

Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

May 15, 2017

Office of the Principal

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The week ahead

Mon., May 15	Gr. 3, 4 and 5 PARCC testing Gr. 2 to Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum MSA Tennis, 3:50 pm, gym Brownies, 3:50 pm. Rm. 150
Tue., May 16	Patrol Picnic at Fairgrounds Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:30, APR Legos, 3:50 pm, rm. 149 Chess, 3:50 pm, rm. 209
Wed., May 17	Spanish, 3:50 pm, rm. 159 Mad Science, 3:50 pm, rm. 150
Thur., May 18	Scout Troop 2794, 3:50 pm, rm. 129
Fri., May 19	Field Day, 9:30-11:25 am Daisy Troop 33042, 3:50 pm, rm. 129 Scout Troop 585, 5:00 pm, rm. 149

A Look Ahead

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

- **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.**
- **Have you noticed the beautiful flowers in the planters at the main entrance of school? They were a gift from Ricardo and Claudia Alfaro. Many thanks to the Alfaro Family for donating and planting the flowers.**

- **Field Day is Friday, May 19, 9:30-11:25 am.** Children should dress appropriately for physical activities. This means wearing loose clothing, athletic shoes and sun block. We encourage students to bring a water bottle that they can refill at the water fountain. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer on the students. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Romans.
- **Attention parents of students in Gr. 3-5, the last day of PARCC (Math) assessments is Monday, May 15.** Please refrain from making appointments on this date. Have your child eat a good breakfast, be well rested and arrive on time. Students who are absent due to illness will have the opportunity to make up all or part of the assessments.
- **Restaurant/Celebrity Scoop Night is Thursday, May 25, 5:00-9:00 pm. Join us for dinner at Gregorio's (dine in or carry out) followed by ice cream at Baskin Robbins.** Your favorite BMES staff members will scoop ice cream at the Cabin John Baskin Robbins. A portion of the evening's sales will benefit the PTA, so don't forget to mention Bells Mill at both places.
- **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION ICE CREAM PARTY CONTEST UPDATE:** May is the LAST month to turn in your Box Tops to win your child's class an ice cream party. Make sure that you put your child's teacher's name on the page or bag when you deposit them into the Box Top bin in the front hallway of the school. There are many classes neck and neck with only a few Box Tops separating them! Thank you for supporting Bells Mill through this wonderful program!
- **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.
- **Bells Mill Bash will be held June 2, 5:30-8:00 pm (RAIN OR SHINE). This is a fun end of year event for all families and all grades.** There will be multiple inflatables for kids to play on, a rock-climbing wall, face painting, crafts, popcorn, cotton candy, and a DJ. Potomac Pizza and Carmen's Italian Ice and Custard will be available for purchase. Food truck purchases are NOT included in the cost of the ticket. Purchase advance tickets online until May 26 for \$15/child (children under age 3 do not require a ticket). Tickets will be \$17 at the door. For online ticket sales, visit <http://bellsmill.org/fundraisers/online-store/> . Parents/adults, please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help with this event. To sign up, visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4fa8af22a46-bells> . Questions, Jamie@LHSFNA.org .
- **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 to read the tentative changes and provide comment.



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.

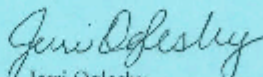
Students are offered learning opportunities through arts/crafts, physical education, technology, music, reading, math, science and social studies. All elements of the program support the MCPS curriculum.

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: _____

