



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

Week of June 1, 2015

Office of the Principal

- Mon., June 1** All library books due
Last day for yearbook orders
Photoshop Animation, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
Legos, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 209
Tumbling, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym
- Tue., June 2** MSA Basketball, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym
- Wed., June 3** 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
Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 pm, APR
- Thur., June 4** Field Day, 9:30-11:00 am
MSA Soccer, 3:30-4:45 pm
Tae Kwon Do, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym
- Fri., June 5** Art Escapades, rm. 163, 3:30-4:30 pm
Bells Mill Bash, 5:30-8:00 pm
- A look ahead**
- June 10** Gr. 5 picnic at Inverness Pool, 9:30 am-3:00 pm
- June 11** Ms. Jackson class celebration, 1:45 pm
Gr. 5 Promotion Ceremony at Churchill HS, 7:00 pm
- June 12** End of last marking period
Ms. Wolfe class celebration, 1:30 pm
Ms. Matthews class celebration, 1:30 pm
Ms. Ginsburg class celebration, 1:30 pm
Best Buddies Sock Hop, 2:00-3:00 pm, APR
- June 15** Early dismissal at 1:00 pm (last day of school)
- June 23** Report Cards mailed home from central office
- July 6-24** Camp Bells Mill and KinderCamp, 8:30 am-noon

- **It's not too late to register for Camp Bells Mill and KinderCamp.** Camps are held July 6-24, 8:30 am-noon. Registration forms are available at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles/> . Cost

is \$475. No child will be denied participation due to financial constraints. Call the office to discuss options for tuition reduction. It is important that we hear from you now so that we can plan for staffing.

- **Last week we were treated to two great concerts by Mr. Sheets and the 4th/5th Grade Chorus.** They presented a program of songs which had been requested by the 4th/5th grade teachers. Thank you, Mr. Sheets and chorus members, for your hard work and wonderful performances.
- **Ms. Wolfe's kindergarten class is having a bake sale and raffle to raise money for the No Kid Hungry campaign of Share Our Strength to end childhood hunger in the U.S.** Please come to the bake sale on Sunday, May 31, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, at the Giant in Potomac Village, where many delicious treats will be for sale. We hope to see you there.
Great prizes have been donated for the raffle including Nat's tickets! Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Each Bells Mill student brought home an informational flyer and 5 raffle tickets. If you wish to purchase any or all of your tickets, please return them to school with payment (cash or check payable to Share Our Strength). Extra tickets are available in the office. Last day for entries is Tuesday, June 8, and winning tickets will be pulled on Wednesday, June 9. Please support Ms. Wolfe's kindergarteners in this charitable project.
- **Join us at the Bash on Friday June 5, 5:30-8:00 pm.** Don't miss out on the fun. Please visit the PTA website for information on how to purchase wristbands for admission to the event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Yearbooks are on sale. Go online to Schoolannual.com and click Buy Your Student's Yearbook. Cost is \$22.00 per book. Last day for ordering is June 1.**
- **A reminder from the cafeteria . . .** if your child's cafeteria account balance is low, please send in a check to cover lunches through the end of the school year. If your child owes money to the cafeteria please send in a check to cover the negative amount. **The school has to pay for any negative account balances that remain at the end of the year.** Any money left in your child's account will carry over to next year.
- **If you wish to honor your child's teacher with an end of year gift, please consider a tax deductible contribution to the Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund.** Your donation will help deserving Bells Mill students and their families. The teacher will receive a card stating that a contribution has been made by you, and you will receive a receipt and letter acknowledging your tax deductible contribution. Please make checks payable to "*Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund*" and send them to Ms. DeMarino in the office.
- **It's important that all parents are signed up to receive electronic Bear Post communications.** Bear Posts are weekly messages that include the principal's weekly newsletter, event dates and school news. Important back to school information will be communicated in August via Bear Post. If you have not already done so, visit the PTA website and enter your email address to receive Bear Post communications. Please encourage neighbors who are new to Bells Mill to sign up too.
- **Please check under the beds, in the closet, on the book shelves and under the sofa for all textbooks, media center books and other materials your child may have borrowed or been issued this year. All library books are due June 1, 2015. Classes with 100% return will earn an extra recess.**
- **Congratulations to our Math Kangaroo participants and winners!** Thirty-four Bells Mill students from grade 1-5, along with more than 21,000 students from 40 US states, participated in this competition. Math

Kangaroo awarded the 20 top results at national level and the 3 top results at state levels. We have six national winners and three Maryland state winners. The state winners are Charlotte Li (grade 2), Maya Siegal (grade 3) and Andrew Yu (grade 4). The national winners are: Allison Lin, Charlotte Li (grade 2); Maya Siegal (grade 3); Harrison Benford, Ilayda Dogan, Andrew Yu (grade 4).

- **Health Room news . . .** Your child's medication must be picked up no later than 1:00 pm on Monday, June 15. Any medication left after that time will be destroyed. Questions, call Mrs. Messina at 301-469-1248.
- **A request from the 5th grade class . . .** This is an exciting time of year as we prepare for promotion to middle school. Our ceremony is a special occasion for us and our families. Our parents have been so supportive during our elementary school years, and we want to enable them to enjoy the ceremony. So, we are asking parents with students in lower grades to please volunteer some of your time on the evening of Thursday, June 11, at Churchill HS. In past years this has been done for the promotion ceremony, and we hope that you will help continue the tradition. If you are willing to volunteer, please visit Sign Up Genius at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0F45A4A96-bells/7493861 . We appreciate your kindness.

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