

Bells Mill Elementary School

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Office of the Principal

August 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We hope this letter finds you relaxed and refreshed after a fun-filled summer with your families. Once again I am amazed at how quickly the summer flies by and that once again we are ready to begin a brand new school year. The staff and I are looking forward to an incredible year with your children.

We have had several staff changes over the summer. Mrs. Kemp has accepted a position as the school counselor at Maryvale Elementary School. She will be greatly missed. In addition I am excited to share that we hired Mrs. Wilkes as our new reading specialist. We welcome new staff members to our school family. Miss Conran has moved to second grade. We will miss our staff and know you join us in wishing them all the best as they begin new professional endeavors.

Join me in welcoming new staff members to Bells Mill. We welcome Mr. Robert Hirsch to our second grade team. He is a recent graduate of the University Maryland Masters in Teaching program and completed a very successful internship at Waters Landing Elementary School. We are very fortunate to have him join our staff. Mrs. Lisa Miller is joining our staff as our new third grade team member. Mrs. Miller is a veteran MCPS teacher. She has served as a consulting teacher and has worked most recently at Viers Mill ES. We are thrilled to have her join our staff. Mrs. Joanna Levine is our new Head Start teacher. She comes to us from Maryvale Elementary where she was a kindergarten teacher. We are very excited to increase our autism program by one classroom this year. Ms. Jill Guthridge is our new teacher. She is a recent graduate from the Masters Program for students with disabilities from the University of Maryland. Mrs. Erica Orbach and Ms. Chelsea Powers are joining as para-educators supporting the autism program. This year we will have Ms. LaScola as our .1 music teacher, Mrs. Abid as our .1 art teacher and Ms. Botsford is our .1 PE teacher. I know you will join me in welcoming our new staff to the Bells Mill School Family.

We look forward to seeing all families during the Open House which will be held on Friday, August 28. The Open House will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 10:00 AM. This is an opportunity for you and your children to drop in, meet their teachers, and visit the classrooms. Immediately following the Open House there will be a **popcorn social** at 10:00 AM on the playground. Each student will receive a "welcome to my class" phone call from his/her new teacher during the week of August 24. The following pages contain important information. **Please note that our school times have changed this year. Instruction begins for students at 9:25 AM (students in their seats and ready for class by 9:20 AM) and will end at 3:50 PM. Students may enter the building in the morning at 9:05 AM.** Lunch prices will remain the same this year. Please check the attached letter from food services. The bus schedule and school supply list are also included in the following pages. Please carefully review these pages and keep them handy for your information. I am also including our Bell Schedule, Recess and Lunch Schedule and Half Day Schedule for your reference. Enjoy the rest of the summer. The staff and I are looking forward to a great 2015-2016 school year at Bells Mill.

Sincerely,

Jerri B. Oglesby
Principal

Duane L. Ross
Assistant Principal

Mark Your Calendars:

August 27 7:00 PM Kindergarten Parent Meeting (parents only)
August 28 9:00-10:00 AM Open House
August 31 First Day of School
September Labor Day --- No School
September 9 Back to School Night (Gr. K-2)
September 10 Back to School Night (Gr. 3-5)

First Day Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

It is important that students begin their routines the first day of school. If your child will be riding a bus, please have your child ride the bus the first day. If your child will be dropped off each morning, then please follow the enclosed procedures. We have parking at our building, but not enough to accommodate all parents parking and walking their children in to the building. There will be all available staff on hand to assist students until they have the routines in place.

Arrival Procedures – August 31, 2015

- All walker and drop off students will enter through the main doors at **9:05AM**. Bus students will enter through the all-purpose room doors. Bus students will be given a “ticket” as they exit the bus to hand to their classroom teacher. This will ensure that students return home on the appropriate bus.
- Kindergarten through grade 2 students will report immediately to the gymnasium where they will meet their classroom teachers and walk to class together.
- Students in grades 3 – 5 will go directly to their assigned homeroom classrooms.

Dismissal Procedures (The first few days we will begin the process a little early --- however, by Friday we will be on the regular schedule)

Safety Patrols will be dismissed at 3:40 PM to go to their posts. All other students are to remain in their classrooms.

