



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
Week of September 30, 2013
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Week Ahead:

Mon., Sept. 30

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., Oct. 1

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
Guitar, 3:30-4:30, rm. 121
K Daisies, 3:30-4:30, rm. 128
Room Parent Information Meeting, 6:30 pm, Media Center
PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, APR (childcare available)

Wed., Oct. 2

Beginning/Intermediate French, 8:00 am, rm. 240
Intermediate French, 8:00 am, rm. 236
Spanish Intro, 8:15 am, rm. 212
Adventure Theater, 3:30-4:30, rm. 124
MSA Street Hockey, 3:30-4:30
Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30, rm. 235
Girl Scouts, 3:30-4:30, rm. 148

Thur., Oct. 3

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

Fri., Oct. 4

Interim Spanish, 8:00 am, rm. 239
Play-Well Tek., 3:30-5:00, rm. 163
Wear your Bells Mill Spirit Wear Today!

A Look Ahead

October 5 Club Bells Mill
October 9 Walk to School Day

- **Attention Grade 3 Parents:** Every Grade 3 parent/guardian should have received an application for the Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted (HCG). Forms were mailed directly to homes from MCPS. **The application deadline is November 8, 2013.** Follow instructions for mailing the form to MCPS. Do not return the form to school, as this will only delay the process. Applications are also at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/elementary/highly-gifted-centers.aspx>. There will be two Parent Information Meetings: **October 22 at Northwest High School and October 24 at Wheaton High School.** Both meetings will take place at 7:00 pm in the school auditorium.

Information about the parent meetings is also included in the application materials that parents received. Interested parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend.

- **Attention Grade 5 Parents: Middle School Magnet program applications and Middle School Magnet Consortium choice forms are due November 8, 2013.** Every Grade 5 parent/guardian should have received information on the magnet programs. Information was mailed directly to homes from MCPS. **Parents can choose from three information meetings: Thursday October 10, Roberto Clemente MS ((Humanities and Communication, Mathematics, Science, and Computer Science), Thursday October 10, Takoma Park MS (Math, Science, Computer Science), and Tuesday October 22, Eastern MS (Humanities and Communication). All meetings begin at 7:00 pm.** Please visit the MCPS website for more information, www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms .
- *Please do not use the bus loop to drop off or pick up your children during arrival and dismissal. This creates an unsafe situation for children exiting your car and impedes the flow of busses through the loop. The bus loop is restricted to school busses only.*
- **On Wednesday, October 9, we will participate in the county-wide Walk to School Day.** This event is part of Safe Routes to School, a program to create safer walking and biking routes so parents are comfortable allowing their children to walk and bike to school. To ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate in this event, we are asking parents who normally drive their child to school to have their children walk to school on October 9. If you must drive your child to school on that day, please drop your child off at Cabin John MS. Bells Mill teachers and patrols will be onsite to escort students as we walk to school together. **Please drop off your child by 8:50 am.**
- **If you have volunteered to be a room parent, please plan on attending an orientation on Tuesday, October 1, 6:30-7:00 pm, in the Media Center. The first PTA meeting of the year will immediately follow at 7:00 pm.**
- **Registration is now under way for the fall 2013 MCPS Parent Academy.** Parents can choose from a wide variety of workshops including computer skills, helping kids deal with anger and effective parenting for the teen years, to name a few. Additionally, workshops on preparing for parent-teacher conferences are offered in six different languages. Parent Academy workshops are taught by MCPS staff members and representatives from community organizations. Interpretation and childcare are free. For information/registration visit the Parent Academy website at www.mcpsparentacademy.org . Look for brochures in backpacks.
- **Attention Parents of girls ages 8-14:** Meet and train with the Churchill Girls Varsity soccer team. The team is sponsoring a soccer skills session for girl on Sunday, September 29, 9-10:30 am, 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, stepover and other soccer moves. Email jane_johnston@verizon.net for registration materials or questions. Please support the team!
- Montgomery College Youth Programs offers Kids' College, enrichment courses for students in Grades 1-12. Courses are offered after school and on Saturdays on the Rockville and Germantown campuses. For a complete listing of fall courses and registration information, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth .

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

