



**Week Ahead:**

**Mon., Nov. 9**

**SGA Food Drive Begins today**

- 8:10 Spanish II
- 3:30 Hands on Science K-1
- 3:30 Grade 1 Cub Scouts in room 129
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Poet’s Night in AP Room

**Tues., Nov. 10**

- 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
- 5 – 9 pm Ledo’s Night

**Wed., Nov. 11**

**Early Dismissal Today ----1:00 PM for Parent Conferences**

- Wear Red, White and Blue today in honor of Veteran’s Day
- NO HEAD START CLASS TODAY
- Report Cards will be distributed today
- 8:10 – 9:10 a.m. Spanish I in Room 233
- No after school events today

**Thurs., Nov. 12**

**Early Dismissal Today ----1:00 PM for Parent Conferences**

- NO HEAD START CLASS TODAY
- 8:10 – 9:10 a.m. French III in Room 163 (Art Room)
- No after school events today

**Fri., Nov. 13**

- Wear your school colors today! Happy Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>!
- 8:10-9:10 a.m. French I in Room 233
- Read-a-thon Celebration Today ---PTA will provide Pizza Lunch for all Students today.
- Have a great Fall Weekend with your families and friends!

**A Look Ahead:**

- Nov. 16 7-8 PM 2/3 Principal’s Tea in AP Room
- Nov. 19 Second Grade Field Trip to Strathmore
- Nov. 24 California Pizza Kitchen Night – fundraiser for PTA
- Nov. 25 Early Release 1pm
- Nov. 26/27 Happy Thanksgiving Holiday! No School

- Please note that Wednesday and Thursday (November 11 and 12) are Early Dismissal Days. There will be no breakfast served on either day. Children will have lunch before they are dismissed at 1:00 pm. Please make sure

that your children know their dismissal plans for those days. Buses will be leaving school at 1:00 pm and walkers will be dismissed at 12:55 pm.

- **This week children in grades 1 – 5 will receive their report card for the first marking period.** Please check out the school website to view a video produced by MCPS that will explain the grading processes and how your child's report card scores were generated.
- **Thanks to all parents who attended the last PTA meeting.** Mrs. Stapleton held an informative conversation concerning health issues in the school. Our next PTA meeting will be on December 1 when Mr. Romans, Mrs. Kirby, Ms. Sampogna and Mrs. Floyd will discuss their program and how it supports your children's education at Bells Mill. We hope that many families will come out and learn about our fabulous specialists program and take the opportunity to ask them questions concerning their curriculum.
- **Our own Ms. Wang is a finalist in The Gazette's My Favorite Teacher contest.** Teachers were nominated by current and former students, and finalists were selected from over 500 nominations. Go to The Gazette's My Favorite Teacher website and VOTE for Ms. Wang today!
- **We will celebrate completion of the Read-athon with a school-wide pizza party on November 13.** The PTA will provide a pizza lunch for all students this coming Friday. Please send in a drink, or your child may purchase school milk that day. Children who do not want pizza may still purchase a school lunch or bring a lunch from home. Please make sure you have sent in all reading logs and that you are also sending in your pledges to the PTA. Thank you for your support of this one fundraiser that is held each year. We are thrilled with the enthusiasm for reading that this great event generates every year.
- **I will be meeting with grade 2/3 parents at the Principal's Tea on Monday, Nov. 16 from 7 – 8 pm in the AP Room.** Please feel free to send me any questions via email or note for topics you would like me to address. This is an informal evening that provides you with an opportunity to ask questions that are specific to the grades 2/3 program.
- **Please show consideration to our neighbors on Kirkwall Ct.** Do not park your vehicles on their lawns or block their driveways. If you must drive your child, please utilize the pick up and drop off area that we have designated for you at the school. It is important that we maintain a strong and positive connection with all of our community neighbors.
- **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). Applications and test preparation materials for the middle school magnet program are 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. Go to [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms) for application forms. Questions, call 301-592-2040 or Ms. Thomas at the school office.
- **Congratulations to the following students whose artwork is on display at the Davis Library: Spencer Nash, Mason Goldstein, Abel Seifeselessie, Thu Nguyen, Jeremy Fredricks, Henry Gordon, Elisa Zoltick, Sudenaz Yavuz, Joshua Wolfson, Megan Smith, Emily Zhao, Vincent Zhao, Daniel Liu, Eric Mollard, Elijah Shiff, Cassi Chen, Bailey Herman, Cameron Barclay, Sarah Genn, Trevor Gardemal and Angelica Gonzalez-Fuentes.**
- **MCPS is currently offering a series of Parent Academy workshops.** To view a list of topics, dates and to register go to [www.mcpsparentacademy.org](http://www.mcpsparentacademy.org). Your child will also bring home an information flyer.

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