

Bells Mill Elementary School

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Office of the Principal

August 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year. We hope that you and your children have had a fun-filled summer and are looking forward to beginning a new school year. We have been very busy planning for the great year ahead! All of our staff members have been involved in educational opportunities as they increase their own knowledge of best practices in education and in-depth training and preparation for Curriculum 2.0 implementation. Many of our staff attended additional conferences, system-wide training and university educational courses. You should have the highest regard for our staff and their dedication to their profession as well as their commitment to professional growth.

We are welcoming several new staff members. They are as follows:

- Mrs. Tiffany Jackson is joining our kindergarten team. She has previously taught in Baltimore County, the Pittsburgh area and recently completed successful long term substitute positions in MCPS.
- Mrs. Rachel Abramson is joining our first grade team. She comes to us from teaching first grade and serving as a reading specialist at Somerset Elementary School.
- Ms. Rebecca Hirsch is also joining our first grade team. She comes to us after teaching first grade for five years at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Silver Spring, MD.
- Ms. Nicole Harris is joining our fourth grade team. Ms. Harris is an MCPS graduate and comes to us after teaching for three years in the Carroll County Public School System at Eldersburg Elementary in Sykesville, MD.
- Ms. Debra Epstein is joining our fifth grade team. Ms. Epstein has experience in MCPS and most recently taught at Kemp Mill Elementary School.
- We just added a fourth fifth grade class. We welcome Mrs. Bethany McClary to MCPS from the Michigan area. She will be a great addition to our Bells Mill school family.
- Mr. Kevin Koch is joining our autism team. Mr. Koch recently graduated from the University of Maryland and successfully completed a year internship at Gaithersburg Elementary School in the autism classes.
- Ms. Laura Sherman is joining Bells Mill as our new part time speech pathologist. Ms. Sherman has been providing services to speech and language students in Fairfax County Public Schools. We will be sharing her with Churchill HS.
- This year our Art, Music and PE allocations increased by .1. We welcome Ms. Amanda Wilburn and Ms. Suzana Basaric-Ilic from Potomac ES, and Mr. Brent Weingard from Belmont ES for those positions. Our ESOL position has also increased by .1. Ms. Michelle Fishman is filling this position. She also teaches at Potomac and Travilah ES.

To update you on staff moves, Miss Chernak moved from fifth to fourth grade this year, and Miss O'Neill moved from first to fourth grade. Ms. Smith decided to retire from MCPS after 9 years at Bells Mill. As you know, Mrs. Thomas was named principal of Judith Resnick Elementary School located in Gaithersburg, MD. I am pleased to announce to you and welcome our new assistant principal, Ms. Andrea Hall-Bell. Ms. Bell joins our staff from Rolling Terrace Elementary School where she served as an instructional specialist primarily overseeing the Judy Center located at the school. She was highly involved in the school leadership team and other aspects of the school community and worked with the principal closely. We are thrilled to have her join our staff and look forward to being part of her training as a future principal.

We look forward to seeing all families during the **Open House** which will be held on Friday, August 23. The Open House will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 10:00 AM. This is an opportunity for you and your children to drop in, meet their teachers, and visit the classrooms. Immediately following the Open House there will be a **popsicle social** at 10:00 am on the playground. Each student will receive a "welcome to my class" phone call from his/her new teacher during the week of August 19. Great time and energy and much thought went into creating balanced classes for this school year.

We appreciate your support of all staff. We feel that we have a very dynamic staff with many talented teachers and know your children will have a fantastic school year.

The following pages contain important information. **Please note that our school times remain the same this year. Students may enter the building at 8:55 which gives them plenty of time to be unpacked and ready for the morning announcements that begin at 9:10am. Instruction begins for students at 9:15 AM (students in their seats and ready for class) and will end at 3:30 PM. There were no changes in the lunch prices for this school year.** The bus schedule and school supply list are also included in the following pages. Please carefully review these pages and keep them handy for your information. Enjoy the rest of the summer. The staff and I are looking forward to a great 2013-2014 school year at Bells Mill.

