



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
**Week of February 23, 2015**  
**Office of the Principal**

- Mon., Feb. 23**      **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. 2 Scouts, rm. 132**  
**Gr. 4 Brownies, rm. 128**  
**K Daisies Troop 690, rm. 150**
- Tue., Feb. 24**      **Book Drive through March 6**  
**Chess, 3:30-4:45, Media Center**  
**MSA Basketball, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym**
- Wed., Feb. 25**      **Intermediate French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 212**  
**Intro to Spanish, 8:15-9:00 pm, rm. 125**  
**Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:00 pm, rm. 120**  
**Art Escapades, Clay Creations, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163**  
**Chess, 3:30-4:45 pm, Media Center**  
**Cooking and Math, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 129**  
**Imagination Stage, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121**  
**Scout Troop 3069, rm. 153**
- Thur., Feb. 26**      **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. 164**  
**Yoga, 3:30-4:30, rm. 165**  
**Chemistry, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121**  
**K Daisies Troop 1643, rm. 163**  
**Yoga, 3:30-4:30, rm. 165**
- Fri., Feb. 27**      **Early Release today, 1:00 pm dismissal**  
**Gr. 4 Brownies field trip**  
**Black History Celebration, 7:00 pm, APR (rescheduled from Feb. 20)**  
**Wear your school colors today**  
**Have a great weekend!**

**A look ahead**

**March 5      Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:00 am, rm. 165**

- **The Black History Celebration has been rescheduled from February 20 to February 27, 7:00 pm, in the APR. Please join us for an evening of entertainment. Dinner is provided. Admission is FREE.**

- **Attention parents of students in Grades 3, 4 and 5, PARCC assessments will take place in March and April.** Please be sure to have your child arrive to school on time, be well rested, and have a good breakfast. It's important that you refrain from scheduling appointments on testing days. Please mark your calendars.

**Performance-Based Assessment:**

Grade Level	Subject	Test Dates*
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	English Language Arts	March 2, 3 and 4 (mornings)
	Mathematics	March 9 and 10 (mornings)
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	English Language Arts	March 16, 17 and 18 (mornings)
	Mathematics	March 3 and 4 (afternoons)
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	English Language Arts	March 11, 12 and 13 (mornings)
	Mathematics	March 16 and 17 (afternoons)

**End-of-Year Assessment:**

Grade Level	Subject	Test Dates
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	English Language Arts	April 22 (morning)
	Mathematics	April 27 and 28 (mornings)
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	English Language Arts	April 29 (morning)
	Mathematics	May 4 and 5 (mornings)
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	English Language Arts	May 5 (morning)
	Mathematics	April 30 and May 1 (mornings)

\*Please note: Some of these dates/times may differ from what we originally published in the Bells Mill Spotlight.

- **Our annual Book Drive continues through March 6.** Please send in your gently used, age-appropriate books to the collection boxes located in the main hall. On March 6, each Bells Mill student will have the opportunity to select and keep one book from the books collected. Any remaining books will be donated to not-for-profit organizations.
- **Get ready for the Bells Mill Stars of Tomorrow Talent Show.** If you have a talent that you would like to share, then you should consider auditioning for the talent show. Everyone who auditions will be included in the show. Due to the popularity of this event, we are having two performances.

**Grades K-2 will perform on Friday, March 13, 7:00 pm, with auditions on Tuesday, March 10, 3:30-5:00 pm, and mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, March 11, 3:30-5:00 pm.**

**Grades 3-5 will perform on Friday, March 20, 7:00 pm, with auditions on Tuesday, March 17, 3:30-5:00 pm, and mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, March 21, 3:30-5:00 pm.**

*No transportation is provided.* Students should bring an afternoon snack to the auditions and rehearsals. Watch backpacks for registration/permission forms. Questions, contact LaTisha Gasaway at [minds in motion@yahoo.com](mailto:minds_in_motion@yahoo.com) .

- **Attention Grade 2 Parents, we are in the process of gathering information about your student to plan for the upcoming school year, including screening for gifted and talented programming.** We gather information from a variety of sources, including parents, student performance, and InView cognitive assessments. During the week of March 2, Grade 2 parents will receive an input form in the US mail. **Please return the completed form to your child's teacher within a week of receiving it.** Before the end of the school year, you will receive information from our school indicating instructional placements for Grade 3, as well as your child's performance on the InView Cognitive Assessments.
- **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. Our dates for Kindergarten Orientation are Wednesday and Thursday, April 1 and 2 (by appointment).

*Thank you for being partners in your child's education*