



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
October 20, 2014
Office of the Principal

This Week

Mon., Oct. 20

SGA Food Drive
SGA Halloween Costume Drive
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. 2 Scouts, rm. 132
Gr. 4 Brownies

Tue., Oct. 21

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. 22

Intermediate French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 212
Intro to Spanish, 8:15-9:00 am, rm. 125
Gr. 5 to Strathmore Concert
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
Gr. 2 Brownies, rm. 155

Thur., Oct. 23

Chinese, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 213
Gr. 2/4 Engineering: Big & Small, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
K Daisies, rm. 163

Fri., Oct. 24

SGA Food Drive Ends
Girls on the Run, 7:50-9:00 am
Lego Engineering Gr. K-2, 3:30-5:00 pm, rm. 163
Odyssey of the Mind, 3:30, Media Center
K/5 Flag Football, 3:30-4:45 pm
Odyssey of the Mind, Media Center
Have a great weekend!

A Look Ahead

Oct. 27	Last day for SGA Costume Drive
Oct. 29	Gr. K/1 Principal's Tea, 7:00 pm, APR
Oct. 30	End of 1 st Marking Period Halloween Parade, 2:00 pm, followed by class parties
Oct. 31	NO SCHOOL

- **All students had their individual portraits taken on Picture Day, Thursday, October 16. Make Up Picture Day will be held in November for those who were absent on Picture Day. Very soon parents will receive a proof sheet of their child's individual portraits. You will have several poses from which to choose. Online ordering information will be included with the proof sheet. If you are unable to order online, you may return the order form to school.**
- **Mrs. Kanter is getting ready to start the Banana Splits lunch bunches, a small counseling group that meets by grade level for students whose parents are separated or divorced.** This group meets during lunch once a week for six weeks. If you would like your child included in this group, please send Mrs. Kanter an email at Sarah_R_Kanter@mcpsmd.org, and she will send home a permission form.
- **Bells Mill students are invited to Bulldogs Community Nights at Churchill High School:**
Football--Friday, October 17, 6:30 pm, Churchill vs. Richard Montgomery
Soccer--Monday, October 20, 5:00 pm (boys) and 7:00 pm (girls), Churchill vs. Poolesville
FREE admission for students wearing Bells Mill spirit wear. Questions, elaineharnot@gmail.com .
- **Through October 24, 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.
- **Through October 27, the Student Government is sponsoring a Halloween Costume Drive to benefit local children.** Please send in elementary age-appropriate, new or slightly used costumes to the collection box located outside Mrs. Kanter's office.
- **Health Room news:**
 - **The FluMist Clinic** will be held in the Bells Mill Health Room on Monday, November 10, 1:30-3:30 pm, by *appointment only*. A limited number of vaccines will be available. Please call **301-469-1248** to make an appointment. The vaccine will be administered to Bells Mill students only. Children must be accompanied by an adult and have a signed permission form.
 - **Kindergarten parents**, this is a reminder to return the Lead Certificate (DHM form # 4620) that you received at the time of registration.
 - **An important letter on how to reduce the spread of infectious disease** has been sent home with each student. Please check backpacks.
- **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.
- **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 to Joy Gerber and the many parent volunteers who helped make last week's Book Fair a great success.**
- **Dr. Starr will present his state of schools address on Tuesday, November 11, at Strathmore Music Center.** All members of the community are invited to a light breakfast, student performances and artwork displays at 7:30 am, followed by Dr. Starr's address at 8:30 am. Foreign language and sign language interpreters will be available.

- **The National PTA Reflections Arts Program offers all students the opportunity to create and submit their original works of art, literature, musical composition, dance choreography, film production and visual arts.** There is a special artist division for children with special needs. This year the theme is: “The World Would be a Better Place If. . .” All Bells Mill students are invited to participate. We will have a Gallery Arts Show at school in December to display all the creations submitted by our students. **The deadline for submission to the PTA is November 26.** It is important to follow the guidelines on the pink information which was sent home in backpacks.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education