Sincerely,



Jerri B. Oglesby
Principal

Andrea Hall-Bell
Assistant Principal

Mark Your Calendars:

August 22	7:00 PM Kindergarten Parent Meeting(parents only)	August 23	9:00-10:00 AM Open House Popsicle Social on playground
August 26	First Day of School	August 28	PTA Picnic
September 2	Labor Day --- No School	September 5	Rosh Hashanah – No School
September 9	Back to School Night (Grades 3-5) 7 pm	September 10	Back to School Night (Gr. K-2) 7 pm

Please consult future issues of Spotlight on Bells Mill weekly newsletter for specifics for future events.

**ELEMENTARY MENU
FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL**

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

CHICKEN NUGGETS W/TATOR TOTS
GRILLED CHEESE W/FRENCH FRIES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

PERSONAL PIZZA
TURKEY FRANK W/GREEN BEANS & CARROTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

MACARONI & CHEESE W/CHICKEN BITES
PANCAKES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

CHEESE CRUNCHERS W/MARINARA SAUCE
MORNINGSTAR CHIK 'N NUGGETS W/SWEET POTATO

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

PIZZA W/WHOLE GRAIN CRUST
HAMBURGER W/CARROTS

First Day Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

It is important that students begin their routines the first day of school. If your child will be riding a bus, please have your child ride the bus the first day. If your child will be dropped off each morning, then please follow the enclosed procedures. We have parking at our building, but not enough to accommodate all parents parking and walking their children in to the building. There will be all available staff on hand to assist students until they have the routines in place.

Arrival Procedures – August 26, 2013

- All walker and dropped off students will enter through the main doors at **8:55 AM**. Bus students will enter through the all-purpose room doors. Bus students will be given a “ticket” as they exit the bus to hand to their classroom teacher. This will ensure that students return home on the appropriate bus.
- Kindergarten through grade 2 students will report immediately to the gymnasium where they will meet their classroom teachers and walk to class together.
- Students in grades 3 – 5 will go directly to their assigned homeroom classrooms.

Dismissal Procedures (The first few days we will begin the process a little early --- however, by Friday we will be on the regular schedule)

Safety Patrols will be dismissed at 3:20 PM to go to their posts. All other students are to remain in their classrooms.

All walkers will be dismissed at 3:25 PM. Kindergarten students will be dismissed through the gym entrance to the building to be handed off directly to parents or caregivers. All other walkers will be dismissed through the front doors.

Georgetown Hill students will be dismissed to a line-up area, and Bar-T students will be escorted by their staff to the AP Room.

All bus students will be dismissed at 3:30 PM. The first day, bus students will be called one bus at a time. However, after the first day, students will be called directly to their buses. We dismiss bus students in the order their buses arrive at the school. Patrols will escort the kindergarten students directly to their buses.

Procedures for Dropping Off and Picking Up Your Children Each Day

Please share the following procedures with your caregivers if they are responsible for morning drop off and afternoon pick up of your children. These rules apply during good and bad weather.

- Parking in the school lot is for staff members only. There are a limited number of visitor spaces, but not enough to accommodate all families.
- Cars are not allowed to enter or leave the school bus loop between 8:30-9:30 a.m. and between 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- If you choose to drop your child off in the morning you must enter the drop off circle and pull up as far as you can along the sidewalk area. Your child should exit the car on the right hand side of the vehicle onto the sidewalk and enter through the front door of the building. As soon as your child has exited the vehicle, pull through the circle and exit back onto Bells Mill Rd. **The circle is for drop off only. You may not park in the fire lane or the lot. If you wish to walk your child into the building, then park on the street.**
- Approved drop off and pick up points are on both sides of Bells Mill Rd. between Bells Mill ES and Cabin John MS. Please park beyond the orange traffic cones placed at the corners of Bells Mill Rd. and Democracy Ln. To alleviate traffic congestion on Bells Mill Rd., other drop off locations are:
 - Either side of Democracy Ln.
 - Deborah Dr. (on the school side of the roadway)
 - Bells Ridge Terr. behind the playground (follow the walkway from the neighborhood)
 - Kirkwall Ct area path (do not block access to driveways and homes)

All students must enter through the front doors. All other doors remain locked for security purposes.

- Drop Off Safety Tips:
 - Children should always exit vehicles on the sidewalk/shoulder side of the road
 - Parents and children should always walk in marked crosswalks only
- Kiss and Walk Tips:
 - If you choose to walk your children to the building, please say goodbye on the sidewalk area and allow them to walk to their classrooms independently.

