



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
Week of February 11, 2013
Office of the Principal
February is African-American History Month
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles

Week Ahead:

- Mon., Feb. 11** Language Stars, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 236
Gr. 1 Boy Scouts, rm. 235
Lego Cyber-Robotics, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 153
Art, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163
- Tues., Feb. 12** Engineering, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
K Daisies, 3:30-4:45 pm, rm. 129
Gr. 2 Brownies, 3:30-4:45 pm, rm. 154
Rock Guitar, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 125
Lego Engineering, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163
Reading Kids Network, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center
Basketball, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym
- Wed., Feb. 13** 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
Power Hour, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 164
Chess, 3:30-4:45, Media Center
- Thur., Feb. 14** Valentine Parties in classrooms, 2:00 pm
Hip Hop, 3:30-4:30, rm. 120
Reading Kids Network, 3:30-4:30 pm, Media Center
Basketball, 3:30-4:45, gym
Kung Fu, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121
Chemistry K/1, 3:30-4:30 pm, 163
Chemistry 2/3, 3:30-4:30 pm, 219
- Fri., Feb. 15** Odyssey of the Mind, Media Center
Violin, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 120

A Look Ahead

- Feb. 18** Presidents' Day Holiday, SCHOOL CLOSED
Feb. 19 Class Photos
Feb. 20 Group/Club Photos
Feb. 22 EARLY RELEASE DAY, dismissal at 1:00 pm
Feb. 25 Black History Celebration, 7:00-9:00 pm, APR

- **Class and group/club photos have been rescheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, February 19 and 20.** Please use the order forms that were sent home prior to the original dates. Extras are available in the office. Please note, these groups/clubs have already been photographed: Patrols; SERT; Best Buddies; Ambassadors; 4th/5th gr. Instrumental Music; and, 4th/5th gr. Chorus.

- **Attention parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, Maryland State Assessments (MSA) are administered in March to students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.** We encourage students to eat a healthy breakfast, come to school on time, and be well-rested for testing. Testing will last all morning. Students who are absent due to illness will have the opportunity to make up all or part of the tests. Parents, please refrain from making appointments for your students during these important testing dates:

Gr. 3 and 4 Reading—Mon., Mar. 4, and Tue., Mar. 5

Gr. 3 and 4 Math—Fri., Mar. 8, and Mon., Mar. 11

Gr. 5 Reading--Wed., Mar. 6, and Thur., Mar. 7

Gr. 5 Math—Tues., Mar. 12, and Wed., Mar. 13

Make-ups—Thur., Mar. 14, and Fri., Mar. 15

- **Beginning March 1, the Head Start Program will accept applications for their pre-K program.** Students must be income eligible and four years of age by September 1, 2013. Information/applications, call 301-230-0676.
- **The 4th annual Bells Mill Black History Celebration will be held on Monday, February 25, 7:00-8:30 pm,** in the APR. Students will present Black History facts, original poetry, and step and jazz performances. Dinner will be provided. FREE! Please come and help us celebrate the diversity of Bells Mill.
- **MCPS offers numerous ways for parents to learn about school closures, delayed openings and early dismissals due to inclement, hazardous weather including MCPS *QuickNotes*, Alert MCPS, Twitter, the MCPS website, MCPS TV, and a recorded telephone information line.** If you haven't already done so, establish and discuss your emergency plan with your child should school be dismissed early due to weather or other emergencies. ***Please make sure the emergency contact information on file at your child's school is up to date.*** For more information on how to stay in touch with MCPS and to be informed in times of emergencies, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency .
- **A Summer Opportunities Fair is set for Feb. 28.** MCPS is hosting a summer opportunities fair on Thursday, February 28, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Richard Montgomery HS, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive in Rockville. At the fair, parents can explore a variety of summer opportunities for children in grades K-12, including summer camps, programs, and activities. During the fair, you can talk with local and regional providers, pick up applications, and get information on financial assistance. Contact the Division of Family and Community Partnerships at 301-279-3100 for more information or visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/.
- **Mark your calendars. Camp Bells Mill will take place again this summer, July 8–July 26, 8:30 am-noon, for incoming kindergarteners through rising fifth graders.** Our camp is taught by Bells Mill staff and helps prepare our students for the upcoming school year. In March students will bring home letters containing registration/tuition information.

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