



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

<http://bellsmill.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Enrichment-Schedule-Week-of-December-21.pdf>

This is SGA Spirit Week

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| Mon., Dec. 21 | Job Day (dress up as what you want to be when you grow up)
Learn Music Now, 8:15 am, rm. 149
Learn Music Now, 3:50 pm, rm. 149
Gr. 1 Daisies, 3:50, rm. 150 |
| Tue., Dec. 22 | Pajama Day (wear your pajamas, but no stuffed animals)
Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym |
| Wed., Dec. 23 | Holiday Day (dress for your favorite holiday, no costumes please)
French, 8:00 am, rm. 159
Spanish Intro, 8:00 am, rm. 150
Spanish Beginner, 8:00 am, rm. 154 |
| Thur., Dec. 24 | School Closed for Winter Break |
| Fri., Dec. 25 | School Closed for Winter Break |

A Look Ahead

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| Dec. 28-Jan. 3 | School Closed for Winter Break |
| Jan. 4 | Welcome Back from winter break |
| Jan. 5 | Testing for 3rd graders who applied for the Center for the Highly Gifted |
| Jan. 6 | Class, group, club and candid photos for yearbook taken today |

- **Thank you to all who donated to the New Toy Drive. The SGA appreciates your support in making their project a huge success.**
- **This is SGA Spirit Week with a different theme every day.** Monday is Job Day when students can dress up as what they want to be when they grow up. Tuesday is Pajama Day, and students may wear their pajamas, but please no stuffed animals. Wednesday is Holiday Day, and students may wear the colors or clothes of their favorite holiday. Please, no costumes, accessories or inappropriate clothing.
- **Attention parents of Gr. 3 students who applied to the Center for the Highly Gifted,** all Gr. 3 students who applied to the Center for the Highly Gifted are scheduled to be tested at Bells Mill on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school that day and arrives on time. Testing

will begin at 9:30 am. If your child is sick on the day of the test it is the parent's responsibility to contact Mrs. Betty Shevitz, Instructional Specialist, DCCAPS, at 301-592-2040 for information on the make-up date.

- **Our lost and found pile of jackets grows larger every day.** Please feel free to check the lost and found area on the stage for your student's missing garments. Small items like glasses, keys, jewelry are kept in the office.
- ***Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me?* is a FREE workshop offered by the Parent Enrichment Program (PEP) for parents of children ages 2 ½ to 18 yrs.,** Saturday, January 9, 3:00-4:30, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Learn how to gain your children's cooperation without nagging, bribing or yelling. Space is limited. To register, call 301-929-8824.
- **The Budgeting Process Explained** is a new online resource to help the community better understand how the district builds its operating budget and funds its schools. The new Budget 101 site was created to answer many of the questions that parents, students, staff and community members have asked about the MCPS operating budget. The site will show you where the district's funding comes from, how it's spent, and how our schools are staffed to ensure we are meeting the needs of every student. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/budget-101/index.html to check out this new resource.
- **Neighbor to Neighbor** gives members of the MCPS community the opportunity to participate in small-group discussions about the MCPS budget. Everyone is invited to host a Neighbor to Neighbor discussion. It can take place during a PTA meeting, a brown bag lunch at a local business or nonprofit, or in the home of a friend or family member. The Neighbor to Neighbor web-based tool includes everything you need to have a self-guided discussion about the budget and submit your feedback to the Board of Education and the interim superintendent. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/neighbor-to-neighbor/ and get started today!
- **The Montgomery County Board of Education has approved the calendar for the 2016–2017 school year.** School will begin on Monday, August 29, 2016, and is scheduled to end on Friday, June 16, 2017. The calendar was developed in partnership with the Montgomery County Council of PTAs, the school district's three employee associations, and the Montgomery County Region of Maryland Association of Student Councils, as well as other community members and school system leadership. The calendar can be found on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/calendar and will soon be available in seven languages—Amharic, Chinese, English, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

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