



**The week ahead**

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| <b>Mon., May 8</b>   | <b>MSA Tennis, 3:50 pm, gym</b>   |
| <b>Tue., May 9</b>   | <b>PARCC testing for Gr. 3-5 (see schedule below)</b><br><b>Legos, 3:50 pm, rm. 149</b><br><b>Chess, 3:50 pm, rm. 209</b><br><b>Family Dessert and Game Night for Gr. 5 Families, 7:00 pm, CJMS</b> |
| <b>Wed., May 10</b>  | <b>PARCC testing for Gr. 3-5</b><br><b>Spanish, 3:50 pm, rm. 159</b><br><b>Mad Science, 3:50 pm, rm. 150</b>  |
| <b>Thur., May 11</b> | <b>Scout Troop 2794, 3:50 pm, rm. 129</b>   |
| <b>Fri., May 12</b>  | <b>International Night, 6:30-9:00 pm</b>  |

**A Look Ahead**

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| <b>May 16</b> | <b>Patrol Picnic</b>   |
| <b>May 19</b> | <b>Field Day</b>   |
| <b>May 22</b> | <b>Gr. 5 to Annapolis, 9:25 am-3:00 pm</b>                           |
| <b>May 23</b> | <b>Kindergarten to College Park Aviation Museum, 9:30 am-2:00 pm</b> |
| <b>May 24</b> | <b>Gr. 3 to Smithsonian Museum, 9:30 am-3:00 pm</b>                  |
| <b>May 25</b> | <b>Scoop Night at Baskin-Robbins</b>                                 |
| <b>May 26</b> | <b>Black History Celebration, 7:00 pm, APR</b>                       |
| <b>May 29</b> | <b>School Closed for Memorial Day Holiday</b>                        |
| <b>May 30</b> | <b>Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 pm, APR</b>                      |
| <b>May 31</b> | <b>Gr. 1 to Sharp Farm, 9:30 am-2:00 pm</b>                          |

- **For those families who are unable to commit to 3 full weeks of Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp (July 10-28, 8:30 am-noon), we are now offering the option of registering for only 1 or 2 weeks. The cost is \$185 per week or \$550 for all 3 weeks. Information letter and registration form are attached to this newsletter.**
- **Montgomery County Police recently observed the parent drop-off location at our school. The police reported seatbelt violations for drivers and passengers, as well as several distracted drivers on cell phones. The Director of the Police Traffic Division asked me to alert the community that officers will return to school from time to time to conduct enforcement (ticketing) of cell phone and seatbelt violations.**

- **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 the remaining 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!
- **The staff and I wish to extend thanks to Haylie Iseman and all the families who contributed to Staff Appreciation Week. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community.**
- **Attention parents of students who are new to MCPS and all Gr. 2 parents,** there will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 7:00 pm, in the Media Center. We will review the Global Screening Process for Gifted and Talented identification, and we will discuss how to read and interpret the Parent Report.
- **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.
- **The Montgomery County Board of Education is seeking to fill one vacancy on its five-member Ethics Panel for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2017. Members serve without compensation.** Responsibilities are: (1) approving financial disclosure forms; (2) interpreting the Board of Education's Ethics Policy and issuing advisory opinions concerning its application; and (3) conducting hearings on complaints filed regarding an alleged violation. Panel members may not be incumbent members of the Board of Education, school officials,

employees, or persons employed by a business entity subject to the authority of the Board of Education, or spouses of such persons. The Panel meets once a year to review financial disclosure forms and as needed to review complaints and requests for advisory opinions. Applicants must submit a letter of interest along with a resumé or other documentation to support the application by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26, for the appointment to be made at the Board meeting on June 13, 2017. Send a letter of interest and resumé to [Suzann King](#), Montgomery County Board of Education, 850 Hungerford Drive, Room 123, Rockville, Maryland, 20850. For more information, call 301-279-3617.

- **The Board of Education has tentatively approved changes to Board Policy ACA, *Human Relations*, and recommended changing the name of Policy ACA to *Nondiscrimination, Equity, and Cultural Proficiency*.** Policy ACA establishes and promotes a framework that prepares all students to live and work in a globally-minded society and fosters a positive learning environment that embraces all unique and individual differences. It affirms the Board's unwavering commitment that all students and staff demonstrate mutual respect without regard to any individual's actual or perceived personal characteristics. The draft of Policy ACA is available for public comment until May 26. Visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/policy-for-public-comment.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/policy-for-public-comment.aspx) to read the tentative changes and provide comment.
- **Montgomery County Recreation (MCR) will host the second annual Move More Montgomery Festival on Saturday, May 6 from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center, located at 14625 Bauer Drive in Rockville.** The event is free and open to the public. MCR is committed to healthy living through healthy eating and physical activity. Move More Montgomery is an initiative to encourage residents to get up and get moving for better health and wellness.



## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

