

Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

Week of June 8, 2015

Office of the Principal

Mon., June 8 Photoshop Animation, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121

Tumbling, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym Legos, 3:30-5:00 pm, rm. 209

Tue., June 9 Last Day to Purchase Tickets for Ms. Wolfe's Class Raffle

Gifted/Talented Mtg. for Gr. 2 Parents and Parents New to MCPS, 7:00 pm, Media Center

Wed., June 10 Gr. 5 picnic at Inverness Pool, 9:30 am-3:00 pm

Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163 Photomath Spy Fun, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 129

Thur., June 11 Ms. Jackson class celebration, 1:45 pm

Gr. 5 Promotion Ceremony at Churchill HS, 7:00 pm

Fri., 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

A look ahead June 15 Early dismissal at 1:00 pm (last day of school)

June 17 Gr. 6 Orientation at Cabin John MS

June 23 Report Cards mailed home from central office July 6-24 Camp Bells Mill and KinderCamp, 8:30 am-noon

- Attention all Grade 2 Parents and Parents of Students New to MCPS...There will be an information on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 7:00 pm in the Media Center. We will review the Global Screening Process for Gifted and Talented Identification and how to understand the parent reports which will be mailed home.
- A few spots remain open for Camp Bells Mill and KinderCamp. Camps are held July 6-24, 8:30 am-noon. Call Ms. DeMarino in the main office to register your child.
- Great prizes have been donated for the Miss Wolfe's class raffle, including Nat's tickets! Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. All proceeds go to Share Our Strength to end childhood hunger in the U.S. 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 9, and winning tickets will be pulled on Wednesday, June 10. Please support Ms. Wolfe's kindergarteners in this charitable project.
- 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 main 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.
- **Reminder from the Health Room** ... 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, Ms. Messina at 301-469-1250.
- Over the summer the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP) offers helpful classes and workshops for parents to learn essential parenting tips. Classes and workshops are held at 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Prices vary, but scholarships are available, and 20% discount is offered on early bird registrations. To view the summer calendar and to register online, please visit www.PEPparent.org.
- The 5th grade class thanks all the parents who so graciously signed up to help with our promotion ceremony on the evening of Thursday, June 11, at Churchill HS. A few slots remain open. We hope you will consider signing up. 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.