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**This Week**

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| <b>Mon., Oct. 12</b>  | <b>Manna Food Drive continues this week<br/>Open House for Parents, 9:25-11:45 am<br/>Book Fair in Media Center, 10:30 am-3:45 pm<br/>Gr. 1 America Day, 11:10-11:30 am, APR<br/>Scout Troop 4387, 3:50, rm. 128</b> |
| <b>Tue., Oct. 13</b>  | <b>Book Fair in Media Center, 9:25 am-3:45 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm<br/>Family Portrait Night, 5:00-8:00 pm (by appointment)</b>  |
| <b>Wed., Oct. 14</b>  | <b>Book Fair in Media Center, 9:00 am-3:45 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm<br/>No Head Start today</b>   |
| <b>Thur., Oct. 15</b> | <b>Last day of Book Fair in Media Center, 9:25 am-1:00 pm<br/>Have a great, LONG weekend!</b>  |
| <b>Fri., Oct. 16</b>  | <b>No school today</b>   |

**A Look Ahead**

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| <b>Oct. 21</b> | <b>Picture Day (student individual portraits)</b>  |
| <b>Oct. 23</b> | <b>Gr. 4 to Imagination Stage, 9:30 am-1:00 pm</b> |

- **The Student Government’s Kids Helping Kids Food Drive continues this week. The food drive benefits our local Manna Food Center.** Please send in donations of nonperishable food to the collection boxes located in the Grade 3/4 hallway. Items of most need include canned vegetables/fruit /tuna/meats/soups/chili, dried soups, brown rice, rolled oats, quinoa, low sugar/high fiber cereal, plain oatmeal, vegetable oils, evaporated milk, tea, coffee, infant cereals and formulas, crackers, and whole wheat pasta.
- **Open House is Monday, October 12. Parents are invited to visit your child’s classroom from 9:25 to 11:45 am.** Please enter through the main doors and sign in. **We request that younger siblings not attend. It will be necessary for you to park on the street that day.** We look forward to having you join us for morning instruction.

- **The PTA-sponsored Book Fair is 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 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](http://www.bellsmill.org) .
- **It's not too late to sign up for a family portrait. Freed Photography will offer a Family Portrait Night here at school on Tuesday, October 13, 5:00-7:00 pm.** 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. Information flyers were sent home in backpacks. To schedule a sitting please visit [www.freedSPIRIT.com](http://www.freedSPIRIT.com) or call 301-652-5452.
- **Gr. 4 students will attend a play at Imagination Stage in Bethesda on October 23.** Students will depart school at 9:30 am and return at 1:00 in time for their regular lunch period. Please watch backpacks for permission forms.
- **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](http://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. Questions, call Mrs. Kanter at 301-469-1046.
- **Thank you to all who helped make the Walk to School a huge success.** We appreciate the cooperation and support of parents/guardians who dropped off students at Cabin John MS, as well as those who walked with us. Check this week's issue of the Potomac Almanac for photos, and watch the video on the MCPS website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/> .
- **A gentle reminder, please be courteous to our next door neighbors, Georgetown Hill.** They have requested that our parents not use their driveway and parking lot. This creates parking problems and safety issues for their own families especially during arrival and dismissal.
- **The Media Center is asking for volunteers to help for two hours from 1:00-3:00 in the afternoon one 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](mailto:Joann_H_Floyd@mcpsmd.org) .

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