



Week Ahead:

Mon., Sept.14 6:30 PM Room Parent Meeting in All Purpose Room

Tues., Sept. 15 Head Start Hearing and Vision Testing

**Wed., Sept. 16 Read-a-thon Kick-off Assembly in AP Room 2:30 PM
Deadline for Hand-On-Science Registration**

Thurs., Sept. 17 First Day of Instrumental Music Classes

**Fri., Sept. 18 Show Your Bear Pride! Wear your school colors today!
Have a great weekend!!!!**

A Look Ahead:

Sept. 21 Read-a-thon Begins

Sept. 22 Grade 3-5 Author visit –Mike Knudson

**Sept. 24 4:30 – 7:00 PM Celebrity Scoop Night at Baskin-Robbins
7:00 PM Drama Club Meeting for Parents in AP Room**

Sept. 28 No School for Students and Teachers

- **Thank you to everyone who came to Back to School Night.** It was wonderful to see so many families attend this special night. We also want to thank you for the support you have given us during a very difficult week. Once again, our Bells Mill Community has shown how caring and supportive you are. We feel very blessed to be part of such an incredible school family.
- **Thanks to the families who have made contributions to the Mama Sharon Mathematics Fund.** I know that your donations will significantly impact our students and would have made Mrs. Davis very happy. She was devoted to her students and dedicated to teaching math. Thank you for honoring her memory in such a giving way.
- **Sept. 16th is the deadline for Hands-On-Science registration.** For questions, contact Tracy Stolz at tracyrs14@comcast.net or 301-367-5302.
- **With the beginning of school I have a few gentle reminders.** Please remember that students may begin arriving at 8:55 am. This morning we had students arriving at 8:30. Teachers are not on duty at that time and there is no coverage available for students. In addition, when you drive

your children to school, please drive into the drop off area, do not exit your vehicle, and allow your children to get out on the passenger side of the car. Once your child is on the sidewalk, you may pull back into the drop off circle and exit the driveway. This morning we had some children who exited on the driver side placing them in the line of traffic. We also had parents parking in the circle, exiting their vehicle and helping their child out of the car. This slows down the process. We appreciate your help in making sure this process flows smoothly. We have the procedures in place to ensure that your children can safely arrive to school in the morning and again at dismissal.

- **We appreciate your patience as we work with transportation** to speed up the arrival and dismissal of bus students. As you know we have been working with Mr. Musson to facilitate this process. There is one route that came very early today. I apologize for that mistake. There should not have been a change in pick-up until a letter was sent home. You will receive notification from the department of transportation when changes occur. Again, I apologize for the mix-up this morning.
- **Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services** will offer free seasonal flu mist (nasal) vaccine to Bells Mill students on **October 1, 2009**. This is **not the vaccine for H1N1(swine flu)** which will be available later in October.
- **We need your help.** We are having an ongoing problem with students skateboarding in our parking lot after school hours. These are older students who are enjoying the newly paved driveway. We wouldn't mind the skateboarding, however, students are skating around the planter in the front of the building as well as down the railings near the steps. This is causing damage to certain areas of the building. We are proud of our new home and want to make sure that we keep it looking as beautiful as it is now. If you are visiting the playground areas or walking by, please help us by reminding students not to cause damage to the building. We appreciate your help.
- **Calling all volunteers.** We would love to have volunteers help out with recess coverage. We have many new areas for students to play and would greatly appreciate help in monitoring the playground. If you are interested please contact Ali.Weitzman@gmail.com . She is coordinating times to have parents assist during our recess time.
- **Please mark Thursday evening, September 24 from 4:30 – 7:00 PM.** This is a special night at the Baskin-Robbins at Cabin John Mall. That night you will find some of your favorite teachers scooping ice cream. It is a night of great fun and an event where you can meet with your teachers, greet each other and build relationships in our school community. We look forward to seeing you come out and have dessert with us!
- **We are getting requests to send home lists of student** names and addresses to parents to facilitate outside of school play dates and parties. Please understand that we are not able to provide that information. The school directory will be published very soon and will contain that information for you. Thank you for your understanding the school's position regarding these requests.

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