



Week Ahead:

- Mon., Oct. 19** **Read-a-thon continues**
8:10 – 9:10 a.m. Spanish II in Room 233
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Hands on Science (K, 1) in Room 233
3:30 p.m. 3rd grade Boy Scouts in Room 209
- Tues., Oct. 20** **3:30-4:30 p.m. Mrs. Kirby’s Art Club**
3:30-4:30 p.m. Spanish Intro Rooms 150 and 155
3:30-4:30 p.m. Hands on Science (K, 1) in Room 233
- Wed., Oct. 21** **8:10 – 9:10 a.m. Spanish I in Room 233**
Grade 5 Field Trip to Baltimore; Buses leave at 8:30 a.m.–return at 3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m. Kindergarten Daisies in Room 125
3:30-4:30 p.m. Hands on Science (2, 3) in Room 233
7 – 8 p.m. Community Open House to tour the building
- Thurs., Oct. 22** **8:10 – 9:10 a.m. French III in Room 163 (Art Room)**
11:30 a.m. Staff Appreciation Luncheon courtesy of K/1 families
3:30-4:30 p.m. Hands on Science (2, 3) in Room 233
3:30-4:30 p.m. Drama Club in APR
- Fri., Oct. 23** **Wear your school colors today!**
8:10-9:10 a.m. French I in Room 233
Head Start Field Trip to Homestead Farms 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. Walk for the Homeless at school today
Have a great Fall Weekend with your families and friends!
- Sat., Oct. 24** **Club Bells Mill 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at BMES**

A Look Ahead:

- October 27** **Blanton Individual Portraits will be taken today**
October 28 **Principal Tea for K/1 Families 7-8 p.m.**
October 29 **H1N1 Flu Mist Clinic for Head Start Children only (information came home this week to those families)**
October 30 **Halloween Parade and Parties 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.**
Nov. 2 **No School for Students – Teachers work on Report Cards that day**

- **Our walk for the Homeless will be Friday, October 23, 2009 at 2:30 pm.** Students will walk around the school property to raise awareness and funds for Stepping Stones Shelter, a homeless shelter for children and families in Montgomery County. We are striving to have 100% of the student body participate in this important community service project! Please complete the registration form and return it no later than Tuesday, October 20 so your child will receive his or her t-shirt in time for the Walk.
- **Thanks to Mrs. Papageorge, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Resnick, Mrs. Herman** and their group of volunteers for the very successful Book Fair that was held at the school this week. We greatly appreciate the hard work and time that was spent planning, organizing and running this huge event.
- **Thanks to all families who took part in the Ledo's Night this past Wednesday.** As you know a portion of the proceeds of the evening come back to our school PTA to support your children. This is a great way to support the school and enjoy family fun at the same time.
- **Thank you for joining us at Parent Open House this past Monday.** The staff and I enjoyed having you experience a morning with your children. I hope you enjoyed seeing instruction and technology in action in your child's classroom. Thanks to the PTA for preparing coffee and treats for parents that morning.
- **The read-a-thon is continuing this next week.** It is our hope that all families will have your children complete their reading logs and participate in this great event. Even though this is the major fundraiser for the PTA, we want all children to participate in this event regardless of gathering pledges as our main goal is to have children reading for fun and entertainment. Every grade level has the expectation that students are reading or are being read to every night at part of their nightly homework. I am proud of the children for completing their logs and remembering to turn them in to their teachers weekly. The PTA has offered to provide a Baskin Robbins cake to classes who have 100% of the students turning in their weekly logs. Thank you for your support of this great event.
- **The middle school magnet applications and Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) Choice form** deadline is Monday, November 9, 2009. Choice forms for the MSMC are available on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms. There are also applications and test preparation materials for the middle school magnet program on the website. Please note that the applications and MSMC choice forms will be available on-line on October 16.
- **Parents of third grade students should have received,** through the US Mail, an application for the Highly Gifted Center Program at Cold Spring ES. If you are interested in having your child considered for this program, please submit the application to Division of Consortium Choice and Application Process Services. If you have not received an application and are interested in applying, please contact the school office and we will send an application out to you. Applications are also available on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Highly Gifted Center office at 301-592-2040 or Ms. Thomas at the school office.
- **Again this year Bells Mill will participate in Box Tops for Education.** Bells Mill receives 10 cents for every box top you give us. This is an easy way for you to support our school. Just ask your student to place box tops in the collection box located in the hall near the front doors. If you have any questions please contact Kathleen Ervin at ervinsk@verizon.net.
- **Please take time to review the information sheet** sent home from the Department of Health and Human Services concerning the availability of H1N1 flu shot clinics offered throughout the county for MCPS students. You can also find information at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu

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