



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
Week of September 16, 2013
Office of the Principal
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles
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Week Ahead:

Mon., Sept. 16

Hip Hop, 3:30-4:30, gym
Cyber Minecraft, 3:30-4:30, rm. 214
Cooking, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
I9 Sports Lacrosse, 3:30-4:30 pm

Tues., Sept. 17

Big Learning for K-1, 3:30-4:30, rm. 219
Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
MSA Basketball, 3:30-4:30, gym
MSA Soccer, 3:30-4:30

Wed., Sept. 18

Adventure Theater, 3:30-4:30, rm. 124
MSA Street Hockey, 3:30-4:30

Thur., Sept. 19

Kung Fu, 3:30-4:30, rm. 121
Big Learning for 2-4, 3:30-4:30, rm. 223
Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Beginning Chinese, 3:30-4:30, rm. 218
I9 Sports Soccer, 3:30-4:30
Odyssey of the Mind Info. Mtg. for Parents/Students, 7:00 pm, Media Center

Fri., Sept. 20

Wear your Bells Mill Spirit Wear Today!
Play-Well TEKnologies, 3:30-5:00, rm. 163

A Look Ahead

Fri., Sept. 27

Early Release, dismissal at 1:00 pm

- **All foreign language classes have been postponed** until the week of 9/23/2013. Families who are interested in having your child participate in foreign language instruction should go to the www.big.learning.org website and sign up for the classes. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Nina Price at ninaprice@comcast.net
- **This is a reminder for all parents and students who ride their bikes to school.** We love that you are starting and ending your school day with exercise, however, please follow bike safety rules and not ride your bikes on the sidewalk in front of the school. Once you reach the crosswalk, you should walk your bike the remainder of the way to the bike racks. In addition if you are riding on the pathway beside the school, please make sure you stop and then walk your bike the remainder of the way to the bike racks. We want a safe arrival and dismissal for all of our students. Thank you for taking great care when riding your bikes to school.
- **Attention, parents of students in 1-5, there will be an Odyssey of the Mind information meeting for parents and students on Thursday, September 19, 7:30-8:30 pm, in the Media Center. This mandatory informational meeting for interested parents and students will introduce the program to new families and orient returning ones.** Odyssey of the Mind demonstrates that creativity can be taught, stimulated and improved with practice. Students use their artistic, theatrical and engineering skills to create

new solutions to intriguing problems; they learn to "think outside the box" and develop valuable skills that will be essential for success in the 21st Century. Bells Mill has a strong Odyssey of the Mind program, sending several teams to the Maryland State Finals each year. Teams of students meet weekly from fall to mid-spring under the supervision of trained parent coaches. Cost is minimal, but parent assistance is required given that OM is an entirely volunteer program. We need coaches to form even teams and volunteers to help support the teams. Most meetings will be held on Friday afternoons at BMES. The BMES OM program is directed by Dr. Bill Klein, a Bells Mill parent and recipient of the Maryland Odyssey of the Mind "OMER" award for his coaching work at Bells Mill and Cabin John. This mandatory informational meeting for interested parents and students will introduce the program to new families and orient returning ones.

- **Are you the parent of a child with special needs?** Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) holds a monthly meeting the 4th Thursday of every month, 7:00 pm, Carver Administration Building, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rm. 127, Rockville. Connect with other parents; voice your successes and concerns; and, discuss all aspects of special education in MCPS, including transportation, reading and math interventions, and IEPs. Everyone is welcome, and childcare is available.
- **The Churchill Girls Varsity soccer team is sponsoring a soccer skills session for girls ages 8-14 on Sunday, September 29, 9-10:30AM on the Churchill lower field.** Cost is \$20, proceeds to fund the varsity girls' ACL injury prevention training and uniform needs. The skills session will focus on shooting and finishing, 1v1 drills, running for speed technique, step-over and other soccer moves. Email jane_johnston@verizon.net with any questions. Please support the team!
- **In memory of Churchill student Evan Rosenstock who tragically committed suicide on May 20, 2013, a group of county students and the Rosenstock family have created "You Matter" to raise awareness about teen depression and suicide. Please come to the umttr (You Matter) 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Sunday, September 15, 12:00-5:00 pm, at The Bullis School. The tournament will include divisions for elementary, middle, and high school boys and girls, as well as both boys and girls divisions (in the elementary boys and girls play in the same division).** Following the tournament, you are invited to attend Lee Kaplan's performance of *Bully*, 7:00 pm, Churchill HS. Admission is **FREE** for both the tournament and the performance. Donations are graciously accepted. The day will be filled with basketball, celebrity appearances, food, fun, games, prizes, and more. To play in the tournament, download the forms from the Registration and Info tab on the umttr.org website and contact Erik Roberts, Churchill Senior and Tournament Director, at ErikRoberts3@gmail.com to get the forms in. Registration can also be done at the door for \$30 dollars rather than the \$25 early-registration price. Registration includes a Dri-Fit Tournament T-Shirt, Wristband, and a great day. We hope to see you there!
- **MCPS parents can receive emergency information from the school system in a variety of ways** including *MCPS QuickNotes*, Alert MCPS, Twitter, the MCPS website, MCPS TV, and a recorded telephone information line. Please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency for more information on how to keep in touch with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and stay informed in times of emergencies.

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