



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
Week of October 28, 2013
Office of the Principal
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Week Ahead:

Mon., Oct. 28

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. 29

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
Gr. 1 Daisies, 3:30 pm, rm. 128

Wed., Oct. 30

Beginning/Intermediate French, 8:00 am, rm. 240
Spanish Intro, 8:15 am, rm. 212
Gr. 5 to Baltimore (depart 9:15 am)
Adventure Theater, 3:30-4:30, rm. 124
MSA Street Hockey, 3:30-4:30
Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30, rm. 235

Thur., Oct. 31

Halloween Parade, 2:00 pm (followed by classroom parties)
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., Nov. 1

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A Look Ahead

Nov. 5

PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Media Center

Nov. 6

Principal's Tea for 2/3 Parents, 7:00 pm, APR

Nov. 11 & 12

Early Release, 1:00 pm (parent conferences as scheduled)

Nov. 13

Report Cards Distributed

Principal's Tea for 4/5 Parents, 7:00 pm, APR

- **Sadly, we must say goodbye to Mrs. Kirby as she leaves us to begin a new chapter in her life.** Mr. Kirby has accepted a position in New York City, so the family will relocate to Brooklyn. We will miss her talent and ability to inspire creativity in our children. Good luck, Mrs. Kirby.
- **On a happier note, we welcome our new art teacher, Ms. Jennifer Han.** Ms. Han completed her Master's Degree in Art Education at the University of Maryland. This is her first year with MCPS. She has been working with Mrs. Kirby to provide continuity in our art program and has already met the students. Welcome, Ms. Han.

- **Beginning Monday, October 28, students in Gr. 2 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 was Tuesday, October 22.** Pictures will be distributed in a few weeks. If your child was absent on that date, or if you would like a retake, we will have a Make Up Portrait Day in December.
- **Gr. 2/3 parents are invited to the Principal's Tea on Wednesday, November 6, 7:00-8:00 pm in the APR.** 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 Gr. 2/3 programs.
- **Bells Mill will offer a Flu-Mist Clinic on the early release day, November 12 (PLEASE NOTE THIS A DATE CHANGE FROM WHAT WAS PRINTED IN LAST WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT), 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>
- **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> .
- **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 .
- **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. 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.