



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
Week of January 27, 2014
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Week of Jan. 27

Mon., Jan. 27

- 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, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 132
- K Daisies, 3:30, rm. 236

Tues., Jan. 28

- Report cards distributed
- 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
- Gr. 1 Daisies, 3:30, rm. 132
- Gr. 2 Brownies, 3:30, rm. 128

Wed., Jan. 29

- 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

Thur., Jan. 30

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

Fri., Jan. 31

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

A Look Ahead

Feb. 3-6

Book Drive

Feb. 6-7

Open House for next year's kindergarteners/parents, 9:30-11:30 am

- **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: *Stefie Heideman*, Stefie@ArtEscapades.com or *Audre Park*, Audrepark@yahoo.com.
- **The Information Meeting for Incoming K Parents has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 30, 7:00 pm. The location has been changed to the Media Center. Please help us get the message out to parents with incoming kindergarteners for the next school year.** Please ask your neighbors to call the school if they have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2014. 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** to 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).
- **Mark your calendars! July 7-25, 2014, we will again offer Camp Bells Mill for students entering grades K-5.** This is our popular summer learning camp taught by our own teachers which prepares students for next year. In March students will bring home letters containing registration/tuition information.
- **On Monday, February 3, 2014, Superintendent Joshua P. Starr will be visiting our community.** Dr. Starr will spend the day meeting with staff and students as he visits schools throughout the Bethesda Chevy-Chase, Winston Churchill, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Walt Whitman, and Thomas S. Wootton clusters. He will end this Community Day with a Town Hall meeting for parents, where you can ask questions and share your thoughts and ideas. The Town Hall meeting will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Winston Churchill High School, 11300 Gainsborough Road in Potomac. Free child care (ages 4 and up) and interpretation services will be provided. For more information, visit the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org and search "Community Days", or call 301-279-3100. I hope you will be able to join Dr. Starr at the Town Hall meeting on February 3.
- **Attention Grade 5 parents, you are invited to attend a parent orientation meeting at Cabin John MS. At the meeting you will learn about the registration process for 6th grade, Thursday, February 6, 7:00 pm, Cabin John MS Multipurpose Room.**
- **The Book Drive is coming!** Here's a chance to recycle the books your children have outgrown. From Monday, February 3, through Thursday, February 6, please send in your donations of gently used books. Donation boxes will be located in the main hall. On Friday, February 7, all students will have an opportunity to select and keep a book from the books collected. Teachers will then select from any remaining books for classroom libraries, and the rest will be donated to non-profit organizations. What a terrific way to give our children a wonderful book to read!
- **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."

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

