



This Week

Mon., Nov. 17

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
Computer/Video Programming, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 148
Gr. 3 Brownies, 3:30 pm, rm. 159
Gr. 2 Scouts, 3:30 pm, rm. 132
Gr. 4 Brownies, 3:30 pm
K Daisies, 3:30 pm, rm. 150
Restaurant Night at Tally Ho, 5:00-7:00 pm

Tue., Nov. 18

Make-Up Picture Day
Guitar Gr. 2-5, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 165
MSA Basketball, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym
K-1 Featured Creatures, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163

Wed., Nov. 19

Intermediate French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 212
Intro to Spanish, 8:15-9:00 am, rm. 125
Gr. 2 Brownies, 3:30 pm, rm. 155
Scout Troop 3069, 3:30 pm., rm. 153
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
Principal's Tea for Gr. 4/5 Parents, 7:00 pm, APR

Thur., Nov. 20

NO HEAD START TODAY
Gr. 2 to Strathmore Concert Hall
Chinese, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 213
Gr. 2/4 Engineering: Big & Small, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
Parent Resource Meeting, 7:00 pm, Media Center

Fri., Nov. 21

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
Wear your school colors today
Have a great weekend!

A Look Ahead

Wed., Nov. 26

Early Release (1:00 pm) for K-5; NO HEAD START

Thur.-Fri., Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday, School Closed

- **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. We will have several of our fourth and fifth grade teachers there to respond to questions.
- **Make-Up Picture Day is Tuesday, November 18.** New students, students who were absent on Picture Day, all Head Start students, and students who desire a retake will be photographed on Make-Up Picture Day. Also, photographers will be in the building throughout the day taking candid photos for the yearbook. *Those students who were photographed in October received order forms on Friday, November 14. Please note that your child's order form contains a personalized code so that you can view photos and order online.*
- **Attention Gr. 2 parents/guardians:** We will begin gathering information about your student to help match students to appropriate instructional placement in Gr. 3 and for Gifted and Talented (GT) identification. During the weeks of December 3-16, all Gr. 2 students will be assessed using the InView. The InView is an assessment of cognitive abilities. Each subtest takes approximately 25 minutes to complete. If your child is out sick on the day a part of the test is administered, he/she will be able to make-up the test. Over the next few months we will continue gathering information about each student from a variety of sources, including parents.
- **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.
- **The Montgomery County Board of Education has approved the calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.** The school year will begin on Monday, August 31, 2015 and is scheduled to end on Friday, June 17, 2016. Winter Break will run from Thursday, December 24, 2015 to Friday, January 1, 2016. Spring Break will run from Friday, March 25, 2016 to Friday, April 1, 2016. Students will also be off on Monday April 4, 2016 (teacher work day) and Tuesday April 5, 2016 (primary elections). You can view the full calendar on the MCPS website. As you may be aware, the Board of Education also voted to remove references to religious holidays from the school calendar. It is important to understand that this action does not change the days that students have off—MCPS will be closed for the same holidays next school year as it has been in the past. This action also does not impact the operations of our school or the instructional program in any way. For more information about the decision, please read this blog post from the President and Vice President of the Board: <http://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/mcps-board-of-education/following-the-law-on-the-school-calendar/>
View the 2015-2016 Calendar: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/future/index.aspx>
- **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	Monday, February 2, 2015
Gaithersburg High School	Montgomery Blair High School
101 Education Boulevard, Gaithersburg	51 University Boulevard East, Silver Spring
6:30 pm—Resource Fair	6:30 pm—Resource Fair
7-9 pm—Program and Breakout Sessions	7-9 pm—Program and Breakout Sessions

Thank you for being partners in your child's education