All walkers will be dismissed at 3:45 PM. Kindergarten walker students will be dismissed through the gym entrance to the building to be handed off directly to parents or caregivers. All other walkers(Grades 1 – 5) will be dismissed through the front doors.

Georgetown Hill students will be dismissed to a line-up area, and Bar-T students will be escorted by their staff to the AP Room.

All bus students will be dismissed at 3:50 PM. The first day, bus students will be called one bus at a time. However, after the first day, students will be called directly to their buses. We dismiss bus students in the order their buses arrive at the school. Patrols will escort the kindergarten students directly to their buses. Kindergarten students are boarded on bus prior to other grade levels being called.

Procedures for Dropping off and Picking up Your Children Each Day

Please share the following information with your caregivers if they are the responsible for morning drop off and afternoon pick-up of your children. These rules apply during good and bad weather.

- ✓ Parking in the school lot is for staff members only. There are a limited number of visitor spaces, but not enough to accommodate all families.
- ✓ Cars are not allowed to enter or leave the school bus loop between 8:30-9:30 a.m. and between 2:45-4:00p.m.
- ✓ If you choose to drop your child off in the morning you must enter the drop off circle and pull up as far as you can along the sidewalk area in the front of the building. Your child should exit the car on the passenger side of the vehicle onto the sidewalk and enter through the front door of the building. As soon as your child has exited the vehicle, pull through the circle and exit back onto Bells Mill Rd. **The circle is for drop off only. You may not park in the fire lane. If you wish to walk your child to the front door, you may park in the lot if space is available or on the street.**
- ✓ Approved drop off and pick up points are on both sides of Bells Mill Rd. between Bells Mill ES and Cabin John MS. Please park at the corners of Bells Mill Rd. and Democracy Ln. To alleviate traffic congestion on Bells Mill Rd., other drop off locations are:
 - ❖ Either side of Democracy Ln.
 - ❖ Deborah Dr. (on the school side of the roadway)
 - ❖ Bells Ridge Terrace behind the playground (follow the walkway from the neighborhood).
 - ❖ **Please DO NOT drop students off while stopped in traffic on Bells Mill Rd.**
- ❖ **All students must enter through the front doors. All other doors remain locked for security purposes.**
- ❖ **Drop Off Safety Tips:**
- ❖ Children should always exit vehicles on the sidewalk/shoulder side of the road
- ❖ Parents and children should always walk in marked crosswalks only
- ❖ **Kiss and Walk Tips:**
- ❖ If you choose to walk your children to the building, please say goodbye on the sidewalk area and allow them to walk to their classrooms independently.

No student should cross through the parking lot. There is a walk that students may access from the Georgetown Hill pathway that leads directly to the front door area. The crossing guard will cross students directly to the sidewalk area that leads to the front door. Patrols will also be on duty to monitor and assist.

After School Pick Up

All bus students will be called directly to their buses. They will exit through the AP room doors. Kindergarten walkers will be dismissed by the teachers through the gym entrance door. All other walkers will be dismissed through the front door. It is important that parents and caregivers follow procedures to avoid confusion for students.

Bells Mill Elementary School 2015-2016

Bell Schedule

Arrival

9:05 - arrival of first bus; duty begins

9:10- Students report to class (Breakfast begins)

9:20 – Morning Announcements

9:25 - Instruction begins

Dismissal:

3:40 **School Wide Organization Time.** An announcement will be made directing safety patrols to report to their posts

3:45 All walkers, students being picked up, Georgetown Hill students will be dismissed. BarT will escort their students to the APR. Kindergarten walkers will be handed off to parents at Gym Entrance. Patrols will escort all bus students to the AP Room to begin boarding buses.

