



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
 Week of October 14, 2013
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Week Ahead:

Mon., Oct. 14

Open House 9:15-11:30 am, Parents Welcome!
Book Fair opens, 10:30 am, Media Center
Salad Bar opens today for grades 4-5
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. 15

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
Gr. 1 Daisies, rm. 128
Book Fair evening hours, 6:30-8:30 pm, Media Center

Wed., Oct. 16

Beginning/Intermediate French, 8:00 am, rm. 240
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
Book Fair evening hours, 6:30-8:30 pm, Media Center

Thur., Oct. 17

Head Start Field Trip to Homestead Farm, 10:20-12:30
Walk for the Homeless, 2:30
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. 18

NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

A Look Ahead

October 22

Picture Day

October 23

Gr. 5 to Strathmore Concert

Principal's Tea for K-1 Parents, 7:00-8:00 pm, APR

- **Open House is Monday, October 14.** Parents are invited to visit your child's classroom from **9:15 to 11:30 am**. Please enter through the main doors and sign in. *We request that younger siblings not attend.* It will be necessary for you to park on the street that day. We look forward to having you join us for morning instruction.

- **Beginning Monday, October 14, the Bells Mill cafeteria will offer a Salad Bar as a part of the lunch time menu.** A few details:
 - Initially we will begin with 4th and 5th graders, and in subsequent weeks we will offer it to the remaining grades as we get used to it.
 - Students purchasing a lunch will be able to visit the salad bar as a part of the purchased lunch for no extra charge.
 - The salad bar will replace the side items that go along with the main entrée, or students can continue to choose the side items and not the salad bar; their choice.
 - The salad bar will include vegetables that are typically found on salad bars. Several dressings will be offered.
 - The salad bar will be offered 5 days a week. Additionally, students may purchase a salad separately at a cost of 43 cents per ounce. No preordering required.
- **The Bells Mill Book Fair opens on October 14** in the Media Center. All proceeds from book sales go directly to the purchase of reading and math materials for teachers and the media center. The Book Fair opens on Monday, October 14, at 10:30, and runs through Thursday, October 17, at 1 p.m. Evening hours are on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 15 & 16, 6:30-8:30 pm. Please check backpacks for more details.
- **Our annual Walk for the Homeless will take place on Thursday, October 17, at 2:30 pm.** All students will participate in the walk. Those students who are registered online will receive a FREE Tshirt. The \$20 online registration fee is tax deductible and directly benefits Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville. To register visit http://www.hthwalks.org/site/TR/Walk/General?team_id=20390&pg=team&fr_id=1839 . Questions, cristin.caine@gmail.com .
- **Girls in Grades 1-8 are invited to participate in the Churchill Poms Mini Camp, Friday, October 18, 10:30 am-1:00 pm at Churchill HS.** There is no school on that date. Cost is \$25 and includes instruction, set of poms and a picture to remember the day. Contact Melissa Lichter at chspomscoach@gmail.com .
- **Picture Day is Tuesday, October 22.** All students will be photographed for the yearbook, but only those submitting a completed order form and payment to the photographer on picture day will receive a portrait package. Parents may also pay online at www.mylifetouch.com . Look for order forms in backpacks.
- **K-1 parents are invited to the Principal's Tea on Wednesday, October 23, 7:00-8:00 pm in the AP Room.** Please feel free to send Mr. Meiners any questions via email (Lee_R_Meiners@mcpsmd.org) or note for topics you would like to have addressed. This is an informal evening that provides you with an opportunity to ask questions that are specific to the K-1 programs.
- **FREE flu mist vaccines will be offered to children between the ages of 3 and 18, November 1, 9:00 am-noon, at Kennedy, Richard Montgomery and Seneca Valley High Schools.** In order to participate in this program the families need to make an appointment by visiting www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu or calling 311.
- **Thank you to all parents who helped with Walk to School Day.** Thankfully, the weather cooperated, and we enjoyed a brisk to school. A great way to start the school day!
- **Attention Grade 3 Parents: The Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted application deadline is November 8, 2013,** Follow instructions for mailing the form to MCPS. Please do not return the form to school, as this will only delay the process. Applications are available 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.** Please visit the MCPS website for more information, www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms . **There is one remaining Parent Information Meeting: Tuesday October 22, 7:00 pm, Eastern MS (Humanities and Communication).**
- **Save the Date! MCPS State of the Schools Event is set for November 11.** Superintendent Joshua P. Starr will deliver his second State of the Schools address on Monday, November 11, at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda. MCPS parents and community members are invited to join Dr. Starr as he shares his vision for preparing all students for success and we celebrate the outstanding students of Montgomery County Public Schools. This free event will take place from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and will feature artwork and performances by MCPS students. Visit the State of the Schools website at www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org for more information and to RSVP.

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