



This Week

Mon., Feb. 22

Gr. 1 Daisies, 3:50 pm, rm. 150
Gr. 3 Scout Troop 4093, 3:50 pm, rm. 132
Scout Troop 2794, 3:50 pm, rm. 159
Daisies, 3:50 pm, rm. 236
Etiquette, 3:50 pm, rm. 125

Tues., Feb. 23

Head Start Parent Mtg., 10:00 am, APR
Clay Creations, 3:50-4:50 pm, rm. 163
Basketball, 3:50-5:00 pm, gym
Family Life Info Mtg. for Gr. 5 Parents, 6:00-7:00 pm, Media Center

Wed., Feb. 24

French, 8:00 am, rm. 159
Spanish Intro, 8:00 am, rm. 150
Spanish Beginner, 8:00 am, rm. 154
STEM, 3:30 pm, rms. 120 and 124
Chess, 3:50-5:15 pm, Media Center
Lego Robotics, 3:50-5:00 pm, rm. 124 and 120

Thur., Feb. 25

Mixed Media 3:50-5:00 pm, rm. 163
Strong Voices 3:50-5:00 pm, rm. 164
Indoor Soccer, 3:50-5:15 pm, gym

Fri., Feb. 26

Early Release, dismissal at 1:20 pm (No after school activities)
Wear your school colors today
United Nations Model, 8:10 am, rm. 149
Black History Celebration, 7:00 pm, APR

A Look Ahead

March 1

Parent Info. Mtg. for Science Fair, 6:00 pm, Media Center

- **Our annual Black History Celebration is on Friday, February 26, 7:00 pm.** This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Bette Thompson, life-long Scotland community resident and activist. Please join us for a special evening of entertainment. Dinner is provided. Admission is FREE. Thank you to Minds In Motion and Scotland community members for hosting this event.
- **We are proud to announce the Bells Mill awardees of the MCCPTA Reflections program: Opal Siegal, Ruby Siegal, Spencer Swetlow and Shivali Durbhakula.** These students will have their entries move forward to the state level competition. Their artwork, as well as the submissions of other Bells Mill students, will be on display at the spring awards ceremony. Congratulations to all our students who submitted their artistic creations to the Reflections program.

- **Attention, Gr. 2 parents,** our school is in the process of gathering information about students in order to plan instruction for the upcoming school year, including screening for gifted and talented identification. You have the opportunity to observe your child in a different setting and may notice special skills or qualities that may or may not be evident in the classroom. **You will receive the Parent Input Form in the U.S. mail during the week of February 29, 2016. Please return the completed form to your child’s teacher within one week of receiving it. If you do not receive your parent input form by March 4, 2016, please contact your child’s teacher, and we will send one home.** Our school staff will use this information in planning your child’s instructional program and class placement for the 2016–2017 school year.
- **The MCPS Parent Academy offers Raising Your Child’s Self-Esteem, a FREE parent workshop, Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 pm, Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. To register and to request child care, foreign language or sign language interpreter, please visit www.mcpsparentacademy.org .**
- **Stay Informed About the MCPS FY 2017 Operating Budget.** The Montgomery County Board of Education has recommended a \$2.5 billion operating budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, visit [MCPS Operating Budget website](#). Meetings are scheduled for residents to find out how budget decisions are made and the opportunities residents have to influence budget decisions. The meetings will take place from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the following locations:
 - February 24, Albert Einstein High School, 11135 Newport Mill Road, Kensington
 - March 9, Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Blvd., Gaithersburg
 - March 16, Col. Zadok Magruder High School, 5939 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville
 - March 23, Thomas S. Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Pkwy., Rockville
- **Nominations Now Open for Counselor of the Year Awards.** Parents can pay tribute to their child’s school counselor by nominating him or her for the MCPS School Counselor of the Year Award. The award will recognize one outstanding counselor from elementary, middle, and high school. Nominations are due **Friday, March 6**. The deadline to submit an application is 4:00 pm on **Thursday, April 2**. Counselors may be nominated by parents and students. Visit the MCPS webpage at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/ and search “School Counselor Award” for the criteria and nomination packet.
- **Science Fair Help Night will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 6:00-7:00 pm, in the Media Center.** Parents and their students who are interested in participating in the Bells Mill Science Fair are encouraged to attend Help Night for guidance in the selection of an age- appropriate project and to learn tips for science fair success. **The annual Science Fair is on Friday, April 15, 6:45-9:30 pm, in the APR.** The Science Fair is non-competitive and open to all students in Grades K-5. Participation is voluntary.
- **THE BELLS MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOK FAIR AND COMMUNITY NIGHT AT BARNES & NOBLE** – Join us after school on TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND for fun treats, books, books, books and more! You can shop all day for books and entertainment for Spring Break, and we’ll have activities in the upstairs children’s section from 4:30pm – 8:30pm. Details on BMES celebrity readers and entertainment are coming soon. Barnes and Noble is located on Rockville Pike at Montrose Rd. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Danielle Lindholm at dcamner@hotmail.com.

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