

The week ahead

- Mon., Jan. 30** **Brownies, 3:50pm, rm. 150**
MSA Indoor Soccer, gym
- Tue., Jan. 31** **Gr. 2 Old Object Museum, 9:45-11:00 am, APR**
MSA Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym (last one)
Art, 3:50 pm, rm. 163
Legos, 3:50 pm, rm. 125
Chess, 3:50 pm, rm. 209
- Wed., Feb. 1** **Model UN, 8:10 am, rm. 149**
Rec. Dept. Bricks for Kids, 3:50 pm, rm. 149
Spanish (K-2), 3:50 pm, rm. 212
Science, 3:50 pm, rm. 219
- Thur., Feb. 2** **Art, 3:50 pm, rm. 163**
Skills and Scrimmages Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym
- Fri., Feb. 3** **Odyssey of the Mind, 3:50 pm**

A Look Ahead

- Feb. 7** **PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, APR**
Feb. 8 **Report Cards**
Vision & Hearing Screening

- **Recently a few cases of head lice were identified at school. Please refer to the attached document for guidance on treating and preventing head lice.**
- **Please join us at the next PTA Meeting, February 7, 7:00 pm, in the Media Center. Guest speakers will be Mrs. Miller, math support teacher, and Mrs. Wilkes, reading specialist. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wilkes will share ideas and resources to help your child at home with math and reading.**
- **Student Change of School Assignment (COSA) application season is February 1 through April 3 for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. COSA booklets/applications are available in the office. Students must be registered in their home school before applying for a transfer.**
- **Vision and Hearing screeners will be at Bells Mill on February 8 and 9. All students in Kindergarten, Gr. 1, those new to MCPS, and those referred by teachers for possible vision/hearing problems will be screened. You will receive a referral form to take to your**

child's doctor if your child fails the screening. If your child is already under care for hearing or vision, or you do not wish your child to be screened at school, please notify the school nurse in writing. If your child wears glasses or contacts they should wear them every day and bring them to the screening.

- **The dates for the application and selection processes for the Elementary Foreign Language Immersion Programs are February 1 to May 5, 2017.** Applicants may submit an *Elementary Immersion Interest Form*, which can be found on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms . Mail interest forms to DCCAPS, Spring Mill Field Office, 11721 Kemp Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902, hand deliver, or e-scanned to DCCAPS@mcpsmd.org by May 5. Please do not send interest forms to school.
- **Churchill HS will hold a Poms mini-camp for interested students in grades 1-5, Wednesday and Thursday February 15 and 16, 4:45-5:45 pm, in the Churchill HS dance studio.** All participants will be taught a brief, age-appropriate routine by current Churchill poms. Cost is \$50 and includes instruction, a set of poms and a long-sleeve shirt. Campers will have the opportunity to perform their dance routine on **Friday, February 17**, at the 5:30 pm girls' varsity basketball game. For information/registration, see the attached flyer or visit [mini and jr pom camp online registration form](#) .
- **Bells Mill students are invited to Churchill HS varsity girls' and boys' basketball games at Churchill HS, FREE, Friday, February 17, girls at 5:30 pm and boys at 7:15 pm. Churchill will take on Blair HS.**
- **We are now collecting names for fall kindergarten classes.** If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2017, contact Ms. Vincenty (240-740-0480) to get your child's name added to our list. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. We will announce spring Kindergarten Orientation dates as soon as they are available.
- **Registration is now open for the George B. Thomas Learning Academy Saturday School, which has 12 locations throughout the county.** Saturday School provides academic tutoring and mentoring support for students Grades K-12. Students receive extra help to stay on track in school and move ahead to bridge the achievement gap. Programs focus on Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics and Test-Taking skills. To register visit www.saturdayschool.org .
- **Yearbooks are on sale now!** Order your 2016-2017 yearbook online at www.freedpics.com (password: BEARS1617YB). Cost is \$25, and order deadline is Monday, April 3, 2017. Check backpacks for flyers. Questions, contact Lina deChiara, lina.dechiara79@gmail.com
- **The MCPS Parent Academy is back with an exciting lineup of free workshops for parents/guardians.** Parent Academy workshops provide parents with useful tips and tools to support their children's success in and out of school. A wide array of topics will be covered during the winter session, including college and career planning, recognizing child abuse and neglect, PARCC assessments, internet safety, and much more. All of the workshops are free and are held at schools and locations throughout Montgomery County. Childcare and interpretation services are provided. To see the schedule of workshops and to register, visit www.mcpsparentacademy.org.

- **National School Counseling Week**, “School Counseling: Helping Students Realize their Potential,” will be celebrated February 6-10. This week provides a great opportunity to show our appreciation to our fantastic counselor, Mrs. Kanter, for the incredible job she does every day.