No students should cross through the parking lot. There is a walk that students may access from the Georgetown Hill pathway that leads directly to the front door area. The crossing guard will cross students directly to the sidewalk area that leads to the front door. Patrols will also be on duty to monitor and assist.

After School Pick Up

All bus students will be called directly to their buses. They will exit through the AP room doors. Kindergarten walkers will be dismissed by the teachers through the gym entrance door. All other walkers will be dismissed through the front doors. It is important that parents and caregivers follow procedures to avoid confusion for students.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2013-2014 Cafeteria News and Elementary School Meals Information

Food and Nutrition Services serves more than 14 million meals annually. We support healthy meal options for students and continually explore new ways to enhance the nutritional contribution and student acceptability of meals. For more information, visit us on the Web at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv

The cafeteria continues to offer the convenience and flexibility of a computerized cash register system. Depositing funds into a cafeteria account eliminates the need for a child to carry money every day. Students enter their Personalized Identification Number (PIN) to access their account. The PIN for students returning to the same school remains the same. New students receive their PIN on the first day of school. Any money left on a student's account last year is available for spending this year. Pre-payments to a student's account may be made prior to the start of school.

To make a prepayment:

- Use **MyLunchMoney.com**, an online service to make a prepayment using a credit card. Parents can also check meal account balances, sign up for recurring payments and much more. Go to **MyLunchMoney.com** to register.
- Complete the form below and include a check payable to the cafeteria. Please put the child's first name, last name and PIN number on the front of the check.

Check Acceptance Policy

Checks used to pay for schools meals must contain an address, phone number and student PIN number. Returned checks are subject to recovery for the face value and Maryland State allowed fee of \$35 through an electronic debit or paper draft to the same account. Your payment by check constitutes your acceptance of these terms. If you have any questions concerning our check acceptance policy, please call CHECKredi at 1-800-239-1222.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEAL PRICES	
Lunch Meal	\$2.50
Reduced-price Lunch Meal	\$0.40
Breakfast Meal	\$1.30
Reduced-price Breakfast Meal	\$0.00
Milk	\$0.60

Free and Reduced-price Meal Applications

Families who meet certain federal income standards are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. All children use a PIN number so confidentiality is maintained and no child is overtly identified as free or reduced-price meals. Applications for meal benefits are sent home with the youngest in family in the information packet given out at the start of each school year. Only one application is needed for all students in a household. A new application must be completed for any family requesting assistance this school year.

Foods and Beverages available for purchase in addition to breakfast and lunch

A variety of a la carte items may be available in your student's school cafeteria. All items available for sale are in compliance with JPG-RA. *Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health*. Specific items vary at each school. Examples of items for sale are baked chips, crackers and low fat ice cream. For specific information regarding items available at your child's school or to restrict the purchase of a la carte items, please contact your school cafeteria manager.

PREPAYMENT FORM

Please make the check payable to the cafeteria and include the name of your school. Checks used to pay for school meals must contain an address and phone number. Please put your child's first name, last name and PIN number on the front of the check. This check is for cafeteria purchases ONLY. Please list each student separately and bring payment to the cafeteria manager. **Thank You!**

Student Name _____ PIN _____ Amount \$ _____

Student Name _____ PIN _____ Amount \$ _____

Student Name _____ PIN _____ Amount \$ _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____



August 2013

Dear MCPS Families:

During the past four years, we have been rolling out an improved curriculum—titled Curriculum 2.0—one grade at a time, starting with kindergarten. In the coming school year, Curriculum 2.0 will be implemented in all kindergarten–Grade 5 classrooms throughout Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).

Curriculum 2.0 is based on a strong body of research and is designed to provide a more well-rounded education for students, while also developing the critical and creative thinking skills that are so important for success in academics and in life. In mathematics, reading, and writing, the curriculum is based on the Common Core State Standards, the new internationally driven standards adopted by Maryland and 45 other states. At the same time, Curriculum 2.0 allows for additional instructional focus on the arts, information literacy, science, social studies, health education, and physical education—areas that have been crowded out at times during the past decade. We know that Curriculum 2.0 will help give our students a strong educational foundation in elementary school and lead to greater success in middle and high school.

