



Week Ahead:

Mon., Sept.21

Read-a-thon begins
Patrol Meeting, noon, Rm. 213

Tues., Sept. 22

Children's author Mike Knudson visits Grades 3-5

Wed., Sept. 23

Thurs., Sept. 24

Celebrity Scoop Night at Baskin Robbins, 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm
Drama Club Info Meeting for Parents, 7:30 pm, APR

Fri., Sept. 25

Show Your Bear Pride! Wear your school colors today!
Have a great LONG weekend!!!!

A Look Ahead:

Sept. 28 Yom Kippur, No School for Students and Teachers

Oct. 1 FluMist Vaccine Clinic

- **Thank you to the families who have made contributions to the Mama Sharon Mathematics Fund.** Your donations honor the memory of Mrs. Davis and will significantly impact our students.
- **Please note: The Bells Mill Health Room now has a direct phone number. To reach the health tech or the nurse please call 301-469-1248.**
- **Use of our athletic fields is restricted for one year in order to allow time for the new sod to take hold.** No permits are being issued at this time. Unfortunately, some teams practice here without a permit, and this unauthorized use has damaged the sod. We have been instructed to notify MCPS Security whenever teams are observed on the fields. If your child's team practices on a Bells Mill field please ask your coach to use a different location.
- **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. By now all students have brought home an information letter from Montgomery County Health and Human Services. Please

complete the consent form and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible if you want your child to receive the FluMist (nasal) vaccine.

- **We need your help.** Property damage from skateboarding continues to be a problem. We are proud of our new home and want to keep it beautiful. We have been instructed to notify the police when skateboarders are on school property. If you are visiting the playground areas or walking by, please help us by reminding skateboarders that they are trespassing. We appreciate your help.
- **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!
- Children's author Mike Knudson, will be speaking to the students in grades 3 – 5 on Tuesday. He is offering the opportunity to purchase one of his books that he will personally sign for students. The order form came home with children last week. Please contact Mrs. Floyd, Media Specialist, if you have any questions concerning his visit to Bells Mill.
- Another gentle reminder for arrival and dismissal. The morning drop off is strictly a "kiss and drop". That means that you need to pull in the circle and drop off your child. Please do not exit your vehicle. There are patrols and adults to assist the children. During afternoon pickup, please do not leave your vehicle. You may stand outside your door so your child can see you, but allow your children to walk to your vehicle. Once the child is in the car, please pull away from the curb and exit the driveway. We understand that many of you are picking up your children and walking home, we ask that you not congregate at the front door. It disrupts children from being able to exit out the doors safely. Thank you to all the parents who are following our procedures.

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