



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

October 27, 2014

Office of the Principal

This Week

- Mon., Oct. 27** **Last Day for 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. 3 Brownies, 3:30, rm. 159
Gr. 2 Brownies, 3:30, rm. 132
- Tue., Oct. 28** **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. 29** **Intermediate French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 212**
Intro to Spanish, 8:15-9:00 am, rm. 125
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. K/1 Principal's Tea, 7:00 pm, APR
- Thur., Oct. 30** **End of 1st Marking Period**
SGA Food Drive Ends
Halloween Parade, 1:45 pm, followed by class parties
Chinese, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 213
Gr. 2/4 Engineering: Big & Small, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
- Fri., Oct. 31** **No School for Students, Professional Day for Teachers**
Have a great weekend!

A Look Ahead

- Nov. 2** **Election Day, SCHOOL CLOSED**
Nov. 10 & 11 **Early Release, 1:00 pm dismissal**
 Parent Conferences (by appointment)
Nov. 12 **Report Cards distributed**

- **An important message regarding after school outdoor MSA sports:** If your child is registered to attend after school **outdoor** MSA sports activities, it is important that you check the MSA website <http://www.montgomerysports.org/page/show/542801-cancellations> for inclement weather cancellations. Please do not expect MSA to notify you of a cancellation. When we make an announcement that an activity is cancelled, we tell students to follow their regular after school plans (bus rider, walker, aftercare). If you wish to change your child's regular plans on inclement weather days, please call the office. We'll notify your child and the teacher.
- **Next week is Red Ribbon Week at Bells Mill.** This is a time to celebrate healthy living. Students and staff will be receiving red ribbons to wear on Monday and should wear them throughout the week. There will also be special prizes for students caught making healthy choices at school. Mrs. Kanter has been visiting students to teach guidance lessons on making healthy choices such as visiting the doctor, eating healthy foods, getting enough rest and exercise, and learning to handle peer pressure. Thanks for your support of Red Ribbon Week!
- **Student Government news:** Every Friday is Spirit Day at Bells Mill. SGA members will visit every classroom to judge which class shows the most school spirit by wearing Bells Mill spirit gear or school colors (blue and white). Please, no hair dye or face paint, just school colors or Bells Mill gear.
- **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.
- **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).
- **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.
- **Picture Make-Up Day is Thursday, November 13, for those students who were absent on Picture Day and for those who wish a retake.** In a few weeks, students will bring home proof sheets of their portraits along with instructions for ordering online. Parents who are unable to order online may return order forms to school.
- **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.
- **Need homework help?** *Homework Hotline Live* is a free service just for you. Call 301-279-3234 from 4 to 6 o'clock, and talk with real MCPS teachers as you watch them on TV. And you can send online messages until 9 o'clock from the website Ask H-H-L dot org. So write it down: 301-279-3234 and Ask H-H-L dot org.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education

