



Click here for the weekly schedule of PTA after school activities:

<http://bellsmill.org/fall-enrichment-sign-up-now-open/>

This Week

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| Mon., Oct. 5 | Manna Food Drive begins
Gr. 1 Daisies, rm. 150
Gr. 3 Scout Troop 4093, 3:50 pm, rm. 132
Scout Troop 2794, 3:50 pm, rm. 159
Learn Music Now, 3:50 pm, rm. 148 |
| Tue., Oct. 6 | Room Parent Meeting, 6:30-7:00 pm, Media Center
PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, APR |
| Wed., Oct. 7 | Walk to School Day (meet at Cabin John MS between 9:05 and 9:20 am) |
| Thur., Oct. 8 | Daisies Troop 1643, 3:50 pm, rm. 155 |
| Fri., Oct. 9 | Wear your school colors today
United Nations Club, 8:15 am, rm. 149
Odyssey of the Mind, 3:50 pm
Have a great weekend! |

A Look Ahead

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| Oct. 12 | Open House for Parents, 9:25-11:45 am |
| Oct. 12-15 | Book Fair in Media Center (evening hrs. 6:30-8:30 pm on Oct. 13 & 14) |
| Oct. 13 | Family Portrait Night, 5:00-7:00 pm (by appointment) |

- 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 between 9:05 and 9:20 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 off your student 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 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. If it is raining the greeting at Bells Mill will be moved from the basketball court to the all purpose room. We will walk rain or shine, so please have your child dressed for the weather.

- **Beginning Monday, October 5, the Student Government is sponsoring Kids Helping Kids Food Drive to benefit 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.
- **If you have volunteered to be a room parent, then you should plan to attend an orientation on Tuesday, October 6, 6:30-7:00 pm, in the Media Center. The first PTA meeting of the year will immediately follow at 7:00 in the APR.**
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 or call 301-652-5452.
- **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 .
- **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. Questions, call Mrs. Kanter at 301-469-1046.
- **Emergency Care for Students Experiencing Anaphylaxis is a MCPS policy to safeguard your children in the event of an emergency.** If your child has a known anaphylactic allergy, you are responsible for notifying school of your child's special health care needs and providing appropriate medications to be kept in the school's health room for your child's use in case of an emergency. You must complete MCPS form 525-16, *Emergency Care for the Management of a Student with a Diagnosis of Anaphylaxis: Release and Indemnification Agreement for Epinephrine Auto Injector* and deliver the properly labeled epinephrine auto-injector to the school nurse. Maryland requires all schools to keep an emergency stock of epinephrine auto-

injectors and designated staff members are trained to administer Epi-Pens. Whenever an auto-injector is used, whether it belongs to your child or is one of the school's supply, 911 and you will be called immediately. Please check backpacks for Mrs. O's letter regarding this policy. Questions, call Mrs. Messina in the health room, 301-469-1250.

- **MCPS Parent Academy workshops give parents tips and tools to help their children succeed in school.** All workshops are FREE and held at schools and locations throughout the county. October workshops include subjects such as Positive Discipline, Cybersafety, and Homework Hassles, just to name a few. Please check backpacks for an information flyer with the fall workshop schedule and registration details, or visit www.mcpsparentacademy.org.
- **The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will conduct FREE nasal spray flu vaccine clinics (FluMist) in November for children 18 and under at many MCPS schools.** On Monday, November 2, 2015, flu clinics will be held at John F. Kennedy, Richard Montgomery, and Seneca Valley high schools from 9 a.m. to noon. No classes will be held on that day because it is a professional day for teachers. These clinics will be open to any school-aged child. Clinics are FREE, but appointments are required due to the limited supply of vaccine. Visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu> for a complete list of clinics and to make an appointment. **Bells Mill will host a FREE flu clinic on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, following 1:20 pm early dismissal of students. Information on scheduling appointments at Bells Mill will be provided when it becomes available. Since our vaccine supply will be limited, we encourage you to take advantage of the high school clinics.**
- **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.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education