



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
November 5, 2012
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November is American Indian Heritage Month

This Week:

Mon., Nov. 5 NO SCHOOL, Professional Day for Teachers

Tues., Nov. 6 NO SCHOOL, Election Day

Wed., Nov. 7
Beginning French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 218
Intermediate Spanish, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 209
Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 223
Chess, 3:30-4:30, Media Center
4th Gr. Junior Scouts, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 212
2nd Gr. Brownies, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 154
Power Hour, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, rm. 163
Art, 3:30-5:00 pm, rm. 163

Thur., Nov. 8
Big Learning Engineering, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Hip Hop, 3:30-4:30, gym
Beginner Guitar, rm. 148

Fri., Nov. 9
Odyssey of the Mind, 3:30 pm, rm. 163
Violin, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 120
Bingo Night, 7:00 pm, APR
Have a great weekend!

A Look Ahead:
Nov. 12 & 13 Early Release at 1:00 pm, parent conferences by appointment
Nov. 14 Report Cards
Nov. 15 All School Art Show, 6:00-7:00 pm, APR

- **Thank you to all who refrained from parking in the fire lane during our Halloween celebration. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep the fire lane clear in the event of an emergency.**
- **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>.**
- **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.***

- **We wish to acknowledge O'Donnells's Seafood Restaurant in the Kentlands for their generous support of the Bells Mill staff.**
- **Come celebrate Mrs. Kirby's art program at the All School Art Show, November 15, 6:00-7:00 pm, APR.** Enjoy student artwork, free face painting, and free cider! Each student has a work of art in the show.
- **Are you thinking of purchasing a piano?** Schaeffer Piano Co. in Rockville is holding its annual sale of specially-priced upright and grand pianos to MCPS families, Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17, 2012. You must call Schaeffer to schedule an appointment, 301-424-1147. No appointment is necessary on Sunday, November 18, when the sale will be open to the general public.
- **MCPS has launched a new community engagement initiative called "Neighbor to Neighbor" that provides you with the resources to host and moderate a self-guided, small-group discussion on important topics in MCPS.** The goal of this project is to provide feedback to the school system about issues that are important to you. These discussions may be held during a variety of times and places, such as during a PTA or other parent meeting, in a community member's home, or as part of a civic or community organization meeting. The first discussion will center on what the MCPS community values in the MCPS operating budget. The Neighbor to Neighbor website includes an online toolkit that serves as a step-by-step guide. It includes a short video and documents that provide an overview of the operating budget. It can be accessed at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/neighbor-to-neighbor/.

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