



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
Week of April 8, 2013  
Office of the Principal  
MCPS Celebrates the Month of the Young Child  
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**Week Ahead:**

**Mon., Apr. 8**

Heifer International donation drive begins (SGA-sponsored)  
Bike Rodeo in PE classes for Gr. 3-5  
Lego Engineering, 3:30-5:00 pm, rm. 121  
Field Hockey, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Spanish, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 236  
Cub Scouts, 3:30-4:45 pm, rm. 155  
Art Escape, 3:30-4:30, rm. 150

**Tues., Apr. 9**

Bike Rodeo in PE classes for Gr. 3-5  
Last day to register for Science Fair (visit PTA website)  
Reading Kids Network, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center  
K Daisies, rm. 129, 3:30-4:45 pm  
Rock Guitar, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 125  
Lego Cyber Robotics, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121  
Basketball, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym

**Wed., Apr. 10**

Beginning French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 218  
Intermediate Spanish, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 223  
Bike Rodeo in PE classes for Gr. 3-5  
Mrs. Howard/Ms. Matthews K classes to Kingsley Center, 9:30-1:30  
Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 223  
Gr. 3 Brownies, 3:30-4:45 pm, rm. 128  
Gr. 2 Brownies, 3:30-4:45 pm, rm. 154  
Gr. 1 Daisies, 3:30-4:45 pm  
Art, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163  
KOA Street Hockey, 3:30-4:30 pm, blacktop  
Power Hour, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 164  
Creative Adventures, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 239

**Thur., Apr. 11**

Vision & Hearing Screenings  
Bike Rodeo in PE classes for Gr. 3-5  
Ms. Wolfe/Mrs. Ginsburg K classes to Kingsley Center, 9:30-1:30  
Yoga, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym  
Moor Soccer, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Reading Kids Network, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center

**Fri., Apr. 12**

Wear your school colors today  
Bike Rodeo in PE classes for Gr. 3-5  
Grade 4 Wax Museum, 9:30-11:15 am, APR  
Vision & Hearing Screenings  
Scrabble, 3:30-4:45 pm, Media Center  
Have a great weekend!

**A Look Ahead**

**Apr. 16 & 17**

**Gr. 5 Maryland State Assessment (Science), all morning**

Apr. 18 & 19	Kindergarten Orientation (by appointment)
Apr. 18 & 19	No School for Kindergarteners
Apr. 18	Gr. 3 and 5 walk to CHS for performance of Peter Pan, 9:30-11:00 am
Apr. 19	Science Fair, 7:00-8:00 pm, APR
Apr. 22-26	Geography Bowl Tryouts for Grades 3-5

- **The 2013 Bells Mill Science Fair is scheduled for Friday, April 19, 7:00-8:30 pm, APR.** All students in grades K-5 are invited to participate. Participation is voluntary, but you must register your child online by **Tuesday, April 9.** For science fair guidelines, resources and to register, visit the PTA website at <http://bellsmill.org>. Volunteers needed. To volunteer or ask questions, contact Adrian Marques at [b304050@yahoo.com](mailto:b304050@yahoo.com).
- **The Bike Rodeo will be held from April 8 through April 12 for students in grades 3-5 during their PE classes.** This is a fun way to learn bicycle safety. No equipment is necessary from home. No previous bike riding experience required. Safety equipment and bikes are provided courtesy of the Montgomery County Rec. Dept.
- **Power Hour will not meet next week, Wednesday, April 17. Power Hour sessions will resume on Wednesday, April 24.**
- **The yearbook committee needs candid photos.** If you have photos from events like the Sock Hop, Spirit Week, Odyssey of the Mind at the state competition and others, you can upload images by visiting [www.community.lifetouch.com](http://www.community.lifetouch.com). The access code is NTZIHV. The minimum requirement is that the image be in JPEG format, 10 mb or less.
- **Attention Grade 5 Parents, your student will take the Maryland State Assessment for Science on the mornings of Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16 and 17.** Testing will last all morning on both test dates. Students who are absent will have the opportunity to make-up all or part of the test. Please refrain from making appointments on these important dates. Your child should get a good night's sleep, eat a nourishing breakfast and come to school on time for testing.
- **Hearing and Vision Screening is scheduled for April 11 and April 12** for all students new to the school system (kindergarten), and students in 1st grade who do not have evidence of hearing and vision testing within the past school year. **If you do not wish to have your child screened, based on religious beliefs, please notify the Bells Mill Health Room in writing.**
- **Beginning Monday, April 8, through Friday, April 19, the SGA will collect money to support Heifer International, an organization that has a mission to help families in need.** Your donation can help purchase a farm animal, send a child to school, supply water or open a small business. Collection jars are located in every homeroom.
- **Attention Kindergarten Parents, there is no school for kindergarteners on Thursday and Friday, April 18 and 19, 2013.** On those days we will host Kindergarten Orientation for next year's kindergarten students and their parents.
- **April 25 is Take Your Child to Work Day.** If your child will be absent from school for all or part of the day please 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.

- **The MCPS Maintenance Division is in the process of switching school buildings from heating to air conditioning.** Maintenance employees will perform routine maintenance and convert Bells Mill to air conditioning. There will be no heat at Bells Mill after April 18.
- **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.
- **Save the date! Saturday, April 20 is the Celebrity Baseball Game at the Bethesda Big Train!** Bells Mill students, staff and families have been invited to come out and support the Bethesda Big Train. All Bells Mill students will get in free. Families must purchase their tickets. Watch backpacks for an information flyer. I hope you plan on coming out to support our school but also to enjoy a great evening of baseball with local media celebrities, Redskin players and others.
- **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.
- **The Catalog of Montgomery College Summer Youth Programs is now available online.** Over 200 programs are offered this summer for students in grades K-12. To view the catalog and register, visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youth](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youth) .

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