



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
October 1, 2012  
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**This Week:**

- Mon., Oct. 1**      Lacrosse, 3:30-4:30  
Language Stars, 3:30-4:30, rm. 121  
Cub Scouts, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 155  
Art, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163  
Hoop Stars, 3:30-4:30, gym  
MSI Girls Soccer, 3:30-5:00 pm
- Tues., Oct. 2**      Rock Guitar, 3:30-4:30, rm. 125  
Voice class, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163  
K Daisies, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 129  
Drama, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 219  
Basketball, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym  
Room Parent Orientation, 6:30-7:00 pm, Media Center  
PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, APR  
Potomac Pizza Night, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Wed., Oct. 3**      Walk to School Day (meet at CJMS bus lot and walk together)  
Gr. 3 Brownies, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 128  
Gr. 1 Daisies, 3:30-4:30 pm (field trip)  
Gr. 4 Juniors, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 212  
Gr. 2 Brownies, 3:30-4:30 pm, 154
- Thur., Oct. 4**      Kung Fu, 3:30-4:30, rm. 164  
Hip Hop, 3:30-4:30, gym  
Beginner Guitar, rm. 148  
Soccer, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Fri., Oct. 5**      Odyssey of the Mind, 3:30-4:30, Media Center  
Violin, 3:30-4:30, rm. 120  
Street Hockey, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Have a great weekend!

**A Look Ahead:**

- Oct. 8**      Open House for Parents, 9:15-11:45 am
- Oct. 8-11**    Book Fair

- **Innisbrook money is due no later than Monday, October 1. Please have all checks made out to Bells Mill PTA.** In order for your order to be processed, we MUST have all money by Monday. There is still time for your friends and relatives to order online. Please have them go to [www.Innisbrook.com](http://www.Innisbrook.com) and click

on EZ order. Our school number is 103353. Thanks for helping the PTA raise money for all the wonderful things they do!

- **By now every 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade parent/guardian should have received an application form for the Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted (HCG).** These forms were mailed directly to homes from MCPS. The **application deadline is November 2, 2012.** Please follow the instructions for mailing the form to MCPS. Do not return the form to school, as this will only delay the process. Applications can also be found at: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/applications.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/applications.aspx) . There will be **two Parent Information Meetings: October 3 at Wheaton HS and Oct. 10 at Quince Orchard HS. Both meetings will take place at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Interested parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend.**
- **If you have volunteered to be a room parent, please plan on attending an orientation on Tuesday, October 2, 6:30-7:00 pm, in the Media Center. The first PTA meeting of year will immediately follow at 7:00 in the APR.**
- **On Wednesday, October 3, we will participate in the county-wide Walk to School Day.** This event is part of Safe Routes to School, a program to create safer walking and biking routes so parents are comfortable allowing their children to walk and bike to school. To ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate in this event, we are asking parents who normally drive their child to school to have their children walk to school on October 3. If you must drive your child to school on that day, please drop your child off at Cabin John MS. Bells Mill teachers and patrols will be onsite to escort students as we walk to school together. **Please drop off your child by 8:50 a.m. We will begin our walk at 8:55 a.m.**
- **Please plan on visiting your child's classroom on Monday, October 8, for our annual Open House.** Parents are invited to observe a typical school day for your child. We welcome parents from 9:15 – 11:45 am. All parents are expected to enter through the main doors and sign in. *We request that younger siblings not attend.* It will be necessary for you to park on the street that day. We look forward to having you join us for the morning instructional period.
- **The Book Fair is coming Monday, October 8, through Thursday, October 11.** All proceeds from sales go to the PTA to purchase books for our media center and for classroom teachers. During the school day students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair and make purchases. We encourage parents to stop by on Monday, October 8, when you attend Open House. **On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 10 and 11, the Book Fair will be open in the evening, 6:30-8:30 pm** (students must be accompanied by an adult).
- **The Media Center welcomes parent volunteers. If you would like to help in the Media Center please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EA8AF0-media> .**
- **Registration is now under way for the fall 2012 MCPS Parent Academy.** Parents can choose from a lineup of workshops that includes Curriculum 2.0, anxiety in children and adolescents, and helping students develop organizational skills. A series of workshops for beginning computer users and another series on special education also are offered. Additionally, the Division of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Bilingual Programs staff in collaboration with the Division of Family and Community Partnerships (DFCP) will present workshops on preparing for parent-teacher conferences in six languages. Parent Academy workshops are taught by MCPS staff members and representatives from community organizations. Interpretation and childcare are free. For information/registration visit the Parent Academy website at [www.mcpsparentacademy.org](http://www.mcpsparentacademy.org) .

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