



This Week

- Mon., June 6** Gr. 4 Geo Bowl, 9:30-11:00 am
 All library books due today!
- Tues., June 7** Gr. 3 Geo Bowl, 9:30-11:00 am
 Gr. 5 to U.S. Capitol, 9:30 am-3:00 pm
 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 8** French, 8:00 am, rm. 154
 Spanish Intro, 8:00 am, rm. 150
 Gr. 5 Geo Bowl, 9:30-11:00 am
 Chess, 3:50 pm, Media Center
 Strong Voices, 3:50 pm, rm. 164
- Thur., June 9** Clay Creations, 3:50 pm, rm. 163
 Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym
- Fri., June 10** Gr. 4 Wax Museum, APR, 9:30-11:00 am

A Look Ahead

- June 14** Gr. 3 Puppet Show, 7:00 pm, APR
June 15 Gr. 5 Promotion Ceremony, Churchill HS auditorium, 7:00 pm
June 20 Last day of school, 1:20 pm early release
June 27 Report cards mailed home from central office

- **The Geography Bowl is this week.** 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.
- **REMINDER--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.

Until 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!

- **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.
- **Our 2016 Math Kangaroo Olympiad ran successfully this year.** Twenty-three Bells Mill students in Grades 1-5, along with more than 24,000 students nationwide in US and 6 million students around the world, participated in this international math competition. Math Kangaroo awarded the 20 top results at national level and the 3 top results at state levels. We have six national winners and three Maryland state winners! The national winners are: third graders Allison Lin (bronze medal, 3rd place), Charlotte Li (12th place), Daisy Wong (17th place); fourth graders Charlyn Chu (bronze medal, 3rd place), Maya Siegal (4th place), Alex Zhang (7th place). The Maryland State winners are Allison Lin (2nd place), Charlyn Chu (2nd place) and Maya Siegal (3rd place). Congratulations to our 2016 math kangaroo participants and winners!
- **Spots are still available for Camp Bells Mill (for rising 1st-5th graders). A very limited number of spots are still available for KinderCamp (for rising kindergarteners).** 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 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 by you or another responsible adult no later than 1:00 pm on Monday, June 20. Any medication left after that time will be destroyed. Medication forms for next year will be provided when you pick up your medication. Medication forms are always available on the MCPS website. The form number for the Epi-pen and Epi-pen JR is #525-14. The medication form for all other medications is #525-13. Thank you for your support. 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.

- **Summer is a great time for students to get involved in a service-learning project and earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours.** Check out the organizations and opportunities that are already approved for MCPS SSL hours. As a reminder, the state of Maryland requires students to earn 75 SSL hours in order to graduate. Students can begin collecting those hours the summer before 6th grade. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/ for more information.

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