



The week ahead

- Mon., May 1** **Brownies, 3:50 pm, rm. 150**
Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm, APR
- Tue., May 2** **PARCC testing begins for Gr. 3-5 (see schedule below)**
Legos, 3:50 pm, rm. 149
Chess, 3:50 pm, rm. 209
PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, APR
- Wed., May 3** **Model UN, 8:10 am, rm. 149**
Spanish, 3:50 pm, rm. 159
Mad Science, 3:50 pm, rm. 150
- Thur., May 4** **Brownie Troop 1643, 3:50 pm, rm. 159**
- Fri., May 5** **Science Fair, 9:30-11:15 am and 7:00-8:00 pm, APR**
Daisy Troop 33042, 3:50 pm, rm. 129
Scout Troop 585, 5:00 pm, rm. 149

A Look Ahead

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| May 12 | International Night, 6:30-9:00 pm |
| May 16 | Patrol Picnic |
| May 19 | Field Day |

- **Register now for Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp, July 10-28, 8:30 am-noon, for all Bells Mill rising kindergarteners through grade 5 students. Information letter and registration form are attached to this newsletter.**
- **Take advantage of a free shred day. Bring your personal documents for shredding on Saturday, April 29, 9:00 am-noon, in the Bells Mill parking lot. Sponsored by Kris Feldman of Long and Foster Real Estate.**
- **International Night is Friday, May 12, 6:30-9:00 pm.** Families are still needed to host country tables and/or cultural performances. Come join us and share your culture and heritage with our school community. Each country will have a table to display various aspects of its unique culture. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean up. Middle and high school volunteers can earn SSL hours. To host a country, perform or volunteer please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4baba62dabf85-bells> .

- **Attention parents of students in Gr. 3-5, PARCC assessments are scheduled for May 2 through May 15.** Please refrain from making appointments on your child's testing dates. Have your child eat a good breakfast, be well rested and arrive on time. Check the schedule below for your child's testing dates.

May 2, 3, 4 – English/Language Arts May 9, 10, 12, 15 – Math

Students who are absent due to illness will have the opportunity to make up all or part of the assessments.

- **Attention Gr. 5 Families,** Cabin John MS invites you to Family Dessert and Game Night on Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 pm, in the CJMS cafeteria. No cell phones, please—only game playing and dessert eating!
- **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 clothing will be donated. Small items such as eyeglasses are in the office.
- **MCPS Parents Encouraged to Complete Engagement Survey** A random sample of families will be asked to participate in the 2017 Parent Engagement Survey. Selected parents will receive information by mail and are asked to complete the survey online by June 1, 2017. The survey is about your experiences with your child's school and education. Your answers are confidential and are reported with the answers from other families. The information you provide will help schools better understand families' engagement in their children's education and improve connections between schools and families. The survey is brief and can be completed in 10 minutes.



Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp

**Bells Mill Elementary School
8225 Bells Mill Road
Potomac, Maryland 20854**

March 22, 2017

Dear Parents,

We are offering an exciting summer adventure for your child: **Camp Bells Mill** for our students entering Grades 1-5 in the fall; and **KinderCamp** for those entering Kindergarten. The camp will be held at Bells Mill ES from July 10 to 28 and will be staffed by our own great teachers. Your student will spend three and a half hours each day having great fun with creative activities that support the MCPS curriculum. Camp hours are 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon (doors open at 8:25 am). Limited bus transportation is available. Children should bring a healthy snack and drink from home. It is important that you are able to commit to sending your child to all 15 days.

Students are offered learning opportunities through arts/crafts, physical education, technology, music, reading, math, science and social studies. All elements of the program support the MCPS curriculum.

Please note that your child must be registered as a Bells Mill student in order to attend. If your child is new to Bells Mill, this means that before your child can attend camp we need your current proof of residency, your child's birth certificate, your photo ID and an up-to-date immunization record.

The fee for attending camp is \$550 per child. There are opportunities to decrease tuition fees based on income eligibility requirements. No student will be denied attendance due to financial constraints. Please contact the office if you would like information on payment options.

Please send \$550 payment (check/money order payable to Bells Mill ES) along with the attached form by Monday, May 22, 2017. We will make room for all Bells Mill students, but it is important that you let us know if your child will be coming so that we can plan staffing and hire the appropriate number of teachers. Contact the office if you have questions.

Sincerely,


Jerri Oglesby
Principal

Keep this sheet for your information.

Attachment: registration form

Detach this sheet and return it with payment by Monday, May 22, 2017.

Please enroll my child (name) _____ in Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp
from July 10-28, 2017.

My child is entering Grade _____.

Home address: _____

Parent phones: _____

Parent email: _____

Allergies/medical conditions we should know about: _____

Parent Signature

Date

Check one:

_____ I am attaching a \$550 check/money order to pay tuition in full.

_____ I want my child to attend camp, and I will contact you regarding tuition payment options.

Transportation Information (check one)

_____ I will drop off and pick up my child.

_____ My child will ride the bus to and from the stop at Seven Locks Rd./Scotland Dr.

_____ Other: _____

