



**This Week**

- Mon., May 9**      **PARCC testing begins (see schedule below)**  
**Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym**  
**Scout Troop 4093, 3:50 pm, rm. 132**  
**Scout Troop 4387, 3:50 pm, rm. 128**
- Tues., May 10**      **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 11**      **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 12**      **Clay Creations, 3:50 pm, rm. 163**  
**Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym**  
**Soccer, 3:50 pm**
- Fri., May 13**      **Flag football, 3:50 pm**  
**International Night, 7:00-9:00 pm**

**A Look Ahead**

- May 16-17**      **Gr. 3 to Kingsley Center, 9:30 am-1:30 pm**  
**May 17**      **Patrol Picnic, 9:30 am-2:00 pm**  
**May 23**      **Kindergarten to Aviation Museum, 9:30 am-1:30 pm**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CORRECT DATE FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHORUS CONCERT IS THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 7:00 PM. LAST WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT CONTAINED THE WRONG DATE, AND WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED YOU.**

- **The staff and I wish to thank the PTA and all our families for a wonderful Staff Appreciation Week. We appreciate your kindness and support.**
- **Attention parents of students in Grades 3-5. PARCC assessments begin this week. Please refrain from making appointments on your child's testing dates (see schedule below). 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.

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

- **“Dealing with Difficult Kids and Young Adults” is a presentation offered by Anne Maxwell, licensed psychotherapist and best-selling author.** All Churchill cluster families are invited, Monday, May 16, 7:00 pm, at Churchill HS. Churchill students will operate “Game Night” for children while parents attend the presentation. Questions, [lhancock@bellapemo.com](mailto:lhancock@bellapemo.com) .
- **Occasionally events in the community require us to take heightened precautions to insure the safety of everyone in the building.** On Friday, May 6, at 11:30 am, immediately following the shooting incident at Montgomery Mall, our school went into a shelter-in-place. This means that there is an emergency in the community that requires the securing of the exterior doors until further notice. All students are accounted for; classroom instruction continues; hall passes and restroom visits are limited. Visitors may enter the building with proper clearance. Students may leave with parents. Staff members monitor hallways and regularly check to be sure exterior doors remain locked. The shelter-in-place was lifted at 2:00 pm. If there had been imminent danger in the building or on school grounds, we would have gone into lockdown. In a lockdown 911 is called; no one may enter or leave the building; halls and restrooms are cleared; classrooms are locked; lights are turned off; staff, students and visitors maintain silence and remain in secured areas until the all clear is announced. We regularly perform shelter and lockdown drills so that everyone is familiar with the procedures. We understand your first impulse is to contact the school, however, by doing this it impedes our ability to attend to the needs of the children and their teachers. Our goal is to keep everyone safe, calm and engaged in learning. We are very proud of how our children and staff followed the procedures that we routinely practice.
- **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, check backpacks or visit the Bells Mill website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles/news/index.aspx?id=477722>
- **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.
- **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) .
- **Montgomery College Summer Youth Programs schedule is no available online at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummer.html> .Summer** . A variety of enrichment classes are available for students currently in grades K-12. A limited number of partial scholarships may be available for students who qualify for free or reduced meals program. Courses fill quickly, so register as soon as possible.
- **Congratulations to our own Gr. 4 teacher, Mrs. Rabin, who received the most votes for Favorite Teacher in Giant Food’s Teacher Appreciation Week.** A representative from Giant visited Mrs. Rabin’s classroom and surprised her with a large floral arrangement.

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