Bells Mill Elementary School PTA 8225 Bells Mill Road Potomac, Maryland 20854 www.bellsmill.org

Dear Bells Mill Families:

Welcome to another fabulous school year at Bells Mill Elementary School. The PTA has been hard at work planning many exciting events for the community. We will bring back popular events from the past and introduce new events that are sure to become future favorites.

This year, the PTA will be focusing on strengthening our school community. There is strength in numbers -- please join the PTA! Did you know that your membership dues support community events, cultural arts assemblies, academic improvement, parent lectures, and staff appreciation events, and other activities?

Dues, which are tax-deductible and must be renewed yearly, are only \$25.00 per family. What a bargain! These dues provide membership to our county PTA (MCCPTA), the state PTA (MDPTA), and the national PTA. Once again, we will be raising funds through a direct donation campaign. We are asking that each family contribute \$100.00 -- or whatever you can spare. For those who would like to contribute more, please consider donating \$181.00 (that's just a dollar per school day). You can join and donate by logging on to the Bells Mill PTA website at www.bellsmill.org.

It takes a village to run the PTA and we need you to be part of that village! We have volunteer positions for everyone. We can raise thousands of dollars, but it means nothing if we do not have volunteers to run the wonderful events that are planned. Volunteering does not just take place during the school day; we have many behind-the-scenes volunteer positions as well.

Make sure you sign up to receive Bear Posts. Bear Post is the PTA's weekly newsletter that will keep you informed of all things Bells Mill, including information from Ms. Oglesby, volunteer sign-ups, calendars, links to additional information, etc. You can sign up at www.bellsmill.org

We are looking forward to meeting the new Bells Mill families and catching up with old friends as the school year begins. Please feel free to contact us at any time with comments, questions, and/or concerns!

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