

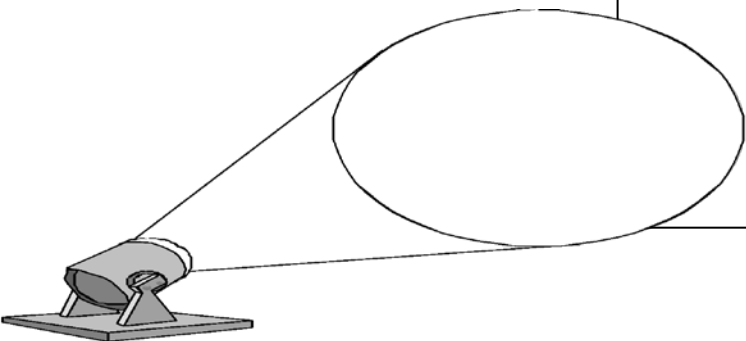
Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

November 6, 2017

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The week ahead

- Mon., Nov. 6** 4 -5 pm MSA in gym
- Tue., Nov. 7** Pillow Project Assembly for 5th Grade
4-5 pm – Chess Club (K-5) Media Center
4 -5 pm – Drawing with Young Rembrandts (K-5) Art Room
4-5 pm – MSA Basketball in gym
- Wed., Nov. 8** Model UN meeting 8:15 - 9:00 am
4-5 pm – Crazy Chemworks (K-5)
4-5 pm- ROBLOX Coding (Grades 3-5) Room 233
4-5 pm – Soccer on field
7:00 pm - PTA Meeting in Media Center - come learn about math programming
- Thur., Nov. 9** 1:20 pm - Early Release - End of the first marking period
8:15 – 9:15 am – Beginning/Intermediate Spanish (K-5) Room 121
4-5 pm – Lower School Tennis (K-5) Blacktop
4-5 pm – MSA Soccer and Flag Football on fields
- Fri., Nov. 10** No Head Start Classes today
1:20 pm - Early Release - Parent Conferences
School Spirit Day -- Show your Bells Mill Bear Pride and wear blue/white
Have a nice weekend making memories with your families.

A Look Ahead

- Nov. 15** Restaurant Bells Mill Family Night at Tally Ho
- Nov. 17** Donuts with Dad @ 8:30 am in APR
Early Dismissal at 1:20 pm
- Nov. 22** Early Dismissal at 1:20 pm
Report Cards will be sent home today
- Nov. 23/24** Happy Thanksgiving Holiday with your families

- **We thank all of our families for your participation in our annual Halloween celebration.** We appreciate your continued support of all school events and in making this a special day for the children.

- **Thank you for your support of collecting Halloween candy for the troops and first responders.** We have collected lots and lots of candy that will be shipped overseas. This is a great service learning opportunity for our children to take part in.
- **Pre-printed Federal Impact Aid Survey forms came home this week.** Please look over the forms and complete if appropriate. Return to the address that is included on the form. Thank you for your attention to this request.
- **November 7, at 7:00 pm is our next PTA meeting.** At this meeting we will have a panel of grade 3,4,and 5 teachers talking to you about the rigors of the elementary math program and what that looks like for your children during instruction. Please plan on joining us for this informative presentation.
- **Parent Conferences are taking place now.** Thank you for participating in conferences with your child's teachers at this time. Conferences are an integral way to interact personally with your teachers and learn about your child's strength areas and those that are not as developed. Please participate actively in the conference. You see your child in a different light outside of school and by putting the two pictures together we get a broader sense of who your child is and how he/she learn best. We appreciate that you are strong partners in your child's education.

Health Room NEWS

- **Has your child received a flu shot yet?** If your child is between the ages of 3 and 18 years, make an appointment for your child to receive a free flu shot at John F. Kennedy, Northwest, or Rockville high schools on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 1:30 - 4:30 pm by visiting the Montgomery County Government website at MontgomeryCountyMD.gov or calling 311.#FightFlu

MCPS NEWS

Superintendent Recommends \$1.818 Billion School Construction Plan

Superintendent Jack Smith is recommending a \$1.818 billion six-year school construction plan for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to address enrollment growth and aging infrastructure. The plan includes 30 capacity projects to address space deficits systemwide, including several new schools and schools addition projects. Read the superintendent's recommended [FY 2019-2024 Capital Improvements Program](#). [Provide comment at the Capital Improvements Program hearings.](#)

Mental Health Fair Set for November 13

As part of School Psychology Awareness Week (November 13–17), the Montgomery County School Psychologists' Association is presenting the first School Psychologist Mental Health Fair on Monday,

November 13. Students and families are invited to participate as school psychologists from MCPS share skills and information on a variety of topics, including yoga and mindfulness, early childhood development, sleep hygiene, pet therapy, and coping skills. The event will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on November 13 in the Carver Educational Services Center Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. Enter at the North Entrance of the building.

Know an Outstanding Teacher, Principal or Supporting Staff Member?

Awards season has arrived! Nominations are now open for several competitions to honor exceptional teachers and principals. They are—

[The Marian Greenblatt Excellence in Education Master Teacher Award](#): This award recognizes three full-time teachers in kindergarten through Grade 12 who have a demonstrated record of promoting student success, such as closing the achievement gap. One Master Teacher Award winner is chosen as the MCPS Teacher of the Year, and represents the school district as a contender for the Maryland State Teacher of the Year award, and could become the National Teacher of the Year. One award winner will be named for each level: elementary, middle, and high school. Each will receive a \$2,000 monetary award. **Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018**

The Marian Greenblatt Excellence in Education Rising Star Teacher Award: This award recognizes a first-, second-, third- or fourth-year full-time teacher in kindergarten through Grade 12 who has a demonstrated record of promoting student success. The teacher contributes to a professional learning community of students, staff, parents/guardians, and community. The winner will receive a \$1,000 monetary award. **Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018**

The Washington Post Teacher of the Year Award: This award recognizes a full-time teacher in prekindergarten through Grade 12 who instills in students a desire to learn and achieve. Each nominee must have a minimum of five years teaching experience, three of which must be in MCPS. This teacher also must understand the individual needs of students, encourage their talents, and foster their self-esteem. He or she will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the subject matter and possess the ability to share it effectively with students. The nominee fosters cooperative relationships with his/her colleagues and the community and demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities. The winner will receive a trophy, a \$7,500 monetary award, and a profile in The Washington Post. **Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2018**

The Washington Post Principal of the Year Award: This award recognizes principals who go beyond the day-to-day demands of their position to create an exceptional educational environment. In presenting these awards, The Washington Post Company Educational Foundation hopes to encourage excellence in school leadership and contribute in a substantive way to the improvement of education in the Washington metropolitan area. Nominations may be submitted by teachers, students, former students, parents, administrators, or the general public. The winner will receive a trophy, a \$7,500 monetary award, and a profile in The Washington Post. **Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2018**

The Shirley J. Lowrie Thank You for Teaching Award: This award honors extraordinary elementary school teachers who have a deep dedication to the teaching profession. These elementary school teachers, prekindergarten through Grade 5, must work directly with students in the classroom on a daily basis, demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the subject matter, and effectively communicate that subject matter to students. The nominee should be a teacher who goes the extra mile to ensure that students receive the support they need to succeed. Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2018