We also improved our elementary report card to better align with the curriculum and to provide our parents with more information about what a student knows and is able to do. The “standards-based” report card in kindergarten–Grade 5 provides parents with information about how students are progressing in specific areas of the curriculum and how they are performing in relation to grade-level expectations.

Curriculum 2.0 will help improve teaching and learning in every elementary school classroom. You will hear more about Curriculum 2.0 at the beginning of the school year, but you may access additional information now by visiting our website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/2.0/. If you have further questions, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

Joshua P. Starr, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

MCPS CURRICULUM 2.0

EMPOWERING STUDENTS • CONNECTING CONTENT • FOSTERING CREATIVITY



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THIS YEAR, Curriculum 2.0 will be implemented in all kindergarten through Grade 5 classrooms throughout Montgomery County Public Schools. Curriculum 2.0 is designed to make sure students have not only the academic knowledge they need, but also the important skills required for success in the 21st century.

New internationally driven standards in mathematics, reading, and writing

Renewed focus on teaching the whole child

- **Nurtures skills** that build confidence and success.
- **Engages students** beyond reading and mathematics, to spark greater interest in science, social studies, information literacy, art, music, physical education, and health.

Integrates thinking, reasoning, and creativity for a lifetime of learning

- **Enhances learning** by connecting subjects.

Communicates student progress through an improved “standards-based” report card

- **Provides parents** with more information about what a student knows and is able to do in relation to grade-level expectations.

MCPS CURRICULUM 2.0 is built around developing students' critical and creative thinking skills, as well as essential academic success skills, so that students are well prepared for a lifetime of learning. We have upgraded the MCPS curriculum for the elementary grades to better engage students and teachers and dedicate more learning time to subjects such as the arts, health, information literacy, science, social studies, and physical education. By blending these subjects with the core content areas of reading, writing, and mathematics, students will receive robust, engaging instruction across all subjects to build a stronger foundation at the elementary level.



To learn more—

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/2.0/

July 1, 2013



**Customer
Delight**

Dear Elementary School Parent:

Enclosed are route schedules for buses serving your child's school. Please note the appropriate time, location, and route number for your child. Students should be ready and waiting to board the bus five (5) minutes prior to its scheduled arrival time. Route numbers are displayed on each bus, in the side window. Students who live within 1.1 miles of the school may not be eligible for transportation services if safe walking routes are available. Questions should be referred to the transportation cluster supervisor who is responsible for your school.

Bus stops previously scheduled may have been eliminated or relocated to provide economies in operation. Every effort is made to minimize inconvenience to students and parents, and provide a reasonable level of service. Saving support budget dollars provides more resources for classrooms.

When bus stops are scheduled at intersections, students should stand safely away from traffic, within 150 feet of the stop. *Parents are responsible for maintaining discipline and safety at bus stops.* This may mean that parents will have to take an active role in monitoring behavior at stops, especially where younger students are present. In some cases, parents may need to escort their child to the stop and remain until the bus arrives. Students waiting for buses may choose to stand in carports and garages for protection from the elements. This is acceptable only if: (1) it does not alter the route; (2) it does not increase the number of stops; (3) it is acceptable to all parties involved; and, (4) it is reasonably close to the regular stop (so that a substitute bus operator, not familiar with special arrangements, may easily locate the students). Please note that bus operators are only authorized to stop at designated stops. Please do not request unauthorized stops. Montgomery County Public Schools realizes a substantial fuel savings by limiting the number of bus stops.

Students who wish to ride home on a friend's bus, or get off their own bus at a friend's stop must bring a note from their parent. Once approved and signed by the principal, the student should give this note to the operator of the bus they will be riding. This practice will normally be approved where space permits.

Inclement weather creates many hardships for us all. It is not possible to provide additional transportation during winter months or on rainy days, and for this reason, students should dress accordingly. In case buses are not able to reach designated stops due to snow and ice accumulation, parents are encouraged to make advance arrangements with bus operators so that students who live in these areas can board at alternate locations when necessary.

Appropriate student behavior is important to the safety and comfort of everyone. Parents are encouraged to discuss behavior with their children regularly to reinforce this message. It is important that all students follow the rules stated in "Ride by the Rules." campaign. For more information on this, please visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/> or ask your school for one of the "Ride by the Rules" pamphlets.

