negative cafeteria account balances.** Please check your student's backpack for these notices. 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 the rest of the school year.

- **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.
- **The BMES Odyssey of the Mind program had another successful year with 57 participating students.** In March five BMES teams competed at the Maryland State Tournament. Of those five Division 1 teams, two received first place trophies, two received second place trophies and one received a third place trophy. Four of these teams were invited to compete at World Finals in May at Michigan State University. We are very happy that Team Giraffe, comprised of 5th Graders Ingrid Boshoff, Allan Cardno, Jessica Fu, So-Ahn Kieffer-Kwon, Ava Lewis, Lara Najjar, and Katerina Silvestre, represented BMES at this year's OM World Finals. It is worth noting that two of the three Cabin John MS teams, who are Bells Mill OM alumni, also placed 2nd and 3rd in the MD State Tournament. Congratulations to all the participants who represented our school as well as CJMS.