



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
November 19, 2012
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November is American Indian Heritage Month

This Week:

Mon., Nov. 26

SGA Toy Drive begins
NO Language Stars today
Art, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Hoopstars, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym

Tues., Nov. 27

Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:00 am, lounge
Boot Camp, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym
NO Big Learning Anatomy today
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
Reading Network, 3:30-4:30, Media Center

Wed., Nov. 28

Beginning French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 218
Intermediate Spanish, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 223
Art, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163
Chess, 3:30-4:30 pm
Power Hour, 3:30-4:30 pm
Gr. 4 Juniors, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 212
Gr. 4/5 Principal's Tea for Parents, 7:00 pm, APR

Thur., Nov. 29

Gr. 2 to Strathmore Concert, 11:00 am-2:00 pm
Hip Hop, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym
Guitar, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 218
Engineering, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163
Reading Network, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center

Fri., Nov. 30

Portrait Make Up Day (for those who were absent on picture day or desire a retake)
5th Grade Panoramic Class Photo (10:00 am)
Odyssey of the Mind, Media Center
Violin, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 120

A Look Ahead:

Dec. 4 PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm
Dec. 6 Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm, APR

- **Portrait Make-Up Day is Friday, November 30, 2012, for those students who were absent on picture day and those who desire a retake. Extra order forms are available in**

the office, but no order form is necessary for students who desire a retake. Just return the original portrait package directly to the photographer at the time of retake.

- **Attention Gr. 5 Parents, the class panoramic photo will be taken on Friday, November 30, 2012, at 10:00 am. Watch backpacks for order forms.**
- **The student government is asking for donations of new, unwrapped toys for their Holiday Toy Drive, November 26-December 7.** The greatest need is for toys appropriate for children ages preschool through middle school. Your donations will go to local families. Please look for a collection box in the main hall.
- **If you are considering holiday gifts for teachers, please keep in mind that, according to the Montgomery County Board of Education revised Ethics policy, employees may not accept gifts that exceed \$20 in value, which is a decrease from the \$25 previously allowed.** An alternative way to honor a teacher is a tax deductible donation to the Bells Mill Bear Hug fund which helps families right in our community. You can send in a check made payable to *Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund* and specify the name of the teacher you wish to honor. Teachers receive a special card notifying them of your donation, and you receive a receipt for tax purposes.
- **The MCPS Parent Academy is offering a workshop on Cybersafety and Social Media, Wednesday, November 28, 7:00-8:30 pm, White Oak MS.** Presented in collaboration with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office and the Montgomery County Police Department, the workshop will focus on safety issues related to computer and cell phone use. For information, visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/> or contact the Division of Family and Community Partnerships at 301-279-3100.
- **Help victims of Hurricane Sandy.** The 5th grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 1639 placed collection jars in classrooms. Please send in your spare change now through November 30. No amount is too small and your support is very much appreciated.
- **The 5th grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 1639 is sponsoring a Coat, Scarf, Glove & Mitten Drive, November 15-December 7, to help National Center for Children and Families in Bethesda.** Please dig into your closets and donate items that you no longer use (no hats please). Look for a collection box in the main hall.

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