Student transportation can only operate effectively if we all do our part to make things work. Parental assistance and cooperation is needed to provide a safe transportation system for student riders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Candy Mason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Candy Mason
Depot Manager

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Enclosures

Arrival Routes Report

Route: 1202 - BELLS MILL ES**First Stop Time: 8:47 A.M.**

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND GRAND TETON DR
2	GAINSBOROUGH RD AND WINDSOR VIEW DR
3	GAINSBOROUGH RD AND SNUG HILL LA
4	10229 SEVEN LOCKS RD 20854
5	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND TURNING CREEK CT - RSO
6	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND MUIRFIELD CT - RSO
7	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND ORACLE PL - RSO
8	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SEVEN HILL LA - RSO
9:05 A.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1209 - BELLS MILL ES**First Stop Time: 8:52 A.M.**

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	8500 TUCKERMAN LA - RSO
2	FOX RUN AND LAMPLIGHTER LA
3	CANDLELIGHT LA AND LOCHINVER LA
4	11333 DEBORAH DR 20854
5	DEBORAH DR AND KILLEAN WAY
6	DEBORAH DR AND LAKENHEATH WAY
7	DEBORAH DR AND LARKMEADE LA
9:05 A.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1211 - BELLS MILL ES**First Stop Time: 8:45 A.M.**

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	TUCKERMAN LA AND ANGUS PL
2	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SCOTLAND DR - RSO
9:00 A.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1212 - BELLS MILL ES**First Stop Time: 8:32 A.M.**

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	WILLOWBROOK DR AND HARVEST SQUARE CT
2	STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND PAYTLEY BRIDGE LA
3	WILLOWBROOK DR AND CAMBRIDGE MANOR CT
4	STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND STAPLEFORD HALL CT
5	STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND STAPLEFORD HALL PL
6	8904 BELLS MILL RD 20854 - DEVELOPMENT ENTRANCE
7	GREAT ARBOR DR AND TALLYHO TRL
8	GREAT ARBOR DR AND TROTTERS TRL
9	HIDDEN HILL LA AND TIMBER HILL LA
10	TIMBER HILL LA AND CROSSING CREEK RD
11	FOX HILLS TRL AND TROTTERS TRL
9:05 A.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1213 - BELLS MILL ES**First Stop Time: 8:53 A.M.**

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	GAINSBOROUGH RD AND POWDER HORN DR
2	POWDER HORN DR AND FOX RUN
3	FOX RUN AND LONG PINE TRL
4	FOX RUN AND HUNT CLUB DR
5	TUCKERMAN LA FROM GAINSBOROUGH RD TO DEBORAH DR

Arrival Routes Report

**9:05 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
607 - REGULAR SCHOOL**

Route: 1222 - BELLS MILL ES

First Stop Time: 8:51 A.M.

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	11315 FALLS RD - LITTLE ACORN DAYCARE/POTOMAC CC 301-983-4372
2	FALL RIVER LA AND SPRINKLEWOOD LA
3	FALL RIVER LA AND CRANFORD DR
4	BOLTON DR AND CRANFORD DR
5	CRANFORD DR AND HAISLIP CT
6	BELLS MILL RD AND HAISLIP CT
7	HARNESS TRL AND WILLOWBROOK DR
8	HARNESS TRL AND SLEEPY HOLLOW LA 2ND INTERSECTION
9	HARNESS TRL AND PEBBLE BROOK LA

**9:05 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
607 - REGULAR SCHOOL**

Departure Routes Report

Route: 1202 - BELLS MILL ES PM

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
3:37 P.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
1	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND GRAND TETON DR
2	GAINSBOROUGH RD AND WINDSOR VIEW DR
3	GAINSBOROUGH RD AND SNUG HILL LA
4	10229 SEVEN LOCKS RD 20854
5	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND TURNING CREEK CT - RSO
6	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND MUIRFIELD CT - RSO
7	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND ORACLE PL - RSO
8	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SEVEN HILL LA - RSO