3:47: Bus students will be called as they arrive. **Please keep students quiet during this time and record buses as they are called in order to prevent students from missing buses.**

Recess/Lunch

Group	Recess	Lunch
Grades 2/5	11:25 – 12:05	12:05 – 12:35
Grades K/3	12:05 – 12:45	12:45 – 1:15
Grades 1/4	12:45 – 1:25	1:25 – 1:55

Half Day/Early Dismissal Schedule

Arrival

9:05- arrival of first bus; duty begins

9:10 - Students report to class (Breakfast begins)

9:20 – Morning Announcements

9:25 - Instruction begins

Dismissal

1:10 **School Wide Organization Time.** An announcement will be made directing safety patrols to report to their posts

1:15 All walkers, students being picked up, Georgetown Hill, and Bar-T students will be dismissed. Kindergarten walkers will be handed off to parents at Gym Entrance. Patrols will escort all bus students to the AP Room to begin boarding buses.

1:20 Bus students will be called as they arrive. Please keep students quiet during this time and record buses as they are called in order to prevent students from missing buses. (Paras will monitor dismissal)

Lunch/Recess

Group	Lunch	Recess
Grades K/1	11:30 – 12:00	None
Grades 2/3	12:05 – 12:30	None
Grades 4/5	12:35 – 1:00	none



July 1, 2015



Dear Elementary School Parent:

Enclosed are route schedules for buses serving your child's school. This information is also available on the MCPS website. Please note the appropriate time, location, and route number for your child. Route numbers are displayed on each bus, on the side window. Questions about transportation should be directed to your transportation depot. Your school or the MCPS website can provide you with contact information for your transportation cluster manager.

Bus stops previously scheduled may have been eliminated or relocated to provide economies in operation. Every effort is made to minimize inconvenience to students and parents, and provide a reasonable level of service. Saving support budget dollars provides more resources for classrooms.

Appropriate student behavior is important to the safety and comfort of everyone. Parents are encouraged to discuss behavior with their children regularly to reinforce this message. It is important that all students follow the rules stated in the "Ride by the Rules." campaign. For more information on this, please visit: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/> or ask your school for one of the "Ride by the Rules" pamphlets.

School bus transportation is provided for elementary school children who live more than one (1) mile from their home school. If you live within one mile of the school and you do not see a stop on the list that is in your neighborhood, your child is not eligible for transportation.

Parents are responsible for their children on the way to the bus stop, at the bus stop, and on the way home from the bus stop. Children should arrive at the stop at least five minutes before the established pick-up time. Parents are responsible for children as soon as they get off the bus at the afternoon bus stop and should plan to meet the bus or arrange for a caretaker or other responsible adult to accompany the children safely home or to the child care provider. Parents should instruct their children where to get off the bus and familiarize them with unique aspects of the bus stop or landmarks so that, prior to the first day they will ride the bus, the children will clearly know the stop where they should get off the bus. Please note: bus operators do not know all of the possible caretakers for each child that might be picking up a student on a particular day, and are unable to

match each child to a specific adult. When students get off the bus, they are entirely in the care of the parent or other caregiver, or are on their own to walk home if no parent or caregiver is present. Please provide the tools for your children to become independent riders by making sure they know exactly where to get off the bus as well as the need to immediately alert the bus operator, before getting off the bus if possible, if they do not see a parent or other person who normally meets them at the bus stop. Once alerted, the bus operator would return the student to the school, or take other steps to ensure the child's safety.

If you usually meet your child at the bus stop, and cannot make it on a given day, call the school well before dismissal time and ask that your child be kept at the school to be picked up rather than placed on the bus. This is an emergency back-up plan that should only be used in those rare circumstances when you are unexpectedly and unavoidably delayed in making it to the bus stop. Keep the school phone number in your cell phone or other convenient place so you will be ready should an emergency arise. Establishing a buddy plan for your child with an older sibling or classmate is advised in case your child ends up at the afternoon bus stop without you or another caregiver. Bus schedules are approximate and may vary due to traffic, weather conditions, and student changes, so be at the bus stop ahead of the normal drop off time.

Following safety rules when boarding, riding, and getting off the bus is very important. Reviewing safety rules with your child will help to ensure bus safety.

Key Points:

If you want your child to be supervised by an adult while walking home from the afternoon bus stop, you must make sure that happens. Once the student gets off the bus, only you can ensure your child is appropriately supervised. We recommend the following when students need supervision after getting off the school bus:

- Plan for you or another caregiver to be at the bus stop ahead of the normal drop-off time as the bus could come early on any given day.
- Plan in advance for another adult who is normally at the bus stop to care for your child if you are not there one day.
- Call the school, well before dismissal time, if you have an emergency and cannot make it to the bus stop one day, so your child will be kept at school for pick-up rather than put on the bus. Be sure you always have the school phone number with you in case you need it.
- Be sure your child knows and can identify the proper bus stop and knows not to get off the bus at any other stop.

