



**This Week**

**Mon., Sept. 22**      **Art Escapades K-5, 3:30-4:30, Rm. 163**  
**Cooking and Math Gr. 1-4, 3:30-4:30, Rm. 121**  
**Great Adventure Lab: Computer Programming, Gr. 3-5, 3:30-4:30 pm, Rm. 148**  
**Hip Hop Dance, Gr. 1-3, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym**  
**Gr. 3 Brownies, 3:30-4:30 pm, Rm. 159**

**Tue., Sept. 23**      **Guitar, Gr. 2-5, 3:30-4:30 pm, Rm. 165**  
**MSA Basketball\* Gr. K-5, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym**

**Wed., Sept. 24**      **No Head Start Today**  
**Early Release, 1:00 pm**  
**No After School Activities**

**Thur., Sept. 25**      **No School, Rosh Hashanah holiday**

**Fri., Sept. 26**      **Girls on the Run, 7:50-9:00 am**  
**Lego Engineering Gr. K-2, 3:30-5:00 pm, Rm. 163**  
**Have a great weekend!**

**A Look Ahead**

**Sept. 30**      **No Head Start**

***Wednesday, September 24, 2014, is the first early release day of the school year. Children will be released at 1:00 pm. Please be sure your child knows his/her dismissal plans.***

- **We need a few parent volunteers for the Media Center** who are willing to commit to volunteering once a week in the afternoon between 12:30-3:30. Please contact Mrs. Floyd, Media Specialist.
- **Parents, we need your help. To avoid confusion at the end of the school day and to insure the safety of your children, it is important that you send the teacher a note every time your child's dismissal plans are changed. It**

**is not a good idea to email the teacher in the afternoon. Teachers do not read emails during instructional time. Please take care to give your child a note for the teacher.**

**On a related note, please reinforce with your children that they may not decide on their own to walk home or go to a friend's house. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.**

- **Attention Gr. 3 parents, applications for the Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted (HGC) were recently mailed directly to all parents of Grade 3 students.** If you are interested in having your child considered for the HGC, you must complete the application and return it by November 7, 2014, to HGC Application, Division of Consortia and Application Program Services, 11721 Kemp Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902. If you did not receive an application in the mail, you can access it at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/). There will be two parent information meetings on the following dates beginning at 7:00 pm. The same information will be presented at each meeting. Feel free to attend the one most convenient to you.

September 30, 2014      John F. Kennedy HS, 1901 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902

October 2, 2014        Quince Orchard HS, 15800 Quince Orchard Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Students who submitted their applications by the deadline will be tested at Bells Mill in January. The exact testing date and time will be mailed to the homes of those applying.

- **Global Children's Center of Montgomery College offers one-day workshops this fall for students in Grades 1-3.** Topics include *Inventions, Future Einsteins, All Ball Extravaganza and Money Matters*, just to name a few. All workshops are offered on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at the Germantown Campus. For a complete list of offerings and to register, visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth).
- **Montgomery College Youth Programs is offering a special one-day program for students in Grades 4-6.** *Builders of the Future* offers students the challenges of invention, problem solving and creativity, Saturday, October 11, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, Montgomery College Rockville Campus. To register and for information on a wide variety of programs, visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth) or call 240-567-7264.
- **On October 1, 2014, schools will begin the process of switching from air conditioning to heat.** In the meantime, on chilly days you may wish to send your child with a sweater to wear in class.
- **Attention families interested in Odyssey of the Mind:** For more information or to register online by September 26, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/bellsmillodyssey>. There are no paper registration forms this year. If you need more information or do not have computer access, please call 301-758-9306 for assistance.
- **Health Room notes:**
  - **We have several cases of strep throat in school.** Children who have a sore throat (with or without redness) and fever should be seen by a health care provider. Children who have been diagnosed with strep may return to school when they have been on medication and without fever for 48 hrs.
  - **Recently we identified several cases of head lice.** It is important that all parents thoroughly inspect your children's hair. Continue to do so on a weekly basis. Please contact the Health Room if you need guidance on effective lice treatment and prevention.
- **The Parent Encouragement Program (PEP) is offering a class for parents of school-age children. Parenting 5 to 12 Year Olds** teaches parents positive and effective methods to deal with misbehavior and reduce conflict. You will learn a proven approach to raising responsible, courageous children. Classes will be held at Bells Mill, Mondays, October 8-November 24, 7:30-9:30 pm, \$255/\$229.50 PEP members. Preregistration is required. Scholarships and payment plans are available. For information and registration, call PEP at 301-929-8824 or visit [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org).

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