Churchill Mini Poms Clinic

Who: Any interested participant grades 1-5.

When: Wednesday, February 15th and Thursday, February 16th

Where: Churchill High School Dance Studio

Time: 4:45-5:45 pm

Cost: \$50 includes instruction, set of poms, long sleeve shirt, and a picture to remember the day.

All participants will be taught a short, age-appropriate, routine from current Churchill poms. Campers will show off their dance on Friday, February 17th @ the 5:30 Varsity Basketball Game!

Contact Information:

Churchill Pom Coach, Tiffany Carmi (chspomscoach@gmail.com)

Please cut bottom portion and return with payment to:

Churchill High School, Gainsborough Rd, Potomac, MD 20854

Attn: Poms Coach Tiffany Carmi

Make checks payable to ***WCHS Booster Club***

Registration must be postmarked by Monday January 30th to allow time for shirts and poms to be ordered and to arrive on time.

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the **Churchill Poms Mini Camp on February 15th and 16th** as well as the performance February 17th. I understand that MCPS, the Churchill Administration, Coaches and Poms are not liable for any injuries occurred while my child is attending mini-camp. I understand that if payment is not postmarked by January 30th, my child may not be able to participate in the mini-camp.

Parent

Signature: _____

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Child's Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent's: E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone

Number: _____

T-Shirt Size: ___ Youth Small ___ Youth Medium ___ Youth Large ___ Youth
Extra Large

Montgomery County Department of
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Dear Parent:

The following is pertinent information about a condition found commonly in preschool and elementary-age children. Head lice, also called *Pediculus humanus capitis*, are parasitic insects found on the heads of people. Anyone who comes in close contact (especially head-to-head contact) with someone who has head lice is at greatest risk. Occasionally, head lice may be acquired from contact with clothing or personal items that belong to an infested person. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice. Here are some ways you can identify and/or prevent head lice.

BE ALERT FOR THE SIGNS OF HEAD LICE: Signs and symptoms of head lice infestation include a tickling feeling of something moving in the hair, itching and/or sores caused by scratching on the back of the neck and head. If you observe your child scratching in this area, check his/her head for lice and nits attached to the hair shafts. The adult louse is about the size of a sesame seed, has six legs, no wings, and is tan to grayish white. Lice eggs are called nits. Nits are very small, about the size of a knot in thread, teardrop shaped, hard to see and often confused for dandruff or hair spray droplets. The female louse attaches the nits to the hair shaft, close to the scalp with a glue-like substance that makes the nits difficult to remove. Ordinary combing, brushing or shampooing will not remove them.

INSPECT: Examine the hair and scalp of all family members regularly throughout the year. This means all adults and children living in the same house. Pets do not carry human lice. Close inspection of the hair and scalp will sometimes reveal the adult lice, but you are more likely to see the nits.

TREAT: If lice or nits within ½ inch of the scalp are found, or your child has been excluded from school because of a lice infestation, use a special over-the-counter medication, called a pediculicide, or a medication prescribed by your health care provider. Use the medicated treatment exactly according to directions. After the treatment and the hair is dry, the nits close to the scalp should be removed with a special nit comb. Check the hair every 2 - 3 days for 2 - 3 weeks until you are sure all lice and nits within ½ inch of the scalp are gone.

CLEAN THE ENVIRONMENT: Check other household members for lice and/or nits and treat if necessary. Wash all washable clothing and bed linens worn or used by the infested person during the 2 days before treatment. Use hot water and dry laundry using high heat for at least 20 minutes. Clothing and other items that are not washable (coats, hats, scarves, stuffed animals) may be dry cleaned or stored in sealed plastic bags for two weeks. Soak combs and brushes for 1 hour in rubbing alcohol, Lysol or wash with hot soap and water. Vacuum the floor and furniture. Do not use fumigant sprays; they can be toxic if inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

PREVENT A REINFESTATION:

Avoid head-to-head contact which is common during play at school and at home (sports activities, on the playground, slumber parties, at camp). Do not share clothing, such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, or hair ribbons/clips. Do not share combs, brushes, or towels. Do not lie on beds, couches, pillows, carpets, or stuffed animals that have recently been in contact with an infested person. *You are encouraged to notify the health room if you have found a head lice infestation on your child so that prevention measures can be implemented at school. This information will be kept confidential.*

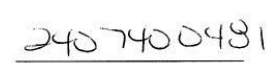
Please contact your child's School Community Health Nurse if you have any questions and/or look for additional information at

<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/index.html>

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Principal


School Community Health Nurse


Telephone