



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
Week of April 15, 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., Apr. 15**

Heifer International donation drive continues (SGA-sponsored)  
Lego Engineering, 3:30-5:00 pm, rm. 121  
Field Hockey, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Spanish, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 236  
Art Escape, 3:30-4:30, rm. 150

**Tues., Apr. 16**

Gr. 5 Maryland State Assessment (Science), all morning  
Reading Kids Network, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center  
Rock Guitar, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 125  
Lego Cyber Robotics, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121  
Basketball, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym  
Eco-Kids, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 214

**Wed., Apr. 17**

Gr. 5 Maryland State Assessment (Science), all morning  
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, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163  
MSA Street Hockey, 3:30-4:30 pm, blacktop  
NO Power Hour  
Special PTA Meeting on CyberSafety, 7:00 pm, Media Center

**Thur., Apr. 18**

**NO School for Current Kindergarteners**  
Kindergarten Orientation (by appointment)  
Grades 3 and 5 walk to CHS for performance of Peter Pan, 9:30-11:00 am  
Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:00-11:30 am, staff lounge  
Yoga, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym  
K/1 Earth Science, 3:30-4:30 pm, 213  
Gr. 2/4 Earth Science, 3:30-4:30 pm, 217  
Moor Soccer, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Reading Kids Network, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center

**Fri., Apr. 19**

Wear your school colors today  
Last day of collection for Heifer International  
**NO School for Current Kindergarteners**  
Kindergarten Orientation (by appointment)  
Scrabble, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center  
Science Fair, 7:00-8:00 pm, APR  
Have a great weekend!

**A Look Ahead**

**Apr. 20**

**Bells Mill Night at Bethesda Big Train Celebrity Softball Game**

**Apr. 22-26**

**Geography Bowl Tryouts for Grades 3-5**

**Apr. 25**

**Take Your Child to Work Day**

- **Please join us in the Media Center on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 pm for a special PTA meeting.** We have a guest speaker, Chief Technology Officer for MCPS, Mr. Sherwin Collette. Mr. Collette is also an MCPS parent and will be sharing ways that parents can establish safety features on your child's technology devices such as cell phones, computers, iPads, etc. He will be sharing how he ensures his own children's safety and will respond to your questions. We know it will be a very informative meeting for all.
- **Congratulations to the Fourth Grade Class for their incredible Wax Museum!** The costumes were great, the research and speeches were phenomenal. I know I loved hearing about the life stories of our many celebrated guests at the Wax Museum. We are very proud of our fourth grade class and their research projects!
- **Power Hour will not meet on Wednesday, April 17. Power Hour sessions will resume on Wednesday, April 24.**
- **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.
- **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, this is a reminder that 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, 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.
- **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.
- **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.

- **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.*