



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
October 13, 2014
Office of the Principal

This Week

Mon., Oct. 13

Open House, 9:15-11:20 am
SGA Food Drive Begins
SGA Halloween Costume Drive Begins
Book Fair Opens in Media Center, hours 10:15 am-4:00 pm
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, rm. 159
Gr. 2 Girl Scouts, rm. 132

Tue., Oct. 14

Book Fair in Media Center, hours 9:15 am-4:00 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm
Guitar, Gr. 2-5, 3:30-4:30 pm, Rm. 165
MSA Basketball* Gr. K-5, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym
K/1 Science: Featured Creature, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121

Wed., Oct. 15

Book Fair in Media Center, hours 9:00 am-4:00 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm
Intermediate French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 212
Intro to Spanish, 8:15-9:00 am, rm. 125
Gr. 4 to Agricultural History Farm Park
Art Escapades Gr. K-5, 3:30-4:30 pm, Rm. 163
Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30, rm. 120
MSA Soccer*Gr. K-5, 3:30-3:45 pm
MSA Street Hockey* Gr. K-5, 3:30-3:45 pm
Chess, 3:30-4:45 pm, Media Center

Thur., Oct. 16

Picture Day (student individual portraits)
Gr. 5 Panoramic Photo, 9:30, APR
Head Start to Homestead Farms
Chinese, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 213
Gr. 2/4 Engineering: Big & Small, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
Parent Resource Meeting, Media Center, 7:00 pm

Fri., Oct. 17

No school for students and teachers
Have a great weekend!

A Look Ahead

Oct. 22 Gr. 5 to Strathmore Concert
Oct. 27 Last day for SGA Food Drive
Oct. 29 Gr. K/1 Principal's Tea, 7:00 pm, APR
Last day for SGA Halloween Costume Drive

- **Open House is Monday, October 13. Parents are invited to visit your child's classroom from 9:15 to 11:20 am.** Please enter through the main doors and sign in. *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 is open Monday, October 13, through Wednesday, October 15,** in the Media Center. All proceeds from book sales go directly to the purchase of instructional materials for teachers and the media center. See the above schedule for hours of operation. Please check backpacks for more details.
- **From October 13 through October 27, the Student Government is sponsoring Kids Helping Kids Food Drive to benefit local Manna Food Center.** Please send in donations of nonperishable food to the collection boxes located in the Grade 3/4 hallway. Items of most need include canned vegetables/fruit /tuna/meats/soups/chili, dried soups, brown rice, rolled oats, quinoa, low sugar/high fiber cereal, plain oatmeal, vegetable oils, evaporated milk, tea, coffee, infant cereals and formulas, crackers, and whole wheat pasta.
- **From October 13 through October 29, the student Government is sponsoring a Halloween Costume Drive to benefit local children.** Please send in age-appropriate, new or slightly used costumes to the collection box located outside Mrs. Kanter's office.
- **Picture Day is Thursday, October 16.** Individual portraits will be taken of each student. Students who are absent will have the opportunity to be photographed on Make-Up Picture Day in November. This year we look forward to a new partnership with Freed Photography of Bethesda. Weather permitting, portraits will be taken outdoors in natural light. In the event of rain, portraits will be taken in the gym. We encourage parents to take advantage of the online ordering service. You can view and choose from many photos of your child before placing your order.
Gr. 5 panoramic photo will be taken on this day.
- **Please read these important notes from the Health Room.**
 - **The FluMist Clinic will be held in the Bells Mill Health Room sometime in November. More details will be published when they become available. Please do not call the Health Room, as we are not making appointments at this time.**
 - **Kindergarten parents, this is a reminder to return the Lead Certificate (DHM form # 4620) that you received at the time of registration.**
- **K-1 parents are invited to the Principal's Tea on Wednesday, October 29, 7:00-8:00 pm in the AP Room.** This is an informal evening that provides you with an opportunity to ask questions that are specific to the K-1 programs.
- **Thank you to all parents and staff who helped with Walk to School Day.** We enjoyed a brisk walk to school on a beautiful morning. What a great way to start the day!
- **Since there is no school on October 31, we will hold our Halloween parade and parties on Thursday, October 30.** The parade will start at 2:00 pm, immediately followed by classroom parties. In the event of rain, the parade will be held indoors. Parents, please help your child choose an age-appropriate, non-violent costume (no weapons please).

Thank you for being partners in your child's education