- Arrange an older student "buddy" who will walk home with your child, or allow your child to stay at their house until you pick up your child. Be sure to work with the other student's parent when arranging this plan.
- Be sure your child knows to tell the bus driver, before getting off the bus, if something is "not right." This could include, among other things, a parent or caregiver who is usually at the stop being absent; missing their stop; or having gotten on the wrong bus and not recognizing any stop.

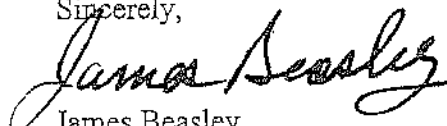
When bus stops are scheduled at intersections, students should stand safely away from traffic, within 150 feet of the stop. Students waiting for buses may choose to stand in carports and garages for protection from the elements. This is acceptable only if: (1) it does not alter the route; (2) it does not increase the number of stops; (3) it is acceptable to all parties involved; and, (4) it is reasonably close to the regular stop (so that a substitute bus operator, not familiar with special arrangements, may easily locate the students). Please note that bus operators are only authorized to stop at designated stops. Please do not request unauthorized stops. Montgomery County Public Schools realizes a substantial fuel savings by limiting the number of bus stops.

Students who wish to ride home on a friend's bus, or get off their own bus at a friend's stop must bring a note from their parent. Once approved and signed by the principal, the student should give this note to the operator of the bus they will be riding. This practice will normally be approved where space permits.

Inclement weather creates many hardships for us all. It is not possible to provide additional transportation during winter months or on rainy days, and for this reason, students should dress accordingly. In case buses are not able to reach designated stops due to snow and ice accumulation, parents are encouraged to make advance arrangements with bus operators so that students who live in these areas can board at alternate locations when necessary.

Student transportation can only operate effectively if we all do our part to make things work. Parental assistance and cooperation is needed to provide a safe transportation system for student riders.

Sincerely,



James Beasley
Depot Manager

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Enclosures

Arrival Routes Report

Route: 1202 - BELLS MILL ES**First Stop Time: 9:00 A.M.**

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND GRAND TETON DR
2	GAINSBOROUGH RD AND WINDSOR VIEW DR
3	GAINSBOROUGH RD AND SNUG HILL LA
4	10229 SEVEN LOCKS RD 20854
5	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND TURNING CREEK CT - RSO
6	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND MUIRFIELD CT - RSO
7	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND ORACLE PL - RSO
8	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SEVEN HILL LA - RSO
	9:20 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1209 - BELLS MILL ES**First Stop Time: 9:07 A.M.**

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	8512 TUCKERMAN LA
2	8500 TUCKERMAN LA - RSO
3	FOX RUN AND LAMPLIGHTER LA
4	CANDLELIGHT LA AND LOCHINVER LA
5	11333 DEBORAH DR 20854
6	DEBORAH DR AND KILLEAN WAY
7	DEBORAH DR AND LAKENHEATH WAY
8	DEBORAH DR AND LARKMEADE LA
	9:20 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1211 - BELLS MILL ES**First Stop Time: 9:10 A.M.**

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	TUCKERMAN LA AND ANGUS PL
2	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SCOTLAND DR - RSO
	9:20 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1212 - BELLS MILL ES**First Stop Time: 8:54 A.M.**

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	WILLOWBROOK DR AND HARVEST SQUARE CT
2	STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND PAYTLEY BRIDGE LA
3	WILLOWBROOK DR AND CAMBRIDGE MANOR CT
4	STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND STAPLEFORD HALL CT
5	STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND STAPLEFORD HALL PL
6	8904 BELLS MILL RD 20854 - DEVELOPMENT ENTRANCE
7	GREAT ARBOR DR AND TALLYHO TRL
8	GREAT ARBOR DR AND TROTTERS TRL
9	HIDDEN HILL LA AND TIMBER HILL LA
10	TIMBER HILL LA AND CROSSING CREEK RD
11	FOX HILLS TRL AND TROTTERS TRL
	9:20 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1213 - BELLS MILL ES**First Stop Time: 9:04 A.M.**

