



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

January 26, 2015

Office of the Principal

- Mon., Jan. 26** **Photoshop & Animation, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121**
Legos Engineering, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 209
Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163
Gr. 3 Brownies, rm. 159
Gr. 4 Brownies, rm. 128
K Daisies 690, rm. 150
Understanding PARCC parent workshop, 7:00 pm, Seneca Valley HS
- Tue., Jan. 27** **Class and Group Photos, 9:25-3:00**
Chess, 3:30-4:45, Media Center
MSA Basketball, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym
- Wed., Jan. 28** **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, 3:30-4:45 pm, Media Center
Imagination Stage, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
Scout Troop 3069, rm. 153
Bells Mill Restaurant Night at BGR, 4:00-9:00 pm
Info. mtg. for parents of next year's kindergarteners, 7:00 pm, Media Center
- Thur., Jan. 29** **Report Cards Distributed**
MSA Indoor Soccer, 3:30-4:30 pm
Intermediate Chinese, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 209
Tae Kwon Do, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
Yoga, 3:30-4:30, rm. 165
K Daisies 1643, rm. 163
- Fri., Jan. 30** **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**
Feb. 3 **PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, APR**

- **Parents of students in Gr. 3-8, learn how to prepare your student for PARCC assessments at Understanding PARCC Assessments, a parent information workshop, on Monday, January 26, 7:00-8:30 pm, Seneca Valley HS.** In spring 2015, students in Grades 3–8 will take PARCC assessments in English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics. These assessments will replace the Maryland

School Assessments, the current reading and mathematics state assessments. The PARCC tests will assess students' critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, and will provide timely information about whether a student is on track to be college and career ready by the time they graduate from high school. Come and learn strategies to prepare your child for the PARCC assessment. Facilitated by MCPS staff.

- **Class and Group photos will be taken on Tuesday, January 27**, beginning promptly at 9:25 am. All homeroom classes will be photographed, as well as the following groups: Patrols; Chorus; Instrumental Music; Best Buddies; Ambassadors; SERT/Recycling; and Student Government. Parents will have the option to order online. Order forms were sent home on Friday, January 23. **Please note that the date on the order form is incorrect. The correct date is Tuesday, January 27.**
- **Please help us get the message out to neighbors with incoming kindergarteners for the next school year.** We are now gathering names and contact information for next year's kindergarten class. Please ask your neighbors to call the school if they have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2015. Parents of incoming kindergarteners are invited to an **information meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 7:00 pm, in the Media Center**, where they will learn about our kindergarten program and get their questions answered. Additionally, parents and their future kindergarteners are welcome to observe a typical day in kindergarten at our Open House on **Friday, February 6 (snow date February 9), 9:30-11:30 am** (we ask that younger siblings not attend). Our *tentative* dates for Kindergarten Orientation are Wednesday and Thursday, April 1 and 2 (by appointment).
- **Report cards for the second marking period will be sent home in backpacks on Thursday, January 29, to all students in K-Gr. 5. If you have any questions regarding report cards please contact your child's teacher.**
- **The Montgomery County Board of Education is considering several options for adjusting school starting and ending times (also known as bell times) allowing high school students to begin classes later in the day. Changes in bell times will impact starting and ending times for elementary schools.** Any changes to bell times will be approved on February 10, 2015. For a summary of bell times options and for information on public hearings, please visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/belltimes/index.aspx>.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education