



**This Week**

- Mon., May 2**      **Gr. 5 to Maryland Science Center**  
**Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym**  
**Scout Troop 4387, 3:50 pm, rm. 128**
- Tues., May 3**      **Mixed Media, 3:50-4:50 pm, rm. 163**  
**Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym**  
**Soccer, 3:50 pm**  
**Magic, 3:50 pm, rm. 217**  
**PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Media Center**
- Wed., May 4**      **French, 8:00 am, rm. 154**  
**Spanish Intro, 8:00 am, rm. 150**  
**Kindergarten to Rose Hill Manor**  
**Chess, 3:50 pm, Media Center**  
**Strong Voices, 3:50 pm, rm. 164**  
**Street Hockey, 3:50 pm**  
**Gr. 4 Poetry Night, 7:00 pm, APR**
- Thur., May 5**      **Head Start to Potomac Library/Cabin John Park**  
**Gr. 5 Panoramic Class Photo, 9:30 am**  
**Clay Creations, 3:50 pm, rm. 163**  
**Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym**  
**Soccer, 3:50 pm**
- Fri., May 6**      **Flag football, 3:50 pm**  
**Scout Troop 585, 5:00 pm, rm. 240**

**A Look Ahead**

- May 11**      **Gr. 4/5 Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm, APR**  
**May 13**      **International Night**

**Attention parents of students in Grades 3-5. PARCC assessments are scheduled for May 9 through May 27. Please refrain from making appointments on your child's testing dates. Have your child eat a good breakfast, be well rested and arrive on time. Students who are absent due to illness will have the opportunity to make up all or part of the assessments. Check the schedule below for your child's testing dates:**

Gr. 3	May 9, 10, 12 & 18--Language Arts	May 23, 24, 25 & 27—Math
Gr. 4	May 11, 12, 13 & 16—Language Arts	May 17, 20, 24 & 27—Math
Gr. 5	May 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13—Language Arts	May 16, 18, 20 & 23—Math

- **Order your 2015-2016 Bells Mill yearbook now.** The cost is \$22. Order online at [www.freedpics.com](http://www.freedpics.com) (password: BEARS15F, then click on the “Yearbook” gallery). Check backpacks for information flyers. Questions, Lina DeChiara at [lina.dechiara79@gmail.com](mailto:lina.dechiara79@gmail.com) .
- **Grade 5 panoramic photo will be taken on Thursday, May 5, 2016.** Watch backpacks for ordering information.
- **We are now registering for Bells Mill KinderCamp (for rising kindergarteners) and Camp Bells Mill (for rising 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders).** The camps are taught by our own teachers and will be held at Bells Mill, July 11-29, 8:30 am – noon. Cost is \$500 (checks payable to Bells Mill ES). There are opportunities for tuition reduction based on financial need. For more information/registration forms, check backpacks or visit the Bells Mill website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles/news/index.aspx?id=477722>
- **Final Community Dialogue on Choice Study Is Scheduled for May 5.** MCPS wants to hear from parents, staff, students, and community members as it develops a plan to address the findings and recommendations in the recently released study of the district’s school choice and other special academic programs. **Join us at the final Community Dialogue to discuss the study’s recommendations and the vision for the role of choice in MCPS.** The event will be held on **Thursday, May 5**, at Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Drive in Bethesda, from 7–8:30 p.m.

The study examines how well these programs advance our school system’s core values of excellence and equity and whether the programs are meeting their intended goals.

Free child care (ages 4 and older) and interpretation services will be provided at the meeting. Participants also will have the opportunity to talk in language-specific groups. To request a sign language interpreter, call 301-517-5539 or visit [www.educationalinterpreters.com/mcps](http://www.educationalinterpreters.com/mcps) .

For more information about the *Study of Choice and Special Academic Programs*, visit the Choice website at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/choice/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/choice/). Comments on the report’s recommendations and general feedback about the study can be provided at the link above. For additional information about the Community Dialogues, visit the Choice website or call 301-309-6277.

- **The class and individual photos are still available for online ordering.** Use the following link and password:  
[www.freedpics.com](http://www.freedpics.com)  
password: BEARS15F
- **Please ask your child to check the lost and found area on the stage.** We have many, many hats, gloves, scarves and coats to be claimed by their owners. At the end of the school year all remaining items will be donated.

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