

Click here for the weekly schedule of after school activities: <u>http://bellsmill.org/fall-enrichment-sign-up-now-open/</u>

<u>This Week</u> Mon., Sept. 28	
Tue., Sept. 29	Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:00 am, APR Pizza Night at Potomac Pizza, 4:00-9:00 pm
Wed., Sept. 30	
Thur., Oct. 1	No school for Head Start
Fri., Oct. 2	Early Release today, 1:20 pm dismissal Wear your school colors today No school for Head Start No after school activities today Have a great weekend!
<u>A Look Ahead</u> Oct. 7 Oct. 12-15	Walk to School Day Book Fair in Media Center (evening hrs. 6:30-8:30 pm on Oct. 13 & 14)

Family Portrait Night, 5:00-7:00 pm (by appointment)

Oct. 13

- Please join us at Potomac Pizza, 9812 Falls Rd., Wednesday, September 30, 4:00-9:00 pm. The PTA will receive 20% of the proceeds from all dine in and carry out orders.
- International Walk to School Day is October 7, 2015. This year Bells Mill is the host school. This means we will welcome county government and police officials to join us as we walk to school. On the morning of October 7, all students will gather at Cabin John Middle School where their teachers will meet them. If your child rides a bus, the bus will drop students off at Cabin John. If you drive or walk to school, you should drop your student off in the Cabin John parent drop off which is off of Gainsborough Rd. Bar-T and Georgetown Hill students will be escorted to Cabin John to meet us. We will begin our walk to school at around 9:25. The entire school will walk that morning. Following the walk we will gather on the basketball court where the students will be greeted by school and county officials. We will send more information home this week. We will walk rain or shine. If it is raining the greeting at Bells Mill will be moved from the basketball court to the all purpose room.

- We welcome parent volunteers to assist with lunch and recess. Please consider giving your time to help us reinforce safe recess play and appropriate lunchroom behavior. No need to call ahead, just come to the office and sign in.
- This year Freed Photography will offer a Family Portrait Night at Bells Mill on Tuesday, October 13, 5:00-7:00 pm. If you recall, these are the same photographers who did a great job on last year's student portraits. This is your opportunity to have family members/siblings photographed together. Freed guarantees delivery in plenty of time for the holidays. The sitting fee is \$20, which is half off the in-studio fee for the same professional service. Portrait sittings are by appointment only and are conveniently available the same evening that the Book Fair is open. Please watch backpacks for details on how to schedule a sitting and order online.
- Attention parents of students in Gr. 5: November 6 is the application deadline for the Middle School Magnet Programs at Roberto Clemente, Eastern and Takoma Park Middle Schools. Please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms for application forms, test preparation materials and a list of dates for important parent meetings. Testing for the middle school magnet application programs will take place on December 5. More information regarding the December 5 testing will be available on the above website after November 6.
- **Register now for Kids' College fall courses at Montgomery College**. Enrichment courses for students in Gr. 1-10 are offered after school and on Saturdays on the Germantown and Rockville Campuses. Partial scholarships may be available for students who demonstrate financial need or qualify for free or reduced lunch. For registration, course descriptions, dates and locations, please go to: www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth.
- **The Book Fair is coming!** The PTA-sponsored Book Fair will be open Monday, October 12 through Thursday, October 15, in the Media Center. During the school day every child will have the opportunity to browse the Book Fair and create a personal wish list to bring home for parent review. During evening hours children must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers are needed. Hours of operation are as follows:

Monday, October 12: 10:30 am-3:45 pm Tuesday, October 13: 9:25 am-3:45 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm Wednesday, October 14: 9:00 am-3:45 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm Thursday, October 15: 9:25 am-1:00 pm For more information visit www.bellsmill.org.

• The Media Center is asking for volunteers to help for 2 hours from 1:00-3:00 in the afternoon 1 day a week. If you are unable to make a weekly commitment, please consider asking a friend to "job share." Contact Mrs. Floyd at Joann H Floyd@mcpsmd.org.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education

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