

Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

Week of April 13, 2015

Office of the Principal

Mon., April 13 Welcome Back!

Bicycle Safety Week

Photoshop & Animation, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121 Legos Engineering, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 209

Gr. 4 Brownies, rm. 128 K Daisies, Troop 690, rm. 150

Tue., April 14 Report Cards Distributed today

Gr. 5 MSA Science testing all day Kindergarten to Rose Hill Manor Chess, 3:30-4:45, Media Center MSA Basketball, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym

Wed., Apr. 15 Gr. 5 MSA Science testing all day

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

Thur., Apr.16 Gr. 5 MSA Science testing all day

MSA Indoor Soccer, 3:30-4:30 pm

Intermediate Chinese, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 209 Parent Resource Night, 7:00 pm, Media Center

Fri., Apr. 17 Gr. 4 to Historic St. Mary's City, 7:00 am-4:30 pm

Science Fair, 9:30-11:15 am and 7:00-8:00 pm, APR

A look ahead

Apr. 22 Cyber Safety Night, 7:00-8:15 pm, Beverly Farms ES

May 1 International Night, 7:00-9:00 pm

• Bells Mill International Night is Friday, May 1, 7:00-9:00 pm. All families are invited to travel around the world by experiencing the wide variety of cultures that make up Bells Mill. Help us celebrate our cultural diversity by hosting a country and sharing your heritage through images, food and crafts. Students can perform a 1-2 minute cultural act with their families or friends. Sign up today indicating Host,

Performer or Both at http://tinyurl.com/ox6qyr2. Deadline to sign up for performances is **Friday, April 3**, while deadline for country host sign up is Tuesday, April 14. Questions, bmes.intlfest@gmail.com.

- Parents, the Churchill cluster elementary school counselors are hosting a Cyber Safety night on Wednesday, April 22, 7:00-8:15 pm, at Beverly Farms ES. All parents are invited to attend this informational session.
- Attention Gr. 5 Parents, your child will take the Maryland State Assessments in Science April 14-20. Please refrain from making appointments on these important test dates. We ask that you have your child at school on time, well rested and ready for testing. Students who are absent due to illness will have the opportunity to make up all or part of the testing.
- Bike Safety Week begins on Monday, April 13, for students in grades 3-5 during their PE classes. This is a fun way to learn bicycle safety. No equipment is necessary from home. No previous bike riding experience required. Safety equipment and bikes are provided courtesy of the Montgomery County Rec. Dept.
- Class and individual photos with Martin Luther King III visit are still available online. View and purchase class and individual photos at www.freedspirit.com. The password is BELLS15MLK.
- The Science Fair is coming on April 17, 9:30-11:15 am and 7:00-8:00 pm. Click here for important details, Science Fair Flyer. Each participant MUST sign up to "register" their project before March 31, 2015. To do so, visit http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E44AEA87-2015. We welcome the help of volunteers. To volunteer please go to http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E44AEA87-2015.
- The last day of school for students will be Monday, June 15, 2015. This will be an early release day (1:00 pm dismissal for Bells Mill). Friday, June 12, will now be a full day of instruction and the professional day for teachers planned for June 15 will now be held on Tuesday, June 16. The State Superintendent of Schools has approved a waiver that will allow MCPS to go two days below the 180 days of instruction required by state law. This will require us to make up one day of instruction that was lost due to inclement weather.