

<u>This Week</u>	
Mon., Sept. 29	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
Tue., Sept. 30	No Head Start Today
	Guitar, Gr. 2-5, 3:30-4:30 pm, Rm. 165
	K/1 Science: Featured Creatures, 3:30-4:30, rm. 121
	MSA Basketball* Gr. K-5, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym
Wed., Oct. 1	Art Escapades Gr. K-5, 3:30-4:30 pm, Rm. 163
	Tae Kwon Do Gr. K-5, 3:30-4:30 pm, Rm. 121
	MSA Soccer*Gr. K-5, 3:30-3:45 pm
	MSA Street Hockey* Gr. K-5, 3:30-3:45 pm
Thur., Oct. 2	I9 Flag Football* Gr. K-5, 3:30-4:45 pm
	2/4 Engineering: Big & Small, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
Fri., Oct. 3	Girls on the Run, 7:50-9:00 am
	Lego Engineering Gr. K-2, 3:30-5:00 pm, Rm. 163
	MSA Flag Football*, 3:30-4:45 pm
	Have a great weekend!
A Look Ahead	
Oct. 7	Room Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm, Media Center
	PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, APR
Oct. 13	Open House, 9:20-11:20 am
Oct. 13-16	Book Fair
Oct. 13-24	Student Government Food Drive

- We need your help. We are seeing an increasing trend in parents picking up their children between 2:45 and 3:20 pm. Please keep in mind that classroom instruction continues until 3:20. At 3:20 students are given a few minutes to organize their materials and prepare for dismissal. Every early pick up requires a call into a classroom. This interrupts the teacher's lesson, distracts the class, and deprives your child and the class of valuable instructional and organizational time.
- 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.

- Foreign Language classes (FLES) begin soon. If your child is enrolled in an after school FLES class, please inform the teacher of the change in dismissal plans.
- Open House is Monday, October 13. Parents are invited to visit your child's classroom from 9:20 to 11:20 am. Please enter through the main doors and sign in. Be prepared to show a photo ID. *We request that younger siblings not attend*. It will be necessary for you to park on the street that day. We look forward to having you join us for morning instruction.
- The Bells Mill Book Fair opens on Monday, October 13, in the Media Center. All proceeds from book sales go directly to the purchase of reading/math materials for teachers and books for the media center. The Book Fair runs through Thursday, October 16. Evening hours are on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 14 & 15, 6:30-8:30 pm. Plan to stop in when you are at school for Open House on October 13.
- Attention Grade 5 Parents: Middle School Magnet program applications and Middle School Magnet Consortium choice forms are due November 7, 2014. Please visit the MCPS website for more information, www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms. Interested parents should plan on attending any of the following information meetings:

October 1, 7:00 pm

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- October 9, 7:00 pm Takoma Park Middle School October 9, 7:00 pm Roberto Clemente Middle School

Eastern Middle School

- Math, Science, Computer Science (Spanish language presentation available at all meetings)
- 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/. 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, 2014John F. Kennedy HS, 1901 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902October 2, 2014Quince 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.

• .If you have volunteered to be a room parent, please plan on attending an orientation on Tuesday, October 7, 6:30-7:00 pm, in the Media Center. The first PTA meeting of the year will immediately follow at 7:00 in the APR.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education