



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

Week of October 21, 2013

Office of the Principal

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Week Ahead:

Mon., Oct. 21

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
K Daisies, 3:30 pm, rm. 236 (NOTE ROOM CHANGE)

Tues., Oct. 22

Individual Portrait Day (all students will be photographed for yearbook)
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. 165 (NOTE ROOM CHANGE)

Wed., Oct. 23

Beginning/Intermediate French, 8:00 am, rm. 240
Spanish Intro, 8:15 am, rm. 212
Gr. 5 to Strathmore Concert
Adventure Theater, 3:30-4:30, rm. 124
MSA Street Hockey, 3:30-4:30
Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30, rm. 235
Principal's Tea for K-1 Parents, 7:00-8:00 pm, APR

Thur., Oct. 24

Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:00 am, rm. 165
Kung Fu, 3:30-4:30, rm. 103 (NOTE ROOM CHANGE)
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. 25

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

A Look Ahead

Oct. 30

Gr. 5 to Baltimore

Oct. 31

Halloween Parade and classroom parties, 2:00 pm

- **Beginning Monday, October 21, students in Gr. 3 will be able to take advantage of the Salad Bar as a part of the lunch time menu.** A few details:
 - 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.
- **Individual Portrait Day is Tuesday, October 22.** All students will be photographed for the yearbook, but only those who submit 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. Order forms were sent home in backpacks on Thursday, October 17.
- **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](mailto: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.
- **Bells Mill will offer a Flu-Mist Clinic on the early release day, November 11, beginning at 1:00 pm.** We will have only 50 doses this year. Therefore, *we will administer to Bells Mill students only*. To schedule a time for your Bells Mill student to receive the vaccine, please call Mrs. Messina in the health room (301-469-1248). Appointments will be made on a first come/first serve basis. A parent/guardian must accompany the child. **Vaccines are also being given on November 1 at Kennedy High School, Richard Montgomery High School, and Seneca Valley High School from 9:00 am-12:00 pm** For more information visit: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/flu>
- **Thank you to all parents who attended our annual Open House.** We hope you enjoyed your visit in your child's classrooms.
- **Thanks also to Joy Gerber, Jeanine Resnick and all the parent volunteers who planned and worked our very successful Book Fair.** The students and parents enjoyed shopping for new reading material, and the staff is very appreciative of the materials that were donated for their classrooms. Thank you for your generosity and support.
- **We enjoyed beautiful weather for our Walk for the Homeless. Thank you to Cristin Caine for coordinating our annual walk. Proceeds will benefit Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville.**
- **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.

- **Students in Grades K-5 can explore the arts by participating in Reflections, an arts program sponsored by our PTA in conjunction with the National PTA.** This year's theme is "Believe, Dream, Inspire." Interested students may create an original work in any of the following categories: dance, film, music, literature, photography and visual arts. **Deadline for entries is November 27.** For details contact Stefie Heideman, Bells Mill PTA Reflections Chair, at stefie@artescapades.com .

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