



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
October 29, 2012
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November is American Indian Heritage Month

This Week:

Mon., Oct. 29

This is Red Ribbon Week to promote healthy living
Food Drive continues through November 1
Language Stars, 3:30-4:30, rm. 121
Lacrosse, 3:30-4:30 pm
Art, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Hoop Stars, 3:30-4:30, gym
MSI Girls Soccer, 3:30-5:00 pm

Tues., Oct. 30

K Daisies, 3:30-4:30 pm
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. 31

Beginning French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 218
Intermediate Spanish, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 209
Halloween Parade followed by classroom parties, 2:00 pm
NO Power Hour today
Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 223
Power Hour, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, rm. 163

Thur., Nov. 1

Last day for Food Drive
Big Learning Engineering, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Hip Hop, 3:30-4:30, gym
Beginner Guitar, rm. 148
Soccer, 3:30-4:30 pm
Gr. 2/3 Principal's Tea, 7:00 pm, APR

Fri., Nov. 2

End of 1st Marking Period
Odyssey of the Mind, 3:30 pm, rm. 163
Violin, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 120
Street Hockey, 3:30-4:30 pm
Have a great weekend!

Important: The National Weather Service predicts severe weather conditions in our region over the next several days. Severe weather may cause disruptions in school operations, including the closure of school, a delayed opening (11:15 am), or an early dismissal (1:00 pm). Please check radio, TV or internet news sources to learn of any interruptions to school schedules.

- **We will celebrate Halloween on Wednesday, October 31, beginning with our annual parade at 2:00 pm, followed by parties in classrooms.** The parade will be held on the playground and fields. In the event of inclement weather the parade will be held indoors. Immediately following the parade, students will return to their rooms for class parties. When choosing your child's parade costume please avoid scary or violent characters. No weapons or props please. Lunch periods will start 15 minutes earlier to allow students time to change into costumes. Parents are invited to dress up and join in the fun. Bring your cameras. Please park out on the street. We cannot block fire lanes for parking.
- **The Montgomery County Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School program is asking for parent participation in a survey regarding your child's travel mode to and from school.** The purpose of the Parent Survey is to understand the factors affecting whether parents allow their children to walk/bike to school and the presence of key safety-related conditions along school routes. Please take a moment to answer this 5 to 10 minute survey. <http://www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=392998>. Your responses are very important. For more information about the Safe Routes to School program please visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/walk>.
- **This week, October 29-November 2, Bells Mill will join with schools and businesses across the country to celebrate Red Ribbon Week.** Red Ribbon Week is a time to recognize and celebrate healthy living. Mrs. Kanter has been teaching guidance lessons on healthy living. Some of the topics have been visiting the doctor, eating healthy food, recognizing the dangers of smoking, etc. The students have had lively conversations on these topics and have proudly shared healthy choices they make at school and at home. Students will receive red ribbons to wear at school on Monday. Thanks for supporting Red Ribbon Week.
- **Students brought home a letter explaining the FREE Flu Mist clinic that will be offered at Bells Mill on Thursday November 13, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. This is an early release day and students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm. You must make an appointment with the health room (call 301-469-1248) and present the permission form to the nurse at the time of your appointment.** No child will be given the vaccine unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Questions, please call Mrs. Messina at 301-469-1248.
- **Bell Mill Kids Helping Kids is a food drive continues** through November. Please send in nonperishable boxed or canned food items, especially canned fruits and vegetables, nonfat dry milk, peanut butter, baby food and dry cereal. Thank you for your donations to this important community project.
- **We have had recent cases of head lice.** Please check your child's head on a weekly basis to help prevent the spread of lice in school and the community. If you are concerned that your child may have lice please feel free to call the Health Room for assistance (301-469-1248).
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences are held on the two early release days, November 12 and 13, 2012.** Please contact your child's teacher and schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress. Your involvement in education is critical to your child's success. *Dismissal is at 1:00 pm on both days.*
- **Attention 5th grade parents, middle school magnet program applications and Middle School Magnet Consortium choice forms are due November 2, 2012.**
- **Attention 3rd grade parents, applications for the Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted (HCG) are due November 2, 2012.**

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