



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
October 15, 2012
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October is Hispanic Heritage Month

This Week:

Mon., Oct. 15

Read-a-thon begins today
Lacrosse, 3:30-4:30
Language Stars, 3:30-4:30, rm. 121
Art, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Hoop Stars, 3:30-4:30, gym
MSI Girls Soccer, 3:30-5:00 pm

Tues., Oct. 16

Bus Evacuation Drill at 9:30 am
Big Learning Anatomy, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 150
Rock Guitar, 3:30-4:30, rm. 125
Voice class, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Drama, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 219
Basketball, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym

Wed., Oct. 17

4th Grade Field Trip to St. Mary's City
5th Grade Field Trip to Strathmore Concert Hall
Beginning French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 218
Intermediate Spanish, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 209
Power Hour, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, rm. 163

Thur., Oct. 18

2:30 pm – Walk for the Homeless (rain or shine)
Big Learning Engineering, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Kung Fu, 3:30-4:30, rm. 164
Hip Hop, 3:30-4:30, gym
Beginner Guitar, rm. 148
Soccer, 3:30-4:30 pm

Fri., Oct. 19

No School for staff and students – Maryland State Teacher's Convention
Have a great LONG weekend!

A Look Ahead:

Oct. 23

Individual Portraits will be taken

Oct. 24

5th Grade Field Trip to Baltimore
7:00-8:00 pm K-1 Principal's Tea in APR

Oct. 26

7:00 – 9:00 pm Sock Hop in APR

Oct. 31

2:00 pm Halloween parade followed by class parties

- **Thank you to all parents who attended our annual Open House.** We hope you enjoyed your visit in your child's classrooms.
- **We would also like to thank Mrs. Gerber and all the other parents who planned and held our annual fall Book Fair.** The selection of books was fabulous and the students and parents enjoyed shopping for new reading material. The book fair was very successful. The staff is also very appreciative of the materials that were donated by our families for their classrooms. Thank you for your generosity and support of the classroom programs.
- **Please check your child's backpack on Monday, October 15** for a letter explaining the Flu Mist clinic that will be offered at Bells Mill on Thursday November 13 from 1 – 2:30 pm. You will be receiving information concerning how to contact the school health room (301-469-1243) to make an appointment. Please do not call for appointments until you have received the letter of explanation.
- **The Innisbrook Fundraiser has been completed.** I am pleased to announce that we held the drawing for prizes at the school today. Students who sold more than \$100 in products was entered in a drawing for an X-Box and those who sold \$50 or more were entered in a drawing for an iTouch. The winner of the iTouch is Sydney Levine and the winner of the Xbox is Arman Emani. Thanks to all families who supported the PTA fundraiser.
- **Attention 5th grade parents, middle school magnet program applications and Middle School Magnet Consortium choice forms are due November 2, 2012.** In August a mailing was sent to the homes of all MCPS Grade 5 students containing information about the magnet programs. **Parents can choose from three information meetings: Thursday, October 11, Takoma Park MS (Math, Science, Computer Science); Thursday October 11, Roberto Clemente MS (Humanities, Communication and Math, Science, Computer Science); and, Tuesday October 23, Eastern MS (Humanities, Communication).** All meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Please visit the MCPS website for more information, www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms
- **There is an exciting program happening at Bells Mill!** All 5th Grade students are participating in a leadership activity at school called "5th Grade Gives Back". Each day, 9 different 5th grade students (3 per homeroom) will volunteer at Kindergarten lunch and 1st and 2nd Grade recess. These students will be helping younger students be safe, have fun, and get along at lunch and recess. The 5th grade students and teachers worked together with Mrs. Kanter to create this unique program. It starts October 22 and is sure to be a rewarding experience for the 5th grade students as well as the younger students they are helping.
- **Registration for the Beginner Spanish class on Wednesday afternoons, 3:30-4:30, has been extended until October 15.** Visit the PTA website for information/registration. Contact Nina Price (301)765-8016 with any questions.
- **Attention 3rd grade parents, applications for the Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted (HCG) are due November 2, 2012.** Please follow the instructions for mailing the form to MCPS. Do not return the form to school, as this will only delay the process. Applications can also be found at: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/applications.aspx . There will be a **Parent Information Meeting on October 10, Quince Orchard HS, 7:00 pm in the auditorium.** Interested parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend.
- **The Media Center welcomes parent volunteers. If you would like to help in the Media Center please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EA8AF0-media> .**

Thank you for being partners in your child's education.