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	GAINSBOROUGH RD AND POWDER HORN DR
2	POWDER HORN DR AND FOX RUN
3	FOX RUN AND LONG PINE TRL
4	FOX RUN AND HUNT CLUB DR
5	TUCKERMAN LA FROM GAINSBOROUGH RD TO DEBORAH DR

Arrival Routes Report

9:20 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1222 - BELLS MILL ES

First Stop Time: 9:03 A.M.

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
1	11315 FALLS RD - LITTLE ACORN DAYCARE/POTOMAC CC 301-983-4372
2	FALL RIVER LA AND STACKHOUSE CT
3	FALL RIVER LA AND SPRINKLEWOOD LA
4	FALL RIVER LA AND CRANFORD DR
5	BOLTON DR AND CRANFORD DR
6	CRANFORD DR AND HAISLIP CT
7	BELLS MILL RD AND HAISLIP CT
8	HARNESS TRL AND WILLOWBROOK DR
9	HARNESS TRL AND SLEEPY HOLLOW LA 2ND INTERSECTION
10	HARNESS TRL AND PEBBLE BROOK LA
9:20 A.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Departure Routes Report

Route: 1202 - BELLS MILL ES PM

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
3:57 P.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
1	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND GRAND TETON DR
2	GAINSBOROUGH RD AND WINDSOR VIEW DR
3	GAINSBOROUGH RD AND SNUG HILL LA
4	10229 SEVEN LOCKS RD 20854
5	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND TURNING CREEK CT - RSO
6	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND MUIRFIELD CT - RSO
7	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND ORACLE PL - RSO
8	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SEVEN HILL LA - RSO

Route: 1209 - BELLS MILL ES PM

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
3:57 P.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
1	DEBORAH DR AND LARKMEADE LA
2	DEBORAH DR AND LAKENHEATH WAY
3	DEBORAH DR AND KILLEAN WAY
4	11333 DEBORAH DR 20854
5	CANDLELIGHT LA AND LOCHINVER LA
6	FOX RUN AND LAMPLIGHTER LA
7	8512 TUCKERMAN LA
8	8500 TUCKERMAN LA - RSO

Route: 1211 - BELLS MILL ES PM

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
4:08 P.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
1	SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SCOTLAND DR - RSO
2	TUCKERMAN LA AND ANGUS PL

Route: 1212 - BELLS MILL ES PM

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
4:02 P.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
1	WILLOWBROOK DR AND HARVEST SQUARE CT
2	STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND PAYTLEY BRIDGE LA
3	WILLOWBROOK DR AND CAMBRIDGE MANOR CT
4	STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND STAPLEFORD HALL CT
5	STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND STAPLEFORD HALL PL
6	8904 BELLS MILL RD 20854 - DEVELOPMENT ENTRANCE
7	GREAT ARBOR DR AND TALLYHO TRL
8	GREAT ARBOR DR AND TROTTERS TRL
9	HIDDEN HILL LA AND TIMBER HILL LA
10	TIMBER HILL LA AND CROSSING CREEK RD
11	FOX HILLS TRL AND TROTTERS TRL

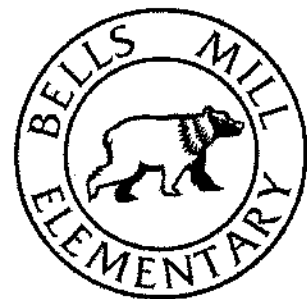
Route: 1213 - BELLS MILL ES PM

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
4:03 P.M.	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
1	GAINSBOROUGH RD AND POWDER HORN DR
2	POWDER HORN DR AND FOX RUN
3	FOX RUN AND LONG PINE TRL
4	FOX RUN AND HUNT CLUB DR
5	TUCKERMAN LA FROM GAINSBOROUGH RD TO DEBORAH DR

