



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

October 17, 2016

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This Week

Mon., Oct. 17

SGA Food Drive continues through October 28
Book Fair in the Media Center through October 20
Music, 3:50 pm, rm. 129
MSA Tennis, 3:50

Tue., Oct. 18

Book Fair (evening hrs. 6:00-8:00)
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

Wed., Oct. 19

Book Fair (evening hrs. 6:00-8:00)
Picture Day (individual pictures for yearbook)
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
Family Portrait Night (by appointment), 5:00-7:00 pm

Thur., Oct. 20

Last day of Book Fair (closes at 1:00 pm)
Gr. 4 to Glen Echo Aquarium
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
Parent Info Mtg for Centers for Highly Gifted, 7:00 pm, Northwood HS

Fri., Oct. 21

Odyssey of the Mind, 3:50 pm, Media Center
MSA Flag Football, 3:50 pm
Scout Troop 585, 3:50 pm, rm. 149

A Look Ahead

Oct. 26

Gr. 5 to Strathmore Music Center

Oct. 28

Halloween Parade and Parties 2:15-3:30 pm

- **Through October 28 our Student Government is collecting nonperishable food for the Kids Helping Kids Food Drive sponsored by Manna Food Center.** Please continue to send in nonperishable food donations and drop off in front of Mrs. Rabin's or Mrs. McClary's room. You can learn more or donate by visiting <http://mdfoodbank.org/kids-helping-kids/>
- **Picture Day is Wednesday, October 19.** Individual student portraits will be taken for the yearbook and will be available for online purchase. **The Head Start class and children who are absent on Picture Day will be photographed on Make-Up Picture Day in November (date to be determined).**
- **Family Portrait Night is Wednesday, October 19, 5:00-7:00 pm (by appointment).** Freed Photographers will be here for family portraits. Photos will be done outdoors (weather permitting) for a series of portraits that will be available in time for the holidays. To make an appointment visit www.freedSPIRIT.com. While you're here at school, take your family to visit the Book Fair in the Media Center (6:00-8:00 pm).
- **The Book Fair is here!** The Bells Mill Book Fair is open in the Media Center from Monday, October 17, through Thursday, October 20, with evening hours on Tuesday and Wednesday (6:00-8:00 pm). During the school day students will have the opportunity to browse the Book Fair and prepare a wish list to bring home and review.
- **We will hold our Halloween parade and parties on Friday, October 28.** The parade will start at 2:15 pm, immediately followed by classroom parties that will end at 3:15 pm. In the event of rain, the parade will be held indoors. It will be necessary for parents to park on the street that day.
Important: In response to concerns of some parents and children, we ask that you keep in mind recent events as you guide your child in selecting an age-appropriate, non-scary/non-violent costume. Please, no weapons, no clown costumes. Parents who choose to attend in costume should not wear facemasks so that you can be easily recognized by staff and students.
- **Please check backpacks for the Federal Impact Aid Survey form.** Complete and mail this form (no postage necessary) **only if you are on active duty with the uniformed services, employed on federal property, reside in federal or public housing, or are a foreign government military officer.** **Do not return the form to school.** The information will only be used to help determine the amount of funding available for MCPS under the Impact Aid Program and may be provided to the U. S. Department of Education.
- **Sign up for FREE parent workshops.** Parent Academy workshops give parents tips and tools to help their children succeed in school and are held at various locations throughout the county. Childcare (ages 4-12) and sign language interpreter services are available. To register and for a description of workshop topics/locations, please visit www.mcpsparentacademy.org.
- **Reminder to parents of 3rd graders, if you are interested in having your child considered for the Elementary Centers Program for the Highly Gifted (CPHG), applications are due November 4.** Mail to: CPHG Application, Div. of Consortia Choice & Application Program Services, 11721 Kemp Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902. Please do not send the

application to school. There is one remaining parent information meeting: **October 20, 7:00 pm, Northwood HS, 919 University Blvd., Silver Spring, MD**

Students who submit their applications by the deadline will be tested in school in January 2017. If you did not receive an application in the mail, please call the school.

- **Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Jack R. Smith will release his recommended FY 2018 Capital Budget and the amendments to the FY 2017–2022 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) on Thursday, Oct. 27.** The Montgomery County Board of Education will hold public hearings on the CIP at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, and on Monday, Nov. 14, in the Carver Educational Services Center auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr. in Rockville. Individuals who wish to provide input may call the Board Office beginning Friday, Oct. 28 at 9 a.m. More information can be found [here](#). The Board of Education will hold a work session on the CIP at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3. The adoption of the proposed CIP is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21.
- **The NAACP Parents' Council kickoff meeting will be held from 5:45–8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Gaithersburg HS, 101 Education Blvd.** This event will bring together parents, MCPS teachers and principals to share ideas on cultivating parent engagement and promoting student achievement. Participants will attend breakout sessions focused on the topics of racial equity and its impact on educational outcomes for students of color and the importance of school culture and home culture.

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