



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
December 3, 2012  
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**This Week:**

**Mon., Dec. 3**

SGA Toy Drive continues  
Language Stars, 3:30-4:30  
Cub Scouts, 3:30-4:30, rm. 155  
Art, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163

**Tues., Dec. 4**

K Daisies, 3:30-4:30, rm. 129  
Big Learning Anatomy, 3:30-4:30, rm. 150  
Rock Guitar, 3:30-4:30, rm. 125  
Voice class, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163  
Drama, (parent observation at 4:00) 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 164  
Basketball, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym  
Reading Network, 3:30-4:30, Media Center  
PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm

**Wed., Dec. 5**

Beginning French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 218  
Intermediate Spanish, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 223  
Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 223  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Daisies, 3:30-4:30, rm. 149  
Art, 3:30-5:00 pm, rm. 163  
Chess, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Power Hour, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 164  
Potomac Pizza Night, 5:00-8:00 pm

**Thur., Dec. 6**

Hip Hop, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym  
Guitar, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 148  
Reading Network, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center  
Big Learning Engineering (last one), 3:30-4:30, rm. 163  
Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm, APR

**Fri., Dec. 7**

Last day for SGA Toy Drive  
Last day for Girl Scouts' Coat, Scarf & Mitten Drive  
Odyssey of the Mind, Media Center  
Violin, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 120

**A Look Ahead:**

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| Dec. 15    | Skate Night at Cabin John Ice Rink, 6:00-8:00 pm |
| Dec. 24-25 | School Closed for Christmas holiday              |
| Dec. 26-31 | School Closed for winter break                   |
| Jan. 1     | School Closed for New Year's Day                 |

- **Mrs. Vinson and the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus have been working hard to prepare for their annual Winter Concerts on Thursday, December 6. There will be a 2:00 pm performance for all grade levels and a 7:00 pm performance for families and friends.**
- **Tired of eating turkey? Join us at Potomac Pizza in the Village on Wednesday, December 5, 4:00 pm to closing, for great food, good company and to help BMES raise money.** Dine-in or carry-out and Potomac Pizza will donate 20% of the proceeds back to the PTA (does not include delivery sales). Please make sure to tell your server that you are with Bells Mill!
- **The student government is asking for donations of new, unwrapped toys for their Holiday Toy Drive, now through December 7.** The greatest need is for toys appropriate for children ages preschool through middle school. Your donations will go to local families. Students should bring their donations to their classrooms.
- **Congratulations to Grade 2 students for their museum show. Parents, students and teachers enjoyed seeing the many rare and interesting artifacts that were on display.**
- **Thank you to all who donated to the Junior Girl Scout Troop 1639 Coin Drive to benefit victims of Hurricane Sandy. Over \$400 was collected at Bells Mill and Long and Foster will make a matching donation.**
- **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 5<sup>th</sup> grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 1639 is sponsoring a Coat, Scarf, Glove & Mitten Drive through December 7 to help the 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.*