



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
November 10, 2014
Office of the Principal

This Week

Mon., Nov. 10

EARLY RELEASE, 1:00 pm
NO HEAD START TODAY
Parent Conferences (by appointment)
No After-School Activities today

Tue., Nov. 11

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No After-School Activities today

Wed., Nov. 12

REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED
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

Thur., Nov. 13

MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY RESCHEDULED FOR NOV. 18
Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:00 am, APR
Chinese, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 213
Gr. 2/4 Engineering: Big & Small, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
Gr. 2/3 Principal's Tea for Parents, 7:00 pm, APR

Fri., Nov. 14

Girls on the Run, 7:50-9:00 am
Lego Engineering Gr. K-2, 3:30-5:00 pm, rm. 163
K/5 Flag Football, 3:30-4:45 pm
Odyssey of the Mind, 3:30, Media Center
Bingo Night, 7:00-9:00 pm, APR
Wear your school colors today
Have a great weekend!

A Look Ahead

Wed., Nov. 19	Principal's Tea for Gr. 4/5 Parents, 7:00 pm, APR
Thur., Nov. 20	Gr. 2 to Strathmore Concert Hall
Wed., Nov. 26	Early Release, 1:00 pm
Thur.-Fri., Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday, School Closed

- **Please note schedule change.** **Picture Make-Up Day is rescheduled for Tuesday, November 18**, for those students who were absent on Picture Day and for those who desire a retake. Students who were photographed in October will receive their photo proofs and order forms in a few days.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences are held on the two early release days, November 10 and 11, 2014.** Please contact your child's teacher and schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress. Your involvement in education is critical to your child's success. *Dismissal is at 1:00 pm on both days.*
- **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.
- **Gr. 2/3 parents are invited to the Principal's Tea on Thursday, November 13, 7:00-8:00 pm in the APR.** This is an informal evening that provides you with an opportunity to ask questions that are specific to the Gr. 2/3 programs.
- **Are you thinking of purchasing a piano for your home?** Schaeffer Piano Co. in Rockville is holding its annual sale of specially-priced pianos to MCPS families, Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15, 2014. Call for an appointment, 301-424-1147. On Sunday, November 16, the sale will be open to the general public.
- **Gr. 4/5 parents are invited to the Principal's Tea on Wednesday, November 19, 7:00-8:00 pm in the APR.** This is an informal evening that provides you with an opportunity to ask questions that are specific to the Gr. 4/5 programs.
- **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.
- **PARCC Nights are Coming!** If you have questions about the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments and Common Core State Standards, you won't want to miss upcoming PARCC nights. Come learn about the assessments, what they mean for your child, and how MCPS is preparing students for success on these new tests. You will be able to try your hand at a PARCC test item or two and pick up grade-level information and resources. For more information, visit the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, search "PARCC Nights," or call 301-309-6277. The dates and locations are as follows:

Monday, November 24, 2014 Gaithersburg High School 101 Education Boulevard, Gaithersburg 6:30 pm—Resource Fair 7–9 pm—Program and Breakout Sessions	Monday, February 2, 2015 Montgomery Blair High School 51 University Boulevard East, Silver Spring 6:30 pm—Resource Fair 7-9 pm—Program and Breakout Sessions
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Thank you for being partners in your child's education