



**This Week**

**Mon., May 23**      **PARCC testing continues this week (see schedule below)**  
**Kindergarten to Aviation Museum, 9:30 am-1:30 pm**  
**Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym**  
**Learn Music Now, 3:50 pm, rm. 148**  
**Scout Troop 4093, 3:50 pm, rm. 132**

**Tues., May 24**      **Mixed Media, 3:50-4:50 pm, rm. 163**  
**Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym**  
**Soccer, 3:50 pm**  
**Magic, 3:50 pm, rm. 217**

**Wed., May 25**      **French, 8:00 am, rm. 154**  
**Spanish Intro, 8:00 am, rm. 150**  
**Chess, 3:50 pm, Media Center**  
**Strong Voices, 3:50 pm, rm. 164**  
**Street Hockey, 3:50 pm**

**Thur., May 26**      **Clay Creations, 3:50 pm, rm. 163**  
**Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym**  
**Soccer, 3:50 pm**  
**Celebrity Scoop Night at Baskin Robbins, 4:30-9:30 pm**

**Fri., May 27**      **Flag football, 3:50 pm**

**A Look Ahead**

**May 30**      **Memorial Day, School Closed**  
**June 1**      **Student Art Show, 6:00-8:30 pm, first floor halls**  
**Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 pm APR**  
**June 2**      **4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grades Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm, APR**  
**June 3**      **Field Day**  
**Bells Mill BASH! 5:30-8:00 pm**

- **Please note our new phone numbers: Main Office 240-740-0480      Health Room 240-740-0481.**
- **Next week, the Rhino Team, composed of seven fifth-graders from Bells Mill, will board a plane to Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, determined to capture victory in the 2016 Odyssey of the Mind (OotM) World Finals competition. This team is attending for the third time in three years — and each year they improved their standing among over 70 international teams. In third grade, they came in 24th; in fourth**

grade, they were 13th. This year, they are hoping to place among the top six teams — edging out favored competitors from as far away as Singapore and Poland. We know they will make us proud!!!!

- **We have seen an increased incidence of pink eye (infectious conjunctivitis) at Bells Mill.** Pink eye is a contagious disease caused by various infectious agents. Symptoms are: red, itchy, swollen eyes; increased tearing; light sensitivity; and a thick yellow discharge or crusted eyelids. The most important control measures are personal hygiene and treatment. If your child displays any of the symptoms please contact your health care provider.
- **Recently several cases of head lice were identified in our school.** Head lice infestation is a common occurrence among school children. We encourage parents to check their children's heads for any sign of lice. Once discovered, the infestation should be promptly treated. For more information please visit [http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/lice/factsht\\_head\\_lice.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/lice/factsht_head_lice.htm).
- **Attention parents of students in Grades 3-5. PARCC assessments continue this week for students in Grades 3-5. Please refrain from making appointments on your child's testing dates (see schedule below). Students who are absent due to illness will have the opportunity to make up all or part of the assessments.**  
Gr. 3—(Math) May 23, 24, 25 & 27                      Gr. 5—(Math) May 23  
Gr. 4—(Math) May 24 & 27
- **There's only one week left to submit your box tops to count towards the end of the year pizza party contest! Send in the box tops to the collection bin in the main hall.** Write the teacher's name on the bag so that the correct class receives credit. The race is very close, and your box tops could make the difference in your child's class winning! The winning class will be announced on June 1.
- **Register now 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, visit the Bells Mill website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles/news/index.aspx?id=477722>
- **MCPS GIVE BACKpacks is a fund drive to purchase backpacks filled with school supplies for MCPS children.** Backpacks will be distributed to schools with the greatest need. The following giving levels are suggested to purchase backpacks for:  
1 student--\$10                      1 class--\$300                      1 grade--\$1500                      1 school--\$6,500                      1 cluster--\$25,000  
Donate online at [www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org](http://www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org) or make checks payable to "MCPS Educational Foundation" and make sure to reference "GIVE BACKpacks" in the memo section of your check. Mail checks to MCPS Educational Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1007, Rockville, MD 20849-1007.
- **A reminder from the cafeteria . . .** if your child's cafeteria account balance is low, please send in a check or make an electronic deposit to cover lunches through the end of the school year. If your child owes money to the cafeteria please be sure your deposit covers the negative amount. **The school has to pay for any negative account balances that remain at the end of the year.** Any money left in your child's account will carry over to next year.

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