



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
Week of January 13, 2014
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Mon., Jan. 13

Hip Hop, 3:30-4:30, gym
Cyber Minecraft, 3:30-4:30, rm. 214
Intro to Minecraft, 3:30-4:30, rm. 219
Claymation, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Gr. 3 Brownies, 3:30 pm, rm. 132

Tues., Jan. 14

Big Learning for K-1, 3:30-4:30, rm. 159
Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Guitar, 3:30-4:30, rm. 165
Chess, 3:30-4:45 pm, Media Center
MSA Basketball, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym

Wed., Jan. 15

Beginning/Intermediate French, 8:00 am, rm. 240
Intermediate French, 8:00 am, rm. 223
Spanish Intro, 8:15 am, rm. 212
OM Giraffes, 3:30 pm, rm. 154
Fitness Fun, 3:30-4:30, rm. 103
Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30, rm. 235
Chess, 3:30-4:45 pm, Media Center
Gr. 5 Juniors, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm 155
Instrumental Music Concert for Advanced Students, 7:00 pm, APR

Thur., Jan. 16

Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:00 am, rm. 165
Beginning Chinese, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 218
Big Learning for 2-4, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163
Adventure Theater, 3:30-4:30, rm. 128
Tae Kwon Do, 3:30-4:30, rm. 120
i9 Basketball, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym
Math/Literacy Night, 7:00 pm, APR

Fri., Jan. 17

End of Second Marking Period
Wear your Bells Mill Spirit Wear today!
Intermediate Spanish, 8:00 am, rm. 239
OM, 3:30 pm, Media Center
Play-Well TEKnologies Lego, 3:30-5:00, rm. 163

A Look Ahead

Jan. 20

School Holiday in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 21

No school for students – Teacher Professional Day

Jan. 23

Incoming Kindergarten (2014-2015 school year) Parent Info Mtg, 7:00 pm, APR

- **The Churchill Booster Club is offering free admission to Bells Mill students to a Community Night Basketball game on Friday, January 10, versus Richard Montgomery.**
- **International Night Planning Meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 7:00-8:00 pm in the Media Center. Anyone interested in sponsoring a country is welcome to attend.** This year International Night is on Friday, May 2, 7:00-9:00 pm. Join the festivities by signing up to sponsor a country through Signup Genius at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409084CA5AB29A31-2014/312021 , and join us for the Planning Meeting on January 27, 7:00-8:00 pm. Questions, please contact: **Stefie Heideman, Stefie@ArtEscapades.com or Audre Park, Audreepark@yahoo.com.**
- **Register now for the spring session of Montgomery College Kids' College.** Enrichment courses are offered for students in Grades K-12, after school and on Saturdays on the Rockville and Germantown Campuses. For information visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth .
- **Please help us get the message out to parents with incoming kindergarteners for the next school year.** We are now gathering names and contact information for next year's kindergarten class. Please ask your neighbors to call the school if they have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2014. Parents of incoming kindergarteners are invited to an **information meeting on Thursday, January 23 (snowdate January 30), 7:00 pm**, in the APR, where they will learn about our kindergarten program and get their questions answered. This year we are offering two dates for **Kindergarten Open House. Parents and their children may choose to come on either Thursday, February 6, or Friday, February 7, 9:30-11:30 am**. They can observe a typical morning in a kindergarten classroom (we ask that younger siblings not attend). Our tentative dates for Kindergarten Orientation are Thursday and Friday, April 10 and 11 (by appointment).
- **Winter is here!** In the event of school closings or delayed openings due to weather conditions, all announcements are made as early as possible, generally in time for news broadcasts that begin at 5:00 am. Early release announcements are made by 11:00 am. Please tune in to radio and television news stations or MCPS Channel 34 for information regarding school closings, delays and early releases. You may also obtain information at the Schools Out website (www.schools-out.com), the MCPS information line (301-279-3673), or the MCPS Call Center (301-309-6277).
- **Mark your calendars! July 7-25, 2014, we will again offer Camp Bells Mill.** This is our popular summer learning camp, taught by our own teachers, for students entering grades K-5. More information will follow.
- **MCPS offers foreign language immersion programs at selected elementary schools throughout the county.** Selection for the 2014-2015 school year is done by lottery. Parents who are interested in entering their students in the foreign language immersion lottery process may submit an interest form between February 1 and April 4, 2014. Information about the lottery process, the foreign language immersion programs and the interest form are at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms . Completed forms should be returned by U.S. mail to DCCAPS, Spring Mill Field Office, 11721 Kemp Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902, hand carried, or faxed to 301-649-8155 **no later than April 4, 2014**. Please do not send forms to Bells Mill.
- **Superintendent Joshua Starr is recommending that MCPS consider changing school start and end times, also known as bell times.** MCPS would like to hear from you. The remaining forum is at **7:00 pm, Monday, February 10, Montgomery Blair HS, 51 University Blvd., East, Silver Spring**. Free child care (ages 4 and older) and interpretation services will be provided. For information about the bell times proposal and ways you can provide input, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, search "bell times."

- **The 2014-2015 School Calendar is now available online. To view the calendar, visit:** <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/future/> .
- **Registration is open for the 2014 winter session of the MCPS Parent Academy, which begins on Monday, January 13.** Parent Academy workshops give parents useful tips and tools to support their children's success in and out of school. A wide array of topics will be covered during the winter session including college and career planning, active parenting, and cybersafety and social media. Please encourage members of your school community to participate in these workshops. The schedule is available at <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/>.

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