



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
Week of April 22, 2013  
Office of the Principal  
MCPS Celebrates the Month of the Young Child  
[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles)

**Week Ahead:**

- Mon., April 22**      **Geography Bowl Tryouts for Grades 3-5**  
**Language Stars Spanish, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 236**  
**Lego Engineering, 3:30-5 pm, rm. 121**  
**Art, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163**
- Tues., April 23**      **Rock Guitar, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 125**  
**Lego Cyber Robotics, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121**  
**Eco-Kids, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 214**
- Wed., April 24**      **Beginning French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 218**  
**Intermediate Spanish, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 223**  
**Cabin John students visit Gr. 5, 9:30 am**  
**Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 223**  
**Art, 3:30-5, rm. 163**  
**Gr. 3 Brownies, 3:30-4:30, rm. 128**  
**Gr. 1 Daisies, 3:30-4:30**
- Thur., April 25**      **Take Your Child to Work Day (remember to report your child's absence)**  
**Yoga, 3:30-4:30, gym**  
**Earth Science (K-1), 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 213**  
**Earth Science (2-4), 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 217**  
**Moor Sports Soccer 3:30-4:45, fields**
- Fri., April 26**      **Scrabble, 3:30-4:45, Media Center**

**A Look Ahead**

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| <b>Fri., May 3</b>   | <b>International Night, 7:00-9:00 pm</b>                               |
| <b>Tue., May 14</b>  | <b>Patrol Picnic at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 9:30 am-1:30 pm</b> |
| <b>Wed., May 15</b>  | <b>Volunteer Breakfast, 8:30-9:30 am, staff lounge</b>                 |
| <b>Thur., May 16</b> | <b>Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm, APR</b>                                    |

- **Congratulations to the kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Kanter, Mrs. Vincenty, Mrs. Easton and our phenomenal PTA for a great Kindergarten Orientation.** We welcomed 91 new incoming kindergarten students for next year. It was an exciting two days of meeting and greeting the children and their families. We are already looking forward to a great 2013-14 school year! As new neighbors move in over the next few months we need your help in sending families to us to register their children for the fall.
- **April 25 is Take Your Child to Work Day.** If your child will be absent from school for all or part of the day, send a note to your child's teacher at least one day before the absence. Also, please be sure to call the office to report the absence. For the safety of the children, we want to accurately account for all absentees.

- **This is a reminder that Geography Bowl quizzes will be administered during the week of April 22.** Students should finish their packets before the quiz. The Gr. 4 students will take the quiz on Tuesday, April 23. Gr. 3 and 5 class quiz dates are to be announced. The PTA needs volunteers. To volunteer visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F45A4A87-geography> .
- **Order the Bells Mill yearbook** online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) . Enter job # [11371913](#) which will take you to a secure order site for Bells Mills ES. The cost per yearbook is \$22. From March 23 to April 12 the cost is \$27. Please order by April 12.
- **Register now for Camp Bells Mill for Bells Mill students entering K through 5.** Camp will be held July 8-26, 8:30 am to noon. Visit the Bells Mill website to download a registration form, and return the form with payment to the office.
- **Learn about educational services and resources in MCPS to help students on the autism spectrum succeed.** “Extraordinary Minds in MCPS” is a forum for parents to learn how students with autism are educated, sponsored by MCPS Department of Special Education Services and Partnership for Extraordinary Minds (xMinds), Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 6:30-9:00 pm, Earl B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. Visit [www.xMindsinMCPS2013.eventbrite.com](http://www.xMindsinMCPS2013.eventbrite.com) for more information on the sessions, to register and to enter to win raffle prizes. Registration is helpful but not necessary.
- **MCPS Regional Elementary Summer School Programs** are offered at various locations throughout the county, July 9-August 2, for students entering K-5. No transportation is provided. Registration forms are available online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool) .
- **Bells Mill’s Odyssey of the Mind teams need your help.** In late May our teams will move on to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in East Lansing, Michigan. Travel and registration costs are high, and they need our help to get there. Every little bit helps, and donating is quite easy. Just visit <http://bellsmill.org>, and click on the green "Donate" button in the upper left-hand section of the website (next to the Join 2012-2013 PTA button). When you see the option for special instructions, put in a note that your donation is for Odyssey of the Mind (otherwise it will go into the general PTA fund). This mechanism can only be used through May 6, so please go to the website soon if you would like donate.
- **MCPS has launched a new mobile-friendly website that allows visitors an optimal viewing experience whether they are using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.** The site is built using responsive web design that adjusts the site for whatever device is being used. Currently, the MCPS home page ([www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org)) and all of the top-level pages on the MCPS website are in the new mobile-friendly format. While the new website is not an “app,” an icon may be placed on the home screen of most devices. This may be done simply by calling up the site and clicking “Add to Home Screen.”  
 To view how to add an icon on an iPhone or iPad, visit [www.apple.com/ios/add-to-home-screen/](http://www.apple.com/ios/add-to-home-screen/)  
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- **Grade 4 Girl Scouts are holding a drive from April 22 to May 3 to collect items for the Humane Society.** The most needed items are clean towels, sheets, blankets, comforters and small bathroom rugs. Please clean out your linen closets and help a good cause. Look for a collection box in the front hall. Questions, Kathleen Ervin [ervinsk@verizon.net](mailto:ervinsk@verizon.net) .