Route: 1222 - BELLS MILL ES PM

Departure Routes Report

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Stop Description</u>
	3:57 P.M.
	BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
	607 - REGULAR SCHOOL
1	HARNESS TRL AND PEBBLE BROOK LA
2	HARNESS TRL AND SLEEPY HOLLOW LA
	2ND INTERSECTION
3	HARNESS TRL AND WILLOWBROOK DR
4	BELLS MILL RD AND HAISLIP CT
5	CRANFORD DR AND HAISLIP CT
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Office of the Principal

August 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians of Bells Mill Elementary Students,

Students will not be asked to pay for or provide textbooks, supplementary readers (such as anthologies, atlases, or workbooks), most materials of instruction, audiovisual aids, stationery items not commonly found in the home and required for the student to demonstrate mastery of course objectives, or building or office materials needed to operate schools.

Students may be asked to pay for materials of instruction that primarily fit into three categories as follows:

- Items eaten by the student as a part of the course (example: bread baking ingredients).
- Component parts of a product that will become student property (example: sculpting clay).
- Materials of instruction or items of personal use that become the property of the student (for example, a recorder).

Students are still expected to bring individual organizational tools and personal supplies from home. A list of those supplies for your student is enclosed with this letter. In addition, there are student fees which are not course-related but local school decisions made by the principal in collaboration with the school and parent leadership. These may include fees for class snacks, special grade-level assemblies, etc. I will discuss these decisions with our school and parent leadership this summer and will update you on this information as needed. There also may be fees related to field trips, but these will be shared each time there is a trip and not in advance as a school fee.

We are committed to providing all students, regardless of their economic circumstances, with full access to the instructional program. If you need assistance for any requested expense, or with providing the organizational tools and personal supplies, please contact your child's teacher, our counselor, or me.

Parent donations of items that enhance the classroom experience are still welcomed, either as donations from individual parents or organized by class parents or by the PTA. A list of these items also is attached to this letter and clearly titled, *Voluntary Parent Donations*. They are not required donations and no student will be expected to provide these items, but if you care to contribute, it will be appreciated.

Regards,

Jerri Oglesby
Principal

Duane L. Ross
Asst. Principal

Bells Mill Elementary School 2015-2016 School Supplies Lists

The following personal organizational items are recommended by teachers for the 2015-2016 school year.

Kindergarten Supply List

Backpack (no wheels)
Small Plastic School Box (no zip pouches)
Box of 24 Crayons
Sturdy two-pocket folders (no prongs)
Boxes of Sharpened #2 Pencils
Round Tip Safety Scissors
Glue Sticks
Box of 12 colored pencils

Grade 2 Supply List

Small Plastic School Box (no zip pouches)
Crayons
Glue Sticks
Boxes of Sharpened #2 Pencils
Green two-pocket folders
Red two-pocket folders
Composition Books (hard back 150 pg. wide rule)
Erasers-Pink Pearl
Colored pencils
3x5 white index cards

Grade 4 Supply List

Page Protectors
Highlighters, chisel tip, yellow
Spiral Notebooks (1 per subject)
Pencil Pouch for 3-ring Binder
Notebook Filler Paper (wide rule, 200 sheets)
3-ring Binder, 3 in.
Dividers, 5 tab pack
Crayons
Glue Sticks
Scissors
Colored Pencils
Boxes of Sharpened #2 Pencils

Grade 1 Supply List

Box of 24 Crayons
Glue Sticks
Erasers-Pink Pearl
Red two-pocket folders (plastic, no prongs)
Yellow two-pocket folders (plastic, no prongs)
Purple two-pocket folders (plastic, no prongs)
Blue two-pocket folders (plastic, no prongs)
Plastic Pencil Box (no pouches)
Composition Books, hard back, 150-pg., wide-rule
Black dry erase markers

Grade 3 Supply List

3-ring Binder, 1.5 in. (no trapper keepers)
Dividers, 5 tab pack, multicolor
Erasers-Pink Pearl
Boxes of Sharpened #2 Pencils
Box of 24 Crayons
Glue Sticks
Notebook Filler Paper (wide rule)
Box of 12 Colored Pencils
Red two-pocket folders
Green two-pocket folders
Highlighters, chisel tip, yellow
Pencil Pouch or Box

