



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
 Week of November 4, 2013  
 Office of the Principal  
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**Week Ahead:**

**Mon., Nov. 4**

**Food Drive now through Nov. 19**  
**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**

**Tues., Nov. 5**

**Big Learning for K-1, 3:30-4:30, rm. 219**  
**Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163**  
**Guitar, 3:30-4:30, rm. 165**  
**PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Media Center**

**Wed., Nov. 6**

**Beginning/Intermediate French, 8:00 am, rm. 240**  
**Spanish Intro, 8:15 am, rm. 212**  
**Adventure Theater, 3:30-4:30, rm. 124**  
**Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30, rm. 235**  
**Gr. 5 Juniorss, 3:30 pm, rm. 148**  
**Gr. 2 Brownies, 3:30 pm, rm. 128**  
**Gr. 4 Juniors, 3:30 pm, rm. 239**  
**Principal's Tea for Gr. 2/3 Parents, 7:00 pm, APR**

**Thur., Nov. 7**

**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. 8**

**Deadline for Gr. 3 applications to Centers for Highly Gifted**  
**Deadline for Gr. 5 applications to Middle School Magnets**  
**Intermediate Spanish, 8:00 am, rm. 239**  
**Play-Well TEKnologies Lego, 3:30, rm. 163**

**A Look Ahead**

**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**

- **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](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 Gr. 2/3 programs.

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences are held on the two early release days, November 11 and 12, 2013.** Please contact your child's teacher and schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress. Your involvement in education is critical to your child's success. *Dismissal is at 1:00 pm on both days.*
- **Bells Mill will offer a Flu-Mist Clinic on the early release day, November 12, beginning at 1:00 pm (this is an early release day with dismissal at 1:00 pm).** Only a few appointments are still available. To schedule a time for your Bells Mill student to receive the vaccine, please call Mrs. Messina in the health room (301-469-1248). A parent/guardian must accompany the child.
- **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](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms) .
- **From now until November 19, second grade Brownie troop 2794 is holding a food drive to benefit A Wider Circle. Look for a donation bin near the main office door. The most needed items are whole grain pasta, cereal, beans and canned fruits and vegetables, but all donations are welcome.**
- **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](http://www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org) for more information and to RSVP.
- **Are you thinking of purchasing a piano?** Schaeffer Piano Co. in Rockville is holding its annual sale of specially-priced upright and grand pianos to MCPS families, Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16, 2013. You must call Schaeffer to schedule an appointment, 301-424-1147. No appointment is necessary on Sunday, November 17, when the sale will be open to the general public from 10:00 am-6:.
- **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](mailto:stefie@artescapades.com) .

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