



- Mon., Jan. 12** Photoshop/Animation, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
 Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163
 Legos Engineering, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 148
 Gr. 3 Brownies, rm. 159
 Gr. 4 Brownies, rm. 128
 K Daisies Troop 690, rm. 150
- Tue., Jan. 13** MSA Basketball, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym
- Wed., Jan. 14** Intermediate French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 212
 Intro to Spanish, 8:15-9:00 am, rm. 125
 Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30, rm. 120
 Art Escapades, Clay Creations, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163
 Chess, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center
 Scout Troop 3069, rm. 153
 Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 pm, APR
- Thur., Jan. 15** MSA Indoor Soccer, 3:30-4:30 pm
 K Daisies Troop 1643, rm. 163
 Tae Kwon Do, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
 Math and Literacy Game Night, 6:45 pm-8:15 pm
- Fri., Jan. 16** End of Marking Period
 Mad Science Experimentamania, 3:30-4:30 pm, 163
 Legos Engineering, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 213
 Odyssey of the Mind, 3:30, Media Center
 Wear your school colors today
 Have a great weekend!
- A look ahead**
- Jan. 19 NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 Jan. 20 NO SCHOOL for students/ Professional Day for teachers
 Jan. 21 7:00 pm Grade 5 Parent Meeting in Media Center

New after-school enrichment activities begin this week. Please be sure to inform your child's teacher of any change in dismissal plans.

- Our 2nd Annual Family Math and Literacy Game Night is on Thursday, January 15, 6:45-8:15 pm. A complimentary pizza dinner will be served, and there is no charge for the event. Connect with your family and neighbors while playing fun and educational games! Check the PTA website <http://bellsmill.org/> after break for more

information. Middle and high school volunteers who wish to earn SSL hours should check the PTA website for Sign Up Genius. Six spots will be available. See you there!

- **Grade 5 Parents:** Please hold the evening of January 21 for a brief meeting with the fifth grade team as we share the process of articulation for your children to Cabin John Middle School. We will be meeting in the Media Center from 7:00 – 7:30 pm. Then on January 29 you will be meeting with the staff at Cabin John Middle School to learn about the middle school program. Please check backpacks for a letter from Cabin John regarding orientation and registration.
- **A special thank you to all parents who helped us have an efficient and safe arrival this past week during the sub-zero temperatures.** It is extremely helpful when you remember to pull your vehicles all the way forward in the drop-off lane for arrival and have the children ready to exit the vehicle when you stop. Please remember for safety sake that children should only exit on the sidewalk-side of the vehicle. Thanks again for helping us.
- **Montgomery College Kids' College offers spring enrichment courses for students in grades K-12.** Courses are offered after school and on Saturdays on the Germantown and Takoma Park Campuses. Spring classes include Sewing, Geometry, Baseball, Keyboarding, Engineering, Web Design, and much more. For schedule and registration information visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth .
- **Montgomery County Public Schools launched a new open data portal on Monday, January 5, 2015, that allows the public to search, sort, and download a variety of information about the district.** The portal can be viewed at <http://data.montgomeryschoolsmd.org>. Among the data released on the OpenDataMCPS portal are:
 - The Superintendent's Recommended Operating Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016;
 - Enrollment for Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014;
 - Select data from the "Schools at a Glance" publication, including class sizes and student/teacher ratios, state performance indicators, and school positions and costs; and
 - Facilities information, including school addresses and attendance boundaries.

In the coming weeks and months additional information will be added to the portal, including performance data aligned to the five milestones in the district's Strategic Planning Framework, such as Advanced Placement and SAT performance.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education