



## ***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***

**October 31, 2016**

**Office of the Principal**

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### **This Week**

- Mon., Oct. 31**      **Music, 3:50 pm, rm. 129**  
**MSA Tennis, 3:50**  
**No Scotland Storm today**
- Tue., Nov. 1**      **Art Escapades, 3:50 pm, rm. 159**  
**Chess, 3:50 pm, rm. 209**  
**Magic, 3:50 pm, rm. 240**  
**Hip Hop, 3:50 pm, rm. 153**  
**Legos, 3:50 pm, rm. 163**  
**MSA Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym**  
**Cal Tort/Celebrity Scoop Night at Cabin John Shopping Center, 5:00-9:00 pm**
- Wed., Nov. 2**      **Model UN, 8:10 am, rm. 149**  
**Mad Science, 3:50 pm, rm. 217**  
**Spanish, 3:50 pm, rm. 154**  
**Engineering, 3:50 pm, rm. 163**  
**MSA Soccer, 3:50 pm**  
**MSA Field Hockey, 3:50 pm**  
**MCRD Bricks for Kids (tentative), 3:50 pm, rm. 149**
- Thur., Nov. 3**      **Rockets, 3:50 pm, rm. 219**  
**Theater, 3:50 pm, rm. 233**  
**Drama, 3:50 pm, rm. 128**  
**Clay Creations, 3:50 pm, rm. 163**  
**Scrimmages Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym**  
**Tennis, 3:50 pm (meet in front of the gym)**  
**Brownie Troop 1643, 3:50 pm, rm. 159**
- Fri., Nov. 4**      **First Marking Period Ends (report cards distributed November 17)**  
**Gr. 5 to Baltimore, 9:30-3:15**  
**Odyssey of the Mind, 3:50 pm, Media Center**  
**MSA Flag Football, 3:50 pm**  
**Scout Troop 585, 3:50 pm, rm. 149**  
**Daisy Troop 33042, 3:50 pm, rm. 129**  
**Middle School Magnet applications due today**

### **A Look Ahead**

- Nov. 5**    **Skate Night, 6:30-8:00 pm, Cabin John Ice Arena**
- Nov. 7**    **No school for students, Professional Day for teachers**
- Nov. 8**    **No school, Election Day**
- Nov. 10** **Early dismissal, 1:20 pm (parent/teacher conferences by appointment), no Head Start**
- Nov. 11** **Early dismissal, 1:20 pm (parent/teacher conferences by appointment), no Head Start**

- **A huge thank you to all of our room parents and families** who helped make the Halloween celebration in our classes a fun Friday afternoon. We always appreciate the support from our families on special days. Please be safe on Monday if you and your children are trick-or-treating in the neighborhood.
- **The SGA wishes to thank all the families who contributed to the Kids Helping Kids Food Drive.** The donated items went to Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg, an organization working to alleviate hunger in Montgomery County.
- **Enjoy dinner and dessert while helping our school.** Please come to California Tortilla for dinner, and then come to Baskin Robbins for Celebrity Scoop Night where Bells Mill staff members will be scooping ice cream, **November 1, 5:00-9:00 pm, at Cabin John Shopping Center.** A portion of the evening's proceeds will go to the PTA.
- **Reminder to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, applications for middle school magnet programs are due on Friday, November 4.** Questions, call Mrs. Kanter, School Counselor, at 240-740-0484.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences are held on the upcoming early release days, November 10 and 11 (1:20 dismissal both days).** If you have not already done so, please contact your child's teacher and schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress.
- **MCPS, in an agreement with Schaeffer Piano Co., will provide families and staff an opportunity to purchase new grand and upright pianos for considerably reduced prices at an annual sales event.** The sales event will take place November 4-6 (by appointment), at 105 North Stonestreet Ave., Rockville. To make an appointment, call Schaeffer at 301-424-1147. For more information, visit [www.schaefferspiano.com](http://www.schaefferspiano.com).
- **Superintendent Jack R. Smith released recommendations on October 13 to address school boundaries, capacity, and facility issues throughout the district.** The recommendations are:
  - The new attendance zones for Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2, which will open in August 2017, and Westland Middle School;
  - Options to address the current short- and long-term projected space deficits in the elementary, middle, and high schools in the Walter Johnson Cluster; and
  - The relocation of Alternative Education Programs at the Blair G. Ewing Center to supplements to the superintendent's proposed amendments to the current six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for MCPS. The remaining amendments will be sent to the Board of Education on October 27.

Members of the community will have an opportunity to give feedback on the CIP amendments during the Board of Education's public hearings on November 10 and 14.
- **The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will conduct free, injectable influenza (flu) vaccine clinics for all school-aged children on Monday, November 7, 9:00 am-12 noon at three locations:** John F. Kennedy, Richard Montgomery, and Seneca Valley High Schools. The injectable flu vaccine will be administered at these clinics. Parents/guardians must make an appointment for their child online at [www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcvaccineclinic](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcvaccineclinic) or by calling 311 for assistance. Questions, contact Mrs. Messina in the health room, 240-740-0481.

- **Attention families with college-bound students, Montgomery College will host an event to help future and current college students complete the 2017–2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** College-bound students and their families can get professional assistance filling out the FAFSA form at the event. This event will be hosted by the Montgomery College Office of Student Financial Aid on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 12 noon–3 p.m. at Montgomery College’s Rockville Campus in the Science Center located at 51 Mannakee Street.
- **National Hispanic College Fairs, Inc. will host a college fair for Hispanic youth in Montgomery County on Thursday, Nov. 3,** at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Ave. in Gaithersburg. The Career Council, Inc. and National Hispanic College Fairs, Inc., serve more than 125,000 students and 1,800 colleges/universities in 50 locations across the nation. Visit [collegefair.info/](http://collegefair.info/) for more information.

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