



**Week Ahead:**

- Mon., Sept.28**                      **No School for Teachers and Students**
- Tues., Sept. 29**                      **Welcome to Miss Rachel Berkowitz –grade 2 teacher**  
**9:45 – 10:45 Parent Orientation for Head Start in AP Room**
- Wed., Sept. 30**
- Thurs., Oct. 1**                      **Flu Mist Clinic at School 9:15 – 12:00 noon**  
**3:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Brownies Meeting in Room 233**  
**4:00 pm Ruth Rales Tutor Meeting in Room 235**
- Fri., Oct. 2**                      **EARLY RELEASE DAY –DISMISSAL AT 1:00 PM**  
**(Teacher grading and planning afternoon)**  
**Show Your Bear Pride! Wear your school colors today!**  
**Have a great weekend!!!!**

**A Look Ahead:**

- Oct. 6**    **PTA Meeting at 7:15 pm in AP room - Mrs. Kanter and**  
**Dr. Jacqueline Iseman –Helping your Child Have Success in School**
- Oct. 9**    **BSO Assemblies on the go for grades 1 and 2**
- Oct. 12** **Parent Visitation Day 9:15 – 11:30 am**

- **We want to welcome Miss Rachel Berkowitz to our staff as our new second grade teacher.** Miss Berkowitz has been working with Mrs. Cohen, Miss Hart, Mrs. Tabachow, and Mrs. Kingsley to ensure a smooth transition for the students. We are happy to have her join our school family. Miss Berkowitz is a graduate of Walter Johnson High School and a recent graduate of the University of Maryland.
- **We also want to thank Mrs. Harriet Cohen for the outstanding job she did taking over the second grade class.** She worked collaboratively with the second grade team in establishing high expectations for all students. Mrs. Cohen came in during a very difficult time and was absolutely fantastic with the children. Her last day with us as a long term substitute will be Friday, September 25. I know you join me in thanking her for a job well done.
- **Thanks to all staff members who helped out with Celebrity Scoop Night at Baskin Robbins.** We also thank all families who came out to support our school and take part in your child's education. We had lots of fun visiting with our school family while enjoying a special treat!

- **Thank you to all who help provide a safe arrival and dismissal each day by following the drop off and pick up procedures.** We also appreciate your patience with the bus schedule. We have the schedules worked out so buses are arriving on time in the morning and are also here for dismissal (most days) by 3:30. This enables us to get buses loaded and on their way by 3:35 pm each day. We do appreciate your understanding and help.
- **This is a reminder that there is NO SCHOOL for students and teachers on Monday, September 28.**
- **Another reminder that on Friday, October 2 we will have an early dismissal.** Our dismissal time is 1:00 pm. All walkers will be dismissed at 12:55 and bus students will be dismissed as buses arrive. Please make certain that your child knows his/her plans for the day. Lunch will be served on the half day. However, there is no breakfast on half days.
- **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.
- **Thanks to Mrs. Floyd and especially to the PTA for bringing us children's author, Mike Knudson,** who spoke to our grade 3 – 5 students this past Tuesday. The children and the staff greatly enjoyed his presentation. Mr. Knudson also gave wonderful compliments to our students and staff. Thank you again for this great opportunity for our students.
- **Please mark your calendars.** We have a PTA meeting scheduled for October 6 at 7:15 pm in the AP Room. Mrs. Kanter, BMES Counselor, and Dr. Jacqueline Iseman, licensed psychologist and author, will be speaking on the topic of how to help your child have a successful school year.
- **Ask MCPS.** The Office of Communications and Family Outreach invites parents and community members to drop in for coffee and conversation on Thursday, October 1 from 4 – 7 pm at the Department of Family and Community Partnerships at CESC Room 50. Enter through the West Entrance. Bring your questions and find out about programs and services in the school system. You will also get tips to take home on how to help children succeed in school. Call 301-279-3100 if you have questions.
- Your child can receive tutoring services from a certified teacher on 23 Saturday mornings during the school year by registering at The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. held at Rockville HS from October 3, 2009 through May 1, 2010. The cost is \$30.00 for the year. Parents must register in person this Saturday, September 26 from 8:30-11:30 am. Open Day and another registration will be on October 3. Call 301-320-6545 with questions.

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