



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
December 3, 2012  
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**This Week:**

**Mon., Dec. 3**

**SGA Toy Drive continues**  
**Language Stars, 3:30-4:30**  
**Cub Scouts, 3:30-4:30, rm. 155**  
**Art, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163**

**Tues., Dec. 4**

**K Daisies, 3:30-4:30, rm. 129**  
**Big Learning Anatomy, 3:30-4:30, rm. 150**  
**Rock Guitar, 3:30-4:30, rm. 125**  
**Voice class, 3:30-4:30, rm. 163**  
**Drama, (parent observation at 4:00) 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 219**  
**Basketball, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym**  
**Reading Network, 3:30-4:30, Media Center**  
**PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm**

**Wed., Dec. 5**

**Beginning French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 218**  
**Intermediate Spanish, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 223**  
**Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 223**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Daisies, 3:30-4:30, rm. 149**  
**Art, 3:30-5:00 pm, rm. 163**  
**Chess, 3:30-4:30 pm**  
**Power Hour, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 164**  
**Potomac Pizza Night, 5:00-8:00 pm**

**Thur., Dec. 6**

**Hip Hop, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym**  
**Guitar, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 148**  
**Reading Network, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center**  
**Big Learning Engineering (last one), 3:30-4:30, rm. 163**  
**Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm, APR**

**Fri., Dec. 7**

**Last day for SGA Toy Drive**  
**Last day for Girl Scouts' Coat, Scarf & Mitten Drive**  
**Odyssey of the Mind, Media Center**  
**Violin, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 120**

**A Look Ahead:**

<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>Skate Night at Cabin John Ice Rink, 6:00-8:00 pm</b>
<b>Dec. 24-25</b>	<b>School Closed for Christmas holiday</b>
<b>Dec. 26-31</b>	<b>School Closed for winter break</b>
<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>School Closed for New Year's Day</b>

- **Mrs. Vinson and the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus have been working hard to prepare for their annual Winter Concerts on Thursday, December 6. There will be a 2:00 pm performance for all grade levels and a 7:00 pm performance for families and friends.**
- **Tired of eating turkey? Join us at Potomac Pizza in the Village on Wednesday, December 5, 4:00 pm to closing, for great food, good company and to help BMES raise money.** Dine-in or carry-out and Potomac Pizza will donate 20% of the proceeds back to the PTA (does not include delivery sales). Please make sure to tell your server that you are with Bells Mill!
- **The student government is asking for donations of new, unwrapped toys for their Holiday Toy Drive, now through December 7.** The greatest need is for toys appropriate for children ages preschool through middle school. Your donations will go to local families. Students should bring their donations to their classrooms.
- **Congratulations to Grade 2 students for their museum show. Parents, students and teachers enjoyed seeing the many rare and interesting artifacts that were on display.**
- **Thank you to all who donated to the Junior Girl Scout Troop 1639 Coin Drive to benefit victims of Hurricane Sandy. Over \$400 was collected at Bells Mill and Long and Foster will make a matching donation.**
- **If you are considering holiday gifts for teachers, please keep in mind that, according to the Montgomery County Board of Education revised Ethics policy, employees may not accept gifts that exceed \$20 in value, which is a decrease from the \$25 previously allowed.** An alternative way to honor a teacher is a tax deductible donation to the Bells Mill Bear Hug fund which helps families right in our community. You can send in a check made payable to *Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund* and specify the name of the teacher you wish to honor. Teachers receive a special card notifying them of your donation, and you receive a receipt for tax purposes.
- **The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 1639 is sponsoring a Coat, Scarf, Glove & Mitten Drive through December 7 to help the National Center for Children and Families in Bethesda.** Please dig into your closets and donate items that you no longer use (no hats please). Look for a collection box in the main hall.

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