



**Week Ahead:**

- Mon., Oct. 26**      **Read-a-thon continues-. . . This is the last week. . .**  
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
- Tues., Oct. 27**      **Individual student portraits will be taken today**  
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  
3:30 – 4:30 Ruth Rales group (late bus today)
- Wed., Oct. 28**      **8:10 – 9:10 a.m. Spanish I in Room 233**  
**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Assembly --- “Kids on the Block” in AP Room**  
**3:30 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Brownies**  
**3:30-4:30 p.m. Hands on Science (2, 3) in Room 233**  
**7 – 8 p.m. K/1 Principal Tea in AP Room**
- Thurs., Oct. 29**      **8:10 – 9:10 a.m. French III in Room 163 (Art Room)**  
**H1N1 Flu Clinic for Head Start Only**  
**3:30 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Brownies will meet in rooms 209/239**  
**3:30-4:30 p.m. Hands on Science (2, 3) in Room 233**  
**3:30-4:30 p.m. Drama Club in APR**  
**3:30 – 4:30 pm Ruth Rales Reading**
- Fri., Oct. 30**      **Wear your school colors today!**  
**8:10-9:10 a.m. French I in Room 233**  
**2:00 – 3:15 –Halloween Parade and Parties**  
**Have a great Fall Weekend with your families and friends!**

**A Look Ahead:**

- Nov. 1**      **Daylight Savings Time Ends --- Turn Clocks back one hour**  
**Nov. 2**      **No School for Students – Teachers work on Report Cards that day**  
**Nov. 3**      **7:15 PM PTA Meeting in AP Room**  
**Nov. 5**      **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Poets Tea ---Sharing poetry with families**

- **Thank you for the support of the Walk for the Homeless that was held on Friday, October 23. We had a great turnout of support.** Mr. Romans led all staff and students around the school property to raise awareness and funds for Stepping Stones Shelter, a homeless shelter for children and families in Montgomery County. A huge thank you to Laurie Jacobs for all the hard work and time she spent organizing the walk.
- **We will be having our annual Halloween parade and parties on Friday, October 30.** The parade will be held on the playground and fields (weather permitting) beginning at approximately 2:00. Following the parade, all students will return to their classes for a Halloween celebration party. We ask that in choosing your child's costume you try to stay away from scary characters. Your child may carry all props (swords, etc) when they trick or treat on Saturday night, but not at the school parade and party. The lunch and recess schedule will be altered by 15 minutes to allow students ample time to change into costumes before the parade begins. Parents are invited to dress up and join in the fun. If you plan on joining us, please make certain that you park out on the street. We cannot block fire lanes for parking.
- **The Read-a-thon is continuing this next week.** This is our final week of the Read-a-thon so please make sure that your child completes the final reading log and gets it turned in on time. Thank you again for your support of this great event.
- **Parent-Teacher conferences are fast approaching.** Please make sure you schedule a conference time to meet and discuss your child's progress so far this year. We have two early dismissal days on Nov. 11 and 12 that are designated for conference days. However, many teachers also schedule meetings on other days. Please take the time to meet with your teachers to discuss your children. Your involvement in your child's education is critical to their success.
- **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](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms). There are also applications and test preparation materials for the middle school magnet program on the website.
- **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 go to the MCPS website at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms](http://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](mailto:ervinsk@verizon.net).
- Thank you to the award-winning Synetic Theater and Irina Tsikurishvili for their performance on Wednesday, October 21. All students who attended thoroughly enjoyed the humorous and entertaining mime/dance presentation.

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