



***Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary***  
 Week of June 3, 2013  
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**Week Ahead:**

- Mon., June 3** Art Escapades, 3:30-4:30, rm.  
 Lego Engineering, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Tues., June 4** Gr. 5 to U.S. Capitol  
 Lego Cyber Robotics, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121  
 Eco-Kids, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 214
- Wed., June 5** Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 pm, APR
- Thur., June 6** Earth Science (K-1), 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 213  
 Earth Science (2-4), 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 217
- Fri., June 7** Scrabble, 3:30-4:30, Media Center (last session)  
 Bells Mill Bash! 5:30-8:00 pm (rain date June 10)

**A Look Ahead**

- June 11 Gr. 5 rehearsal for Promotion Ceremony, 12:45-3:00 pm, Churchill HS
- June 12 Gr. 5 picnic at Inverness, 9:30 am-2:30 pm
- June 13 Kindergarten end-of-year celebrations (Wolfe 1:15; Matthews 1:30; Howard/Ginsburg 1:45)  
 Gr. 5 Promotion Ceremony, 7:00 pm, Churchill HS auditorium
- June 14 Last day of school, EARLY RELEASE at 1:00 pm
- June 25 Report Cards mailed home from central office

- **Final payment for Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp is due now.** If you wish to discuss payment options please contact Mrs. Thomas at [Laticia D Thomas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laticia_D_Thomas@mcpsmd.org) or 301-469-1046.
- **In lieu of end-of-year gifts, teachers ask that you consider a tax deductible contribution to the Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund.** The teacher that you choose to honor will receive a card stating that a contribution has been made by you, and you will receive a receipt and letter for tax purposes. Please make checks payable to “*Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund*” and send to Ms. DeMarino in the office.
- **We would like to give a special acknowledgement to Mrs. Schricker for organizing the Geo Bowl. Her hard work and support were invaluable to the success of the Geo Bowl.**
- **Attention Gr. 5 parents, the Middle School Extended Year Program is coming to Cabin John Middle School this July 2013. THE LOCATION OF ALL CABIN JOHN CLASSES WILL BE AT CABIN JOHN MIDDLE SCHOOL.** Mark your calendar now so your child does not miss this wonderful opportunity for increased instructional time. All classes are taught by CJMS Teachers. Complete the [registration form](#) and return to Mr. O’Halloran at CJMS by Wednesday, June 12. Class times are 7:45 am to 11:30 am. Courses are as follows: **July 1-26 for Reading 7/8; July 8-26 for Focus on Algebra; and July 8-26 for Focus on IM.**

Focus on IM is a three-week class is for students who, with additional mathematics instruction during the summer, will be able to maximize their potential to be successful in an above-level mathematics class in the fall of 2013, although participation in this class does not guarantee that a child will be placed in an above-level mathematics class in fall 2013. Decisions about school year course placement will be made on an individual basis. Focus on IM is open only to students entering Grade 6 or Grade 7 who are enrolled or being considered for enrollment in IM for fall 2013. Students will study numbers and numerals (understand number systems) and special reasoning. This course has been designed to align with the actual IM curriculum which the students will experience in the next school year. For more information visit the CJMS website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/cabinjohnms/news/news.aspx?id=299978>

- **We are proud to announce that the Bells Mill Odyssey of the Mind team placed 10th out of 47 in their division at the World finals in Michigan.** Congratulations to Margaret Tilmes, Kristina Dunne, William Ahn, Hannah Roberts, Emily Shimabukuro, Kate Goldberg and Carina Rosenbaum (Cold Spring ES). Scores near the top were close and they found themselves among only teams from big powerhouse programs including China, California, Texas and Virginia. Bells Mill had the highest ranking of all Maryland teams across all divisions at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals this year! The team would like to thank the coaches, parent volunteers and families for their strong support throughout the year.

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