



This Week

- Mon., May 30** **Memorial Day, School Closed**
- Tues., May 31** **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., June 1** **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
Student Art Show, 6:00-8:30 pm, first floor halls
Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 pm APR
- Thur., June 2** **Clay Creations, 3:50 pm, rm. 163**
Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym
4th/5th Grades Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm, APR
- Fri., June 3** **Field Day**
Bells Mill BASH! 5:30-8:00 pm

A Look Ahead

- June 6** **Gr. 4 Geo Bowl**
All library books due today!
- June 7** **Gr. 3 Geo Bowl**
Gr. 5 to U.S. Capitol, 9:30 am-3:00 pm
- June 8** **Gr. 5 Geo Bowl**
- June 10** **Gr. 4 Wax Museum, APR, 9:30-11:00 am**

- **Field Day is Friday, June 3.** Parents are welcome to attend and cheer on your children. It is important that children dress appropriately for physical activities. This means wearing loose clothing, athletic shoes and sun block. We encourage students to bring a water bottle that they can refill at the water fountain.
- **It's almost time for the Geography Bowl.** Students in Grades 3-5 received study packets to help them prepare for the bowl. All Geography Bowls will take place from 9:30-11:00 am. Grade 3 will participate on June 7; Grade 4 on June 6; and, Grade 5 on June 8. Winning teams/classes will be treated to an ice cream party.

- **Join us at the Bash on Friday June 3, 5:30-8:00 pm.** Don't miss out on the fun. Please visit the PTA website for information on how to purchase tickets for admission to the event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- **On Sunday, June 5, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Ms. Wolfe's class will hold its No Kid Hungry Bake Sale and Raffle.** Did you know that 1 in 5 children live with hunger in the United States? All proceeds from our bake sale and raffle go to the No Kid Hungry campaign that helps feed children during school vacations and helps to provide breakfast to children in highly impacted schools.

From Tuesday, May 31, through Friday, June 10, Ms. Wolfe's class will sell raffle tickets for gift cards to local businesses. The grand prize is 4 tickets and parking passes for the Nats baseball game against the Padres Sunday, July 24, generously donated by Clark Construction.

Please come see the cutest bakers in town on Sunday, June 5 from 10:00 – 2:00 at the Giant in Potomac Village. All baked goods sell for \$1. Support Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign and enjoy some yummy treats!

- **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 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.

- **Help your child's class win an extra recess!** Classes that return all outstanding library books by Monday, June 6, will earn an extra recess period. If a book has been lost, please submit a check for its replacement by June 6. Questions, please contact the media center staff.
- **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.
- **Spots are still available for Bells Mill KinderCamp (for rising kindergarteners) and Camp Bells Mill (for rising 1st-5th 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>
- **If you wish to honor your child's teacher with an end of year gift, please consider a tax deductible contribution to the Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund.** Your donation will help deserving Bells Mill students and their families. The teacher will receive a card stating that a contribution in their honor has been made by you, and you will receive a receipt and letter acknowledging your tax deductible contribution. Please make checks payable to "*Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund*" and send them to Ms. DeMarino in the office.
- **Health Room news . . .** Your child's medication must be picked up no later than 1:00 pm on Monday, June 20. Any medication left after that time will be destroyed. Questions, call Mrs. Messina at 240-740-0481.
- **It's important that all parents are signed up to receive electronic Bear Post communications.** Bear Posts are weekly messages that include the principal's weekly newsletter, event dates and school news.

Important back to school information will be communicated in August via Bear Post. If you have not already done so, visit the PTA website and enter your email address to receive Bear Post communications. Please encourage neighbors who are new to Bells Mill to sign up too.

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