



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
Week of April 29, 2013  
Office of the Principal  
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**Week Ahead:**

- Mon., April 29**      **Gr. 4 Poet-in-Residence all week**  
**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 30**      **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**  
**Reading Kids Network, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center**
- Wed., May 1**      **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**  
**Art, 3:30-5, rm. 163**  
**Power Hour**  
**Potomac Pizza Night**
- Thur., May 2**      **Cultural Arts Assemblies in the morning**  
**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**  
**Reading Kids Network, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center**  
**Moor Sports Soccer 3:30-4:45, fields**
- Fri., May 3**      **Last day of Humane Society drive**  
**Scrabble, 3:30-4:45, Media Center**  
**International Night, 7:00-9:00 pm**

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- Tue., May 7**      **PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Media Center**  
**Thur., May 9**      **Gr. 5 plays, 7:00 pm, APR**  
**Fri., May 10**      **Head Start picnic at Cabin John Regional Park**  
**Tue., May 14**      **Patrol Picnic at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 9:30 am-1:30 pm**  
**Wed., May 15**      **Volunteer Breakfast, 8:30-9:30 am, staff lounge**  
**Thur., May 16**      **Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm, APR**

- **Attention volunteers, all Bells Mill volunteers are invited to our annual Volunteer Breakfast on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, 8:30-9:30 am, in the staff lounge.** Each year we take this opportunity to show our appreciation for all you do. If you have helped in the classroom, monitored recess, chaperoned a field trip, tutored a child, or helped in any way, please be our guest. Send RSVP forms to the main office or call 301-469-1046.

- **Join us at Potomac Pizza in the village on Wednesday, May 1, for the last Bells Mill Restaurant Night of the year.** Dine in or carry out and Potomac Pizza will donate 20% of the proceeds back to the Bells Mill PTA (does not include delivery sales). Please make sure to tell your server that you are with Bells Mill!
- **There are still spots available for Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp for Bells Mill students entering K through 5.** Camp will be held July 8-26, 8:30 am-noon. Visit the Bells Mill website to download a registration form, and return the form with payment to the office. **For those parents who sent in a deposit, final payment is due Friday, May 17.**
- **As the end of the school year approaches, parents are discussing ways to thank their children's teachers. Please keep in mind that, according to the Montgomery County Board of Education Ethics Policy, employees may not accept gifts that exceed \$20 in value. A class may combine their money to purchase one gift, as long as no individual student contributes more than the \$20 limit.**
- **Parents of all Montgomery County Public Schools students with disabilities have the opportunity to participate in the annual *Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey* from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).** Parent response to the survey is measured by MSDE as an indicator of parent involvement. The survey period is from now until May 17, 2013. Parents may participate online by accessing: <http://marylandlearninglinks.org> or through written surveys that have been mailed.
- **Parent Academy workshops give parents tips and tools to help their children succeed in school.** All workshops are **FREE** and held at locations throughout the county. Child care and interpretation services are provided. Check backpacks for an informational brochure with registration form and listing of workshop topics, or visit [www.mcpsparentacademy.org](http://www.mcpsparentacademy.org) .
- **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.
- **Grade 4 Girl Scouts are holding a drive through 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) .

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