Route: 1209 - BELLS MILL ES PM

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
3:37 P.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
1	DEBORAH DR AND LARKMEADE LA
2	DEBORAH DR AND LAKENHEATH WAY
3	DEBORAH DR AND KILLEAN WAY
4	11333 DEBORAH DR 20854
5	CANDLELIGHT LA AND LOCHINVER LA
6	FOX RUN AND LAMPLIGHTER LA
7	8500 TUCKERMAN LA - RSO
8	11614 SEVEN LOCKS ROAD - BEVERLY FARMS DAYCARE MCCA @ BEVERLY FARMS ES @ IVYMOUNT

Route: 1211 - BELLS MILL ES PM

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
3:37 P.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
1	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SCOTLAND DR - RSO
2	TUCKERMAN LA AND ANGUS PL

Route: 1212 - BELLS MILL ES PM

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
3:37 P.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
1	WILLOWBROOK DR AND HARVEST SQUARE CT
2	STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND PAYTLEY BRIDGE LA
3	WILLOWBROOK DR AND CAMBRIDGE MANOR CT
4	STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND STAPLEFORD HALL CT
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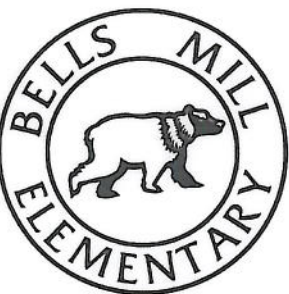
Route: 1213 - BELLS MILL ES PM

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
3:37 P.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
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4	FOX RUN AND HUNT CLUB DR
5	TUCKERMAN LA FROM GAINSBOROUGH RD TO DEBORAH DR

Departure Routes Report

Route: 1222 - BELLS MILL ES PM

<u>Seg</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
3:37 P.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
1	HARNESS TRL AND PEBBLE BROOK LA
2	HARNESS TRL AND SLEEPY HOLLOW LA 2ND INTERSECTION
3	HARNESS TRL AND WILLOWBROOK DR
4	BELLS MILL RD AND HAISLIP CT
5	CRANFORD DR AND HAISLIP CT
6	BOLTON DR AND CRANFORD DR
7	FALL RIVER LA AND CRANFORD DR
8	FALL RIVER LA AND SPRINKLEWOOD LA
9	11315 FALLS RD - LITTLE ACORN DAYCARE/POTOMAC CC 301-983-4372



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August 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians of Bells Mill Elementary Students,

Students will not be asked to pay for or provide textbooks, supplementary readers (such as anthologies, atlases, or workbooks), most materials of instruction, audiovisual aids, stationery items not commonly found in the home and required for the student to demonstrate mastery of course objectives, or building or office materials needed to operate schools.

Students may be asked to pay for materials of instruction that primarily fit into three categories as follows:

- Items eaten by the student as a part of the course (example: bread baking ingredients).
- Component parts of a product that will become student property (example: sculpting clay).
- Materials of instruction or items of personal use that become the property of the student (for example, a recorder).

Students are still expected to bring individual organizational tools and personal supplies from home. A list of those supplies for your student is enclosed with this letter. In addition, there are student fees which are not course-related but local school decisions made by the principal in collaboration with the school and parent leadership. These may include fees for class snacks, special grade-level assemblies, etc. I will discuss these decisions with our school and parent leadership this summer and will update you on this information as needed. There also may be fees related to field trips, but these will be shared each time there is a trip and not in advance as a school fee.

We are committed to providing all students, regardless of their economic circumstances, with full access to the instructional program. If you need assistance for any requested expense, or with providing the organizational tools and personal supplies, please contact your child's teacher, our counselor, or me.

Parent donations of items that enhance the classroom experience are still welcomed, either as donations from individual parents or organized by class parents or by the PTA. A list of these items also is attached to this letter and clearly titled, *Voluntary Parent Donations*. They are not required donations and no student will be expected to provide these items, but if you care to contribute, it will be appreciated.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerri Oglésby".

Jerri Oglésby

Andrea Hall-Bell

Bells Mill Elementary School 2013-2014 School Supplies Lists

Dear Parents,

The following personal organizational items are recommended by teachers for the 2013-2014 school year.