Grade 5 Supply List

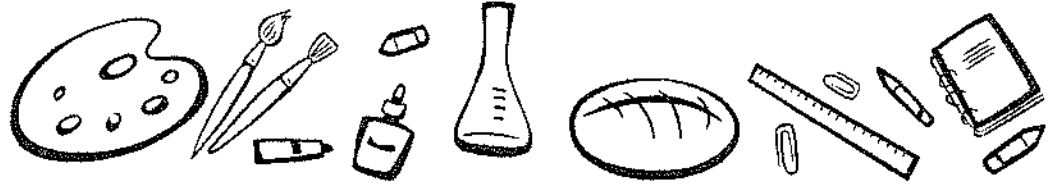
Box of 12 colored pencils
Protractor
Sharpener for pencils and crayons
Dividers (5-tab pack)
3-ring Binder, 2 in. (durable, for frequent use)*
Notebook Filler Paper (wide rule, 200 sheets)
Boxes of Sharpened #2 Pencils
Pencil Pouch to insert in 3-ring Binder
Glue Sticks
Spiral Notebook (3-subject), 120 sheets
Spiral Notebook (1-subject), 70 sheets
Erasers-Pink Pearl
*No accordion folders/trapper keepers

Voluntary Donations: We welcome donations of the above items as well as facial tissues and all sizes of Ziploc storage bags (especially sandwich size for the health room).

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015 ELEMENTARY MENU

DIVISION OF FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

MCPS MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Please note that the calculated calories of some main choices may include a whole grain item that has a calorie range of 70-180 calories.

MEAL PRICES

breakfast	daily	lunch	daily
paid	\$1.30	paid	\$2.55
reduced	\$0.00	reduced	\$1.40

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
BREAKFAST									
+WG Chicken Sausage "Panwich" Assorted Fruit/Fruit Juice Fat Free or 1% Milk	140 55-90 80-120	*WG Pancakes Assorted Fruit/Fruit Juice Fat Free or 1% Milk	220 55-90 80-120	*WG Mini Bagels Assorted Fruit/Fruit Juice Fat Free or 1% Milk	240 55-90 80-120	WG Egg & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruit/Fruit Juice Fat Free or 1% Milk	160 55-90 80-120	*WG Cinnamon Roll Assorted Fruit/Fruit Juice Fat Free or 1% Milk	240 55-90 80-120
<i>daily alternate selections available</i>									
LUNCH									
31 +BBQ Chicken Drumsticks & WG Roll w/ Seasoned Potatoes OR -Philly Steak 'N Cheese & WG Bun w/ Seasoned Potatoes Baked Fries Spinach Salad Assorted Fresh Fruit Fat Free or 1% Milk	CAL 350 482 74 34 60-90 80-120	1 *WG Cheese or +Pepperoni Personal Pizza OR WG Potato Crisp Fish Fillet Sandwich Baby Carrots Cucumber Slices Assorted Fresh Fruit Fat Free or 1% Milk	CAL 330-350 360 30 8 60-90 80-120	2 *WG Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/ Baked Fries OR *WG Pancakes w/ Yogurt Celery Sticks Grape Tomatoes Assorted Fresh Fruit or Fruit Juice Fat Free or 1% Milk	CAL 358 280 3 16 60-90 80-120	3 -+Taco & Corn w/ WG Crunchy Baked Scoops OR +WG Chicken Patty Sandwich w/ Baked Fries Romaine Salad Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fresh Fruit Fat Free or 1% Milk	CAL 346 440 5 8 60-90 80-120	4 *Cheese or +Pepperoni WG Pizza OR -General Tso's Beef w/ WG Rice & WG Roll Baby Carrots Roasted Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Fat Free or 1% Milk	CAL 310-330 359 30 160 60-90 80-120

Menu Key: -Beef Cal = Calories *Meatless pPeanuts +Poultry *Pork \Spicy *Vegan WG = Whole Grain \$Shrimp Lucky Plate Day

Menus & Nutrition & Allergen Information available on the web at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv/menus/allergen.aspx>. Alternate menu items are available daily. Please check with your school cafeteria manager.

