

**Week of April 27, 2015** 

Office of the Principal

Mon., April 27 PARCC Assessments Gr. 3 Math

Photoshop & Animation, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121 Legos Engineering, 3:30-5:00 pm, rm. 209 Tumbling (K-3), 3:30-4:30 pm, gym

Gr. 4 Brownies, rm. 128

Tue., April 28 PARCC Assessments Gr. 3 Math

MSA Basketball, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym

Wed., Apr. 29 Intermediate French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 212 (last session)

Intro to Spanish, 8:15-9:00 pm, rm. 125

PARCC Assessments Gr. 4 English and Language Arts

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

Imagination Stage, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121

Street Hockey, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym

PhotoMath Spy Fun, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 129

Thur., Apr.30 PARCC Assessments Gr. 5 Math

Gr. 3 Pizza Demonstration, 1:30-3:00 pm, APR

MSA Indoor Soccer, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym Intermediate Chinese, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 209

Tae Kwon Do, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym

Great Adventure Space Lab, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 148

Fri., May 1 PARCC Assessments Gr. 5 Math

Flag Football, 3:30-4:30 pm

Art Escapades, rm. 163, 3:30-4:30 pm International Night, 7:00-9:00 pm

A look ahead

May 4-8 Staff Appreciation Week
May 5 Gr. 5 to Baltimore
May 8 Gr. 3 to Smithsonian

• Remember to come to International Night this Friday, May 1. Students will present cultural performances from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. Then, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm families can enjoy food, crafts, displays

and costumes as we tour the world and explore the cultural diversity of Bells Mill. Please, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

- Bells Mill KinderCamp for incoming kindergarteners and Camp Bells Mill for students entering grades 1-5 will take place July 6-24, 8:30 am to noon. The camps are taught by our own wonderful teachers. All students in grades K through 4 brought home a letter containing information/registration form. The letter and form are also available on our home page at <a href="http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles/">http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles/</a>, and extras are available in the office. It's important that we hear from you so that we can hire the appropriate number of teachers. The cost is \$475. There are opportunities for tuition reduction through income eligibility. No child will be denied participation due to financial constraints. Call the office if you would like information on payment options.
- Reminder to Grade 3 parents, your student recently brought home a permission form for the May 8 field trip to the Smithsonian. Please complete both sides of the form and return it to your child's teacher with payment of \$17. Due date was Friday, April 24, 2015
- Reminder to Grade 5 parents, your student recently brought home a permission form for the May 5 field trip to the Science Center in Baltimore. Please complete both sides of the form and return it to your child's teacher with payment of \$19. Due date is Monday, April 27, 2015.
- Every student in grades K to 4 recently brought home a blue form requesting enrollment plans for the next school year. Please complete the form and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We need this information in order to plan staffing for next year. Extra copies of the form are available in the office.
- Two Bells Mill teams will go on to compete in the 2015 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals, May 20-24, at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Our teams will compete against more than 80 other schools from all over the world. We congratulate the following students and wish them good luck in this endeavor: Audrey Benford; Harrison Benford; Ryan Chernoff; Ilayda Dogan; Leah Freisinger; Sophia Hoffmeyer; Junwoo Kim; Ava Lewis; Maddie Lewis; Kamran Rana; and, Ian Su.
- **Gr. 5 Parents, mark your calendars!** Cabin John MS will host an orientation for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 8:30-11:30 am. Parents must provide transportation. Questions, please call the Cabin John MS guidance office at 301-469-1150.
- Recently we have seen an increase in the number of students who are dropped off in the morning as early as 8:30. School doors open at 8:55 am. No staff members are on duty to supervise early drop offs. Please, for the safety of your child, drop off should be no earlier than 8:50 am.
- The spring schedule for the Parent Academy is available online at <a href="www.mcpsparentacademy.org">www.mcpsparentacademy.org</a>. The Parent Academy offers FREE workshops on a variety of parenting topics at various locations throughout the county. Childcare and interpretation services are provided. Please register online or call 301-517-5940.
- Help wanted. Now that spring is here, please consider volunteering for recess. We need parents who are willing to supervise games and encourage safe play.

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