



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
Week of May 13, 2013  
Office of the Principal  
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**Week Ahead:**

**Mon., May 13**

**Lego Engineering, 3:30-5 pm, rm. 121**  
**Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163**  
**Language Stars Spanish, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 236**

**Tues., May 14**

**Hearing/Vision Rescreening**  
**Patrol Picnic at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 9:30 am-1:30 pm**  
**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 15**

**Volunteer Breakfast, 8:30-9:30 am, staff lounge**  
**Art, 3:30-5, rm. 163**  
**Power Hour (end of year celebration), 3:30-4:30**  
**LAST DAY FOR WEDNESDAY LATE BUS**

**Thur., May 16**

**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 (end of year celebration), 3:30-4:30 pm, Mrs. Howard's rm.**  
**Moor Sports Soccer 3:30-4:45, fields**  
**Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm, APR**

**Fri., May 17**

**Field Day**  
**Final payment due for Camp Bells Mill/Kinder Camp**  
**Scrabble, 3:30-4:45, Media Center**

**A Look Ahead**

**May 20** Gr. 4 Poetry Night 7:00-8:30 pm, APR  
**May 21** Gr. 3 field trip to Smithsonian  
**May 22/23** Gr. 4 field trips to Kingsley Nature Center  
**May 29** Gr. 2 field trip to National Zoo  
**May 30** K field trip to College Park Aviation Museum

- **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.
- **Field Day will be on Friday, May 17, 9:30-11:45 am (rain date is May 24).** Please mark your calendars. It is important that your children dress appropriately for physical activities. This means wearing loose

clothing, athletic shoes and sun block. We encourage students to bring a water bottle that they can refill at the water fountain. Parents are welcome to come and cheer for their students.

We are changing our security procedures for Field Day. Since we expect a large amount of visitors, we will not scan drivers' licenses. All visitors will enter through the main doors, sign in at the table with Ms. Vincenty, receive a visitor sticker, and proceed to the playground. These procedures are in accordance with MCPS security policies for large events. The gates to the basketball court will be locked. If you notice anyone on the playground who is not wearing a visitor sticker, we ask that you please direct them to the office.

- **The staff and I wish to thank all our families for making Staff Appreciation Week so special.** We were treated to delicious food, beautiful flowers, warm wishes, teddy bears and gift cards from the Bells Mill community. A special thank you to Haylie Iseman for coordinating this wonderful week.
- **The Media Center needs volunteers.** Any amount of time you can volunteer is truly needed and greatly appreciated. The Media Center has a variety of volunteering opportunities on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons (after 12:30). No prior experience is necessary, and Mrs. Floyd will provide training. Sign up now at: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A054EA8AF0-media](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A054EA8AF0-media)
- **Please remember to replenish your child's lunch account.** Now is a good time to make a deposit that will cover lunches through the end of the school year. Any remaining balance will carry over to next year.
- **We enjoyed a wonderful evening of great food, entertainment and activities at International Night.** Thank you to all who sponsored countries, volunteered for setup and cleanup, and especially to Sabina Broadhead and Raxa Gokani Harris for organizing the event.
- **You can sponsor a deserving child for Camp Bells Mill. Send in your tax deductible contribution (checks made payable to *Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund*), and your donation will help defray the cost of tuition for a deserving child. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes.**
- **We still need used tennis balls to use as floor protectors on student chairs.** Please send in as many as you can.
- **Please note that the last day for the Wednesday activity bus is May 15.** There will be no Wednesday late bus after that date.
- **Check out the Lost & Found area** on the stage for your child's missing belongings. Any remaining items will be donated to charity when school ends in June. We also have many pairs of eyeglasses in the office.
- **Thanks to Regal Cinemas in Rockville for donating the popcorn for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade plays.**
- **Don't Miss the Gaithersburg Book Festival.** Montgomery County Public Schools is proud to be a partner in the 2013 Gaithersburg Book Festival (GBF) on Saturday, May 18, on the grounds of Gaithersburg City Hall. The GBF has a great lineup of authors and activities for children of all ages. Several members of the MCPS community will be conducting readings at the festival and there will be many programs, workshops, and activities in the Children's Village that are designed to promote interest in reading and writing. Montgomery County Public Schools will also have a booth at the event with news and information about the district and staff members who can answer your questions. For more information about the GBF, visit [gaithersburgbookfestival.org/](http://gaithersburgbookfestival.org/).

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