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This Week

Mon., Nov. 2 **No School for Students, Professional Day for Teachers**

Tue., Nov. 3 **PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Media Center**

Wed., Nov. 4

Thur., Nov. 5 **Donuts with Dad, 8:30-9:00 am, APR**
Daisy Troop 1643, 3:50 pm, rm. 155

Fri., Nov. 6 **Application deadline for Center for the Highly Gifted**
Application deadline for Middle School Magnet Programs
Model UN Club, 8:00 am, rm. 149
Odyssey of the Mind, 3:50 pm, Media Center
Scout Troop 585, 5:00 pm, rm. 240

A Look Ahead

Nov. 11-12 **Early Release at 1:20 pm, No Head Start**
Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment
Report Cards Distributed

- **Attention parents of kindergarteners and/or students new to MCPS:** All parents of kindergarteners and/or students new to MCPS are required to sign the Blood Lead Testing Certificate that was given to you at the time of registration. If we do not have a certificate on file for your child, then your child will bring home a new one. Please check backpacks, sign the certificate and return it to school as soon as possible. Questions, call Ms. Messina in the health room 301-469-1250.
- **The next PTA Meeting is on Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 pm.** Bar-T will provide free childcare for Bells Mill students.
- **Gr. 2/3 parents are invited to the Principal's Tea on Monday, November 16, 7:00-8:00 pm in the APR.** This is an informal evening that provides you with an opportunity to ask questions that are specific to the Gr. 2/3 programs.
- **Please check backpacks for the Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Complete and MAIL this form (no postage necessary) ONLY if you are on active duty with the uniformed services, employed on federal property, reside in federal or public housing, or are a foreign government military officer.** The

information will only be used to help determine the amount of funding available for MCPS under the Impact Aid Program and may be provided to the U. S. Department of Education. Please do not return the form to school.

- **The PTA invites students and their fathers to Donuts with Dad on Thursday, November 5, 8:30-9:00 am, in the APR.** Begin the day with donuts, milk, coffee and fruit, and bring a book to read to your child. Flyers were sent home in backpacks. Tear off and complete the RSVP portion of the flyer. Questions, contact jenniferlevenberg@gmail.com or Joey.brookhart@gmail.com .
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences are held on the two early release days, November 11 and 12.** Please contact your child's teacher and schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress. Your involvement in education is critical to your child's success. ***Dismissal is at 1:25 pm on both days, and there is no Head Start on those days.***
- **Attention parents of students in Gr. 3: Montgomery County Public Schools offers students in Gr. 3 the opportunity to apply to the Center Program for the Highly Gifted, a two-year program that begins in Gr. 4.** The center program is designed for highly gifted and motivated learners whose need for advanced instruction may not be easily met in their local school. Admission is competitive. To learn more, please attend a parent meeting, visit the website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/ and/or call 301-592-2040. **The deadline to submit the application is Friday, November 6, 2015, to DCCAPS, 11721 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902.**
- **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.
- **The GTLD Network will offer a presentation by Cindy Walsh, Assistive Technology Specialist, regarding useful apps for helping GTLD students, Thursday, November 19,** Walter Johnson HS Media Center, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda. The presentation is for parents and students and begins at 6:30 pm, followed by a meet-up with other families.
- **MCPS has an agreement with Schaeffer's Piano Co. that gives you the opportunity to purchase a piano for your family at a considerably reduced price.** The liquidation sale is closed to the public and will take place on November 13, 14, 2015, at 105 N. Stonestreet Ave., Rockville. Call 301-424-1147 to schedule an appointment. On November 15 the sale will be open to the general public.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education