



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

Week of April 7, 2014

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April is the Month of the Young Child

Week of Apr. 7

Mon., Apr. 7

3D game Design, 3:30-4:30, rm. 219

Claymation, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163

Tues., Apr. 8

Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163

Guitar, 3:30-4:30, rm. 165

Chess, 3:30-4:45 pm, Media Center

Wed., Apr. 9

Report Cards Distributed

Beginning French, 8:00 am, rm. 212

Intermediate French, 8:00 am, rm. 240

Chess, 3:30-4:45 pm, Media Center

Thur., Apr. 10

NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTENERS

Kindergarten Orientation for incoming K Class (by appointment)

Gr. 4 to Historic St. Mary's City, 7:00 am-4:30 pm

Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:00 am, rm. 165

NO BEGINNING CHINESE TODAY, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 218

Big Learning Science for Gr. K-2 in rm. 150

Big Learning Science for Gr. 3-5 in rm. 148

Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163

Adventure Theater, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 128

Tae Kwon Do, 3:30-4:30, gym

I9 Soccer, 3:30-4:30 pm

Parent Resource Meeting, 7:00 pm, Media Center

Fri., Apr. 11

Wear your school colors!

NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTENERS

Kindergarten Orientation for incoming K Class (by appointment)

Intermediate Spanish, 8:00 am, rm. 239

PlayWell TEKnologies Legos, 3:30-5:00 pm, rm. 163

Scrabble, 3:30-4:45 pm, Media Center

A Look Ahead

April 14-17 No School, Spring Break

April 18 No School, Good Friday Holiday

April 21 Welcome Back!

April 23 Kindergarten to Rose Hill Manor Museum, 9:15 am-1:30 pm

- ***MCPS is now required to make up two snow days. The Maryland State Department of Education has approved a plan for MCPS to hold school on Monday, April 21, 2014 (Easter Monday) and Friday, June 13, 2014, which will now be the last day of school for students. None of the remaining snow days will have to be made up under the state-approved plan.***

- **Register now for Camp Bells Mill for our students entering Grades 1-5 and Kinder-Camp for students entering Kindergarten. Camp will be held July 7-25, 8:30 am to noon. The cost is \$450 for 15 half-day sessions. There are opportunities for tuition reduction based on income eligibility. Our own great teachers will offer fun activities in science, technology, arts and crafts, and physical education. Math and reading are incorporated in the activities. All aspects of the program support the MCPS curriculum. Check backpacks for registration forms, or visit the Bells Mill home page.**
- **Attention kindergarten parents**, there is no school for kindergarteners on Thursday and Friday, April 10 and 11. On these two days we will conduct Kindergarten Orientation for next year's enrollees.
- **Attention Gr. 2 parents, recently your child brought home a parent input form.** We use this form to gather information about students for the upcoming school year, including screening for gifted and talented programming. It's important that we receive your input about your child. If you have not already done so, please return the parent input form as soon as possible to your child's teacher or the assistant principal. Call the office if you need a form.
- ***mcpssuper* is a television show hosted by Dr. Starr that provides viewers with an in-depth look at the work of MCPS to engage and educate our students.** The latest edition of *mcpssuper* features a comprehensive look at the Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) program, whose goal is to provide a seamless pathway from high school through college completion. ACES is a collaborative program among Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Universities at Shady Grove that focuses on identifying and supporting students who are underrepresented in higher education and those who are the first in their family to attend college. The program can be seen on MCPS TV (Comcast Ch. 34 and Verizon Ch. 36), and online at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/mcpssuper/.
- **2013-2014 Special Education at a Glance** is a report available on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/regulatoryaccountability/spedglance . The report includes information about each school's special education, including population, staffing and programs.
- **Register now for the 2014 Maryland Summer Centers for Gifted and Talented Students in Grades 3-12.** Centers are located throughout the State and offer various residential and nonresidential programs in the arts, sciences, technology, engineering and world languages. The deadline for applications is April 15. Visit the Maryland State Department of Education website for detailed descriptions of the Centers and application forms, www.marylandpublicschools.org/summercenters .
- **Rockville Science Day is Sunday, April 6, noon-5:00 pm on the Rockville Campus of Montgomery College**, rain or shine. Admission and parking are FREE. The event will take place rain or shine. Over 90 exhibits are featured--live animals, robots, nanotechnology projects, HAM radio operators, telescopes, Songs of Science, chemistry, fossils, mobile planetarium shows and rocket building. Rockville Science Day is the Official Satellite Event that opens a month of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) that ends with the FREE Science & Engineering Festival, April 26-27, 2014, at the Washington Convention Center.
- **Extraordinary Minds is a forum to learn how students with autism are educated in MCPS.** Learn about educational services and resources to help students on the autism spectrum, Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 pm, Early B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. This forum is sponsored by MCPS in partnership with Partnership for Extraordinary Minds. Child care is available. Registration for child care is required. For more information/registration visit www.xMinds.org .
- **Save the date! Saturday, April 12, is the Celebrity Softball Classic at the Bethesda Big Train, Shirley Povich Field at Cabin John Regional Park.** FREE admission for Bells Mill students. Families and friends receive a 20% ticket discount. Proceeds help build youth ball fields in the area. Enjoy a great evening of

softball with local media celebrities, Redskin players and others. Watch backpacks for information flyers, or visit www.bigtrain.org/celebritygame .

- Registration is open for MCPS Regional Elementary Summer School, July 8-August 1, 8:10 am-11:40 am, at various locations. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool/ for details.

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