Kindergarten Supply List

Backpack (no wheels)
Small Plastic School Box (no zip pouches)
Box of 24 Crayons
Sturdy two-pocket folders (no prongs)
#2 Pencils
Round Tip Safety Scissors
Glue Sticks

Grade 2 Supply List

Pencil Box
Box of 24 Crayons
Glue Sticks
Boxes of Sharpened Pencils-#2
Green two-pocket folders
Red two-pocket folders
Composition Book (hard back 150 pg. wide rule)
Erasers-Pink Pearl

Grade 4 Supply List

3-ring Binder, 2 in.
Dividers, 5 tab pack
Box of 24 Crayons
Glue Sticks
Erasers-Pink Pearl
Box of 12 Colored Pencils
Boxes of Sharpened Pencils-#2
Pencil Pouch/Case
Notebook Filler Paper (wide rule)
Notebook, Spiral, 3-subject

Grade 1 Supply List

Box of 24 Crayons
Glue Sticks
Erasers-Pink Pearl
Red two-pocket folders (no prongs)
Yellow two-pocket folders (no prongs)
Purple two-pocket folders (no prongs)

Grade 3 Supply List

3-ring Binder, 1.5 in. (no trapper keepers)
Dividers, 5 tab pack, multicolor
Erasers-Pink Pearl
Boxes of Sharpened Pencils-#2
Box of 24 Crayons
Glue Sticks
Notebook Filler Paper (wide rule)
Box of 12 Colored Pencils
Red two-pocket folders
Purple two-pocket folders
Green two-pocket folders
Pencil Pouch or Box
Highlighters, chisel tip, yellow

Grade 5 Supply List

3-ring Binder, 2 in. (durable, for frequent use)
Notebook Filler Paper (wide rule, 200 sheets)
Boxes of Sharpened Pencils-#2
Pencil Pouch to insert in 3-ring Binder
Glue Sticks
Spiral Notebook (3-subject), 120 sheets
Spiral Notebook (1-subject), 70 sheets
Erasers-Pink Pearl
Box of 12 Colored Pencils
Dividers (5-tab pack)
Sharpener for pencils and crayons
Protractor

Voluntary Parent Donations We would gladly accept donations of the above items, as well as the following items: facial tissues; all sizes of Ziploc storage bags (especially sandwich size for the health room).

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Bells Mill Elementary School PTA
8225 Bells Mill Road
Potomac, Maryland 20854
www.bellsmill.org

Dear Bells Mill Families:

Welcome to a new year at Bells Mill Elementary School! We are looking forward to a fantastic school year and invite you to join YOUR Bells Mill Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).

Why should you join? We advocate for the children and sponsor programs such as academic improvement, cultural arts, parenting lectures, fun community events, staff appreciation and student affairs.

What does the PTA do? We help teachers purchase supplies for the classrooms * arrange parent volunteers * provide lunch and event funds for Kids In Need * sponsor cultural arts assemblies and after-school activities * organize and sponsor community events such as International Night, Club Bells Mill, Ice Skating Night, Movie Night, Family Fun/Bingo Night, Bells Mill Bash * distribute a free annual directory of students to all Bells Mill PTA families * represent BM at local PTA meetings * and much, much more!

I want to volunteer! Great! Volunteering to chair or help with an event is an exciting way for parents to take an active role in their children's school experience. There is something for everyone – full time working parents, families with their first child in kindergarten and “legacy” parents sending their last family member to 5th grade! Please consult our list of activities and opportunities to help.

(<http://bellsmill.org/about/committees/>)

I don't have time to volunteer! That's OK. If you don't have the time or the desire to volunteer we still need your PTA membership dues and donations in order to support our programs and to provide programming for those less fortunate. Please take the time to join and donate today!

How do you join? Go to our PTA [website](http://www.bellsmill.org) (<http://www.bellsmill.org>) to become a member and stay up-to-date on Bells Mill news and events.

How much is it?

- \$20 – per family to join the PTA. This tax-deductible fee must be renewed yearly. It provides membership in our county PTA (MCCPTA), our state PTA (MDPTA) and the national PTA. As a member, you will also receive a FREE copy (plus on-line access) of the Bells Mill student directory. ***The school directory will ONLY be distributed to PTA members!***
- \$100 – Voluntary Donation to PTA ***NEW THIS YEAR*** – NO MORE FUNDRAISERS!!! In order to fund our PTA sponsored activities, we are asking each family to contribute \$100 or whatever you can spare.

