



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
**September 7, 2015**  
**Office of the Principal**  
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**This Week**

<b>Mon., Sept. 7</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday, SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Tue., Sept. 8</b>	<b>Welcome back!</b>
<b>Wed., Sept. 9</b>	<b>Back to School Night for Parents of K-2, Head Start, 7:00 pm, APR</b>
<b>Thur., Sept. 10</b>	<b>Back to School Night for Gr. 3-5 and Autism Parents, 7:00 pm, APR</b>
<b>Fri., Sept. 5</b>	<b>Have a great weekend!</b>

**A Look Ahead**

<b>Mon., Sept. 14</b>	<b>Rosh Hashanah, NO SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS</b>
<b>Thur., Sept 17</b>	<b>Back to School Picnic, 6:00-8:00 pm</b>

- **We have had a great first week of school!** Thanks to all families who had their children follow the normal arrival and dismissal routines. Our morning and afternoon traffic has been moving nicely thanks to parents following the expectations. Thanks for helping us have such a smooth opening week.
- **A gentle reminder about morning start time.** Children may enter the building at 9:05 am. By 9:20 am children should be in their seats and ready to begin the school day. Instruction begins promptly at 9:25. Students who arrive after that time interrupt the teacher and take valuable instructional time away from the class. We appreciate your help in giving students a calm and unhurried start to their learning day.
- **Please be sure your child's teacher knows your child's dismissal plans. Send a note to the teacher when there is a change in plans.** This will avoid confusion at the end of the day, and it will also avoid last minute phone calls from the office to parents in order to confirm a change in plans.
- **Check backpacks for the *Bells Mill Discipline Policy* that was given to each student. We ask that you review the policy with your child, sign the tear-off portion of the cover memo and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Please keep the discipline policy for your information.**
- **Attention parents of students in Gr. K-2, Head Start: Wednesday evening, September 9, 2015, is your Back to School Night.** We ask that you meet with us in the All Purpose Room at **7:00 pm** to kick off the new school year. Following a very brief meeting filled with important announcements, you will go to classrooms for information sessions with your child's teachers. You will hear about routines and procedures as well as information about the curriculum expectations. Session 1 will run from 7:20 – 8:00 pm, and session 2 will run from 8:05 until 8:35 pm. Bar-T will provide childcare in the gym (\$3.00 per child). We look forward to seeing you at this very special evening.
- **Attention Gr. 3-5 and Ms. Boyle's, Ms. Guthridge's and Mr. Koch's Parents: Thursday evening, September 10, 2015, is your Back to School Night for parents of students in Grades 3 to 5.** We ask that you meet with us in the All Purpose Room at **7:00 pm** to kick off the new school year. Following a very brief meeting filled with important announcements, you will go to classrooms for information sessions with your child's teachers. You will hear about routines and procedures as well as information about the curriculum expectations. Session 1 will run from 7:20 – 8:00 pm, and session 2 will run from 8:05 until 8:35 pm. Bar-T will provide childcare in the gym

(\$3.00 per child). Mr. Chris Allen, Instrumental Music Teacher will be here that evening. He will be available to speak to parents of children in grades 4 and 5 who are interested in participating in the Instrumental Music Program. We look forward to seeing you at this very special evening.

- **MCPS policy requires that every student bring home a copy of MCPS Form 230-35: *Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting Form*. This form is included in the *Bells Mill Discipline Policy* as well as the *Bells Mill Parent Handbook* so parents will be aware that procedures are in place to protect all students from bullying, harassment and intimidation.**
- **Please check backpacks for important information regarding release of student information.** Each year we are required by law to inform parents of the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* and the *Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment*. **You may direct MCPS to withhold directory information by signing and returning the form that was sent home with students.** This form must be received by the school no later than **September 10, 2014**. **Forms received after September 10 will be returned to parents/guardians.**
- **The George B. Thomas Learning Academy offers Saturday School at 12 locations throughout the county.** Opening day is October 3, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$70 for the year, or \$40 for those who qualify for free and reduced price meals. Visit <http://www.saturdayschool.org/> for locations and online registration.
- **In compliance with Maryland laws and regulations pertaining to Integrated Pest Management (IPM), attached is a list of pesticides which may be applied in the school or on school grounds.** Without exception, notices will be sent to all parents/guardians each time a product from this list is used at Bells Mill.
- **In compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), attached is the asbestos management plan for this school.** Since our school was built after October 12, 1988, our management plan consists of documentation that states “to our knowledge no asbestos-containing building materials were used or specified for use in this building.”

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

## INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT NOTICE

**FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:** Maryland Law requires that school staff and parents/guardians of all students be notified prior to planned pesticide applications in the school or on school grounds, or within 24 hours of an emergency application. Without exception, notices will be sent to all parents/guardians and circulated among school staff members.

**FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS, HIGH SCHOOLS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS:** Maryland Law requires that school-based staff and parents/guardians of middle or high school students and staff at administrative centers who wish to be notified prior to pesticide applications in the building or on the grounds must request that they be placed on the school's pesticide notification list. To do so, please fill out the enrollment form attached to this notice and return it to your school or administrative center.

**FOR ALL:** The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program implemented in Montgomery County Public Schools is a proactive approach to insect and rodent control in school facilities and on school grounds. The IPM Program includes frequent inspections of all school facilities to look for pests and conditions that favor pest invasions. As a first step in pest control, the IPM approach employs a number of preventive strategies and alternatives to pesticide application such as employee education, source reduction, inspection, identification of potential problem areas, and improved sanitation. Each strategy is monitored and evaluated, and modifications are made if necessary. Pesticides will be used only as a last resort or in an emergency situation.

Pesticides and bait stations, by product name and common name, which may be used in buildings or on grounds during the school year include, **but are not limited to:**

<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
4-the-birds II	Polybutene
Arilon	Indoxacarb
Avert cockroach bait station	Abamectin
Avert cockroach crack and crevice bait 310	Abamectin
Avert dry flowable roach bait	Abamectin
Avitrol	Aminopyridine
Cynoff insecticide	Cypermethrin
Deltadust	Deltamethrin
Demon WP	Cypermethrin
Drione insecticide	Pyrethrins
Dylox 6.2 grams	Trichlorfon
Firstline termite bait stations	Sulfuramid
First Strike	Difethialone
Gentrol IGR concentrate	Hydroprene
Gentrol point source roach control	Hydroprene
Golden malrin fly bait	Methomyl thioacetimidate
Liqua-tox II	Sodium diphacinone

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8/26/13

TO: Parents, Teachers and Employees

FROM: Nathaniel Brown Jr.  
(Designated Person)

RE: Availability of Asbestos Management Plan

In October 1986, the U.S. Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Under this law, comprehensive regulations were developed to address asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. These regulations require most schools to inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos, develop asbestos management plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings and implement response actions in a timely manner.

These regulations assign schools many new responsibilities. Our program for fulfilling these responsibilities is outlined in our asbestos management plan. This plan contains information on the designated person, architect's or engineer's letter, notification process, assurances, and dated copies of the annual notification.



For new buildings, those completed after October 12, 1988; our "management plan" consists of the exclusion documentation including this notification. This documentation means that to our knowledge no asbestos-containing building materials were used or specified for use in this building.

You can review this plan during normal business hours without cost or restriction.

If you have any questions about reviewing our management plan please contact:

Nathaniel Brown Jr at (01) 670-8238  
(Designated Person) (Phone No.)