PARENT INFORMATION

MySchoolBucks.com is a service for parents to make prepayments to their child's cafeteria meal account via the Internet with a credit/debit card. Parents can also check meal account balances, sign up for recurring payments, and much more. This service is offered as a convenience for interested families. By creating a secure online account, parents can manage their child's account. Go to **MySchoolBucks.com** to register.

A LA CARTE OPTIONS

Did you know that, in addition to healthy meals, many schools offer a la carte options? All snack foods and beverages sold are in compliance with the MCPS Wellness Regulations (www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdfs/jpgra.pdf). For information about your school's offerings, or to restrict student purchases, please contact your school cafeteria manager.

MCPS Offers Wheat-Free Menu Lunch Choices. In addition to a variety of fruits, vegetables, fat free and 1% milk, the following lunch items are wheat free:

- BBQ Chicken Drumsticks w/ Potatoes (no bun)
- Philly Steak 'N Cheese w/ Potatoes (no bun)
- Taco & Corn w/ WG Crunchy Baked Scoops
- Hummus, String Cheese & WG Crunchy Baked Scoops

For a complete list of wheat-free items, visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv/menus/allergen.aspx>

RETURNED CHECKS ARE SUBJECT TO RECOVERY FOR THE FACE VALUE AND MARYLAND STATE ALLOWED FEE OF \$25 GO THROUGH AN ELECTRONIC DEBIT OR PAPER DRAFT TO THE SAME ACCOUNT YOUR PAYMENT BY CHECK CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS

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2015-2016 CAFETERIA NEWS & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

Food and Nutrition Services serves more than 14 million meals annually. We support healthy meal options for students and continually explore new ways to enhance the nutritional contribution and student acceptability of meals. For more information, visit us on the Web at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv/menus/cafemenus.aspx>

The cafeteria continues to offer the convenience and flexibility of a computerized cash register system. Depositing funds into a cafeteria account eliminates the need for a child to carry money every day. Students enter their Personalized Identification Number (PIN) to access their account. The PIN for students returning to the same school remains the same. New students receive their PIN on the first day of school. Any money left on a student's account last year is available for spending this year. Pre-payments to a student's account may be made prior to the start of school.

To make a prepayment:

- Use **MySchoolBucks.com**, an online service to make a prepayment using a credit card. Parents can also check meal account balances, sign up for recurring payments and much more. Go to **MySchoolBucks.com** to register.
- Complete the form below and include a check payable to the cafeteria. Please put the child's first name, last name and PIN number on the front of the check.

CHECK ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Checks used to pay for school meals must contain: name, address, phone number and student PIN number. Returned checks are subject to recovery for the face value and Maryland State allowed fee of \$25 through an electronic debit or paper draft to the same account. Your payment by check constitutes your acceptance of these terms. If you have any questions concerning our check acceptance policy, please call CHECKredi at 1-800-239-1222.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Lunch Meal	\$2.55
Reduced-price Lunch Meal	\$0.40
Breakfast Meal	\$1.30
Reduced-price Breakfast Meal	\$0.00
Milk	\$0.60

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

Families who meet certain federal income standards are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. All children use a PIN number so confidentiality is maintained and no child is overtly identified as free or reduced-price meals. Applications for meal benefits are sent home with the youngest in family in the information packet given out at the start of each school year. Only one application is needed for all students in a household. A new application must be completed for any family requesting assistance this school year.

Foods and Beverages available for purchase in addition to breakfast and lunch

A variety of a la carte items may be available in your student's school cafeteria. All items available for sale are in compliance with JPG-RA. *Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health*. Specific items vary at each school.

For specific information regarding items available at your child's school or to restrict the purchase of a la carte items, please contact your school cafeteria manager.

PREPAYMENT FORM

Please make the check payable to the cafeteria and include the name of your school. Checks used to pay for school meals must contain an address and phone number. Please put your child's first name, last name and PIN number on the front of the check. This check is for cafeteria purchases ONLY. Please list each student separately and bring payment to the cafeteria manager. Thank You!

Student Name _____ PIN _____ Amount \$ _____

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Parent's/Guardian's Name _____