How else can you get Bells Mill PTA info? Check out the PTA website and sign up to receive Bear Post emails – (They're free!) Our weekly PTA newsletter will keep you informed of all things Bells Mill related, including info from Mrs. O, volunteer sign ups, calendars, links to additional information, etc. To sign up, go to our homepage (<http://www.bellsmill.org>)

We are excited to start a new school year and look forward to meeting all the Bells Mill families new and old! Please feel free to contact us with questions.

Mandy Lemar
PTA President
MHlemar@verizon.net

Stacy Ganz Kahn
PTA President-Elect
chknoodle@aol.com

What's that you've heard? That's right. NO MORE FUNDRAISERS!

Yes, it's true! We are using direct appeal this year.

With direct appeal:

- 100% of your donation is tax deductible
- 100% of your donation supports PTA
- 100% of your donation supports the kids, the staff, and the school

How can you help?

In order to support the students and staff of Bells Mill ES, we are asking that **each family** donate \$100 so that we can continue with the programs we have had in the past. Of course, we appreciate any amount you can contribute.

Contact **Cristin Caine**, cristin.caine@gmail.com with questions.

Donate \$181 and get a free BMES t-shirt!

That's just \$1 per day of school!

Payment and t-shirt orders must be in by Monday 09/23/2013.

Don't forget about corporate matching! Ask your HR rep today!

Is it ok to ask family members and friends to donate? Of course, you sold wrapping paper to them didn't you?

Where your money makes a difference:

- Sponsoring school-wide events such as the Talent Show and International Night
- Helping teachers purchase supplies
- Helping our kids in need
- Sponsoring school assemblies: cultural arts and others

Take action!

To pay online, go to www.bellsmill.org and click on the green "Donate" button on the home page

If you are unable to pay online, please complete the information below and return with a check payable to Bells Mill PTA to the PTA inbox at school, or Mail to:

Bells Mill PTA
8225 Bells Mill Road
Potomac, MD 20854

Matching funds (circle) YES NO

Company: _____

Name: _____

Student(s) name(s) _____

Teacher(s) name(s) _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Bells Mill Elementary School



**BELLS MILL PTA
2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Join our PTA and help support local, state and national efforts to improve the education of our children. Membership ensures that your voice is heard on issues affecting your child, and supports our efforts to provide valuable programs and activities for our children and staff throughout the year. Your \$20 annual membership fee includes our cost to maintain good standing in the County/State/National PTAs.

******* PTA Membership must be renewed every year *******

FAMILY DETAILS

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Information

Parent 1 Name:		Parent 2 Name:	
Parent 1 Email:		Parent 2 Email:	
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:

Bells Mill Student(s) Info

First Name:	Last Name:	Grade in 2013-14:
First Name:	Last Name:	Grade in 2013-14:
First Name:	Last Name:	Grade in 2013-14:

FEES

- Membership Fee
Includes a hard copy of the BMES Directory \$ 20
- Extra Directories \$ _____ (\$2 each)

Voluntary donation to the PTA
*The PTA is not holding any fundraisers this year. Instead, we are running a direct donation campaign. The PTA is asking for **at least \$100 from each family.** Please give what you can, even if it is less (or more!) All donations are tax deductible.*

If you donate \$181 (the # of school days this year) you get a free t-shirt! *
The PTA will contact you about sizing.

* no tshirt orders after Monday, September 16 **Total:** \$ _____ **checks payable to Bells Mill PTA**

BELLS MILL PTA DIRECTORY LISTING AUTHORIZATION

We use an online directory system that asks families to update and verify their own listings for the Bells Mill directory. You will receive an email in August with a link to the site and a password for each family.
****** New this year **** Only PTA members will receive a copy of the BMES Student Directory.**

Please check here if you prefer that this information NOT be included in our Bells Mill Student Directory

PTA COMMUNICATION

Save a tree! Please print your own flyers at home from our website, www.bellsmill.org. Also:

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If you have not done so, please subscribe to Bear Posts by going to <http://bellsmill.org/stay-informed/> and enter your email in the Subscribe box.
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www.facebook.com/bellsmill
- **Follow Mrs. O on Twitter -**
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