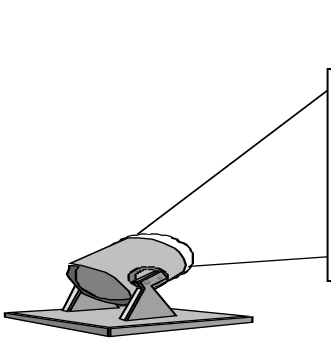

# *Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary*

**Week of May 11, 2015**

**Office of the Principal**

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| **Mon., May 11** | **Photoshop & Animation, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121** |
| | **Legos Engineering, 3:30-5:00 pm, rm. 209** |
| | **Tumbling (K-3), 3:30-4:30 pm, gym** |
| | **Gr. 4 Brownies, 3:30 pm, rm. 128** |
| **Tue., May 12** | **Patrol Picnic, 9:30-1:00** |
| | **MSA Basketball, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym** |
| | **Gr. 4 Poetry Night, 7:00 pm, APR** |
| **Wed., May 13** | **Intermediate French, 8:00-9:00 am, rm. 212 (last session)** |
| | **Intro to Spanish, 8:15-9:00 pm, rm. 125** |
| | **Beginning Spanish, 3:30-4:00 pm, rm. 120** |
| | **Art Escapades, Clay Creations, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 163** |
| | **Chess, 3:30-4:45 pm, Media Center** |
| | **Imagination Stage, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 121** |
| | **Street Hockey, 3:30-4:45 pm, gym** |
| | **PhotoMath Spy Fun, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 129** |
| **Thur., May 14** | **MSA Soccer, 3:30-4:45 pm** |
| | **Intermediate Chinese, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 209 (last session)** |
| | **Tae Kwon Do, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym** |
| | **Great Adventure Space Lab, 3:30-4:30 pm, rm. 148** |
| **Fri., May 15** | **Flag Football, 3:30-4:30 pm** |
| | **Art Escapades, rm. 163, 3:30-4:30 pm** |

**A look ahead**

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| **May 21** | **Parent Resource Meeting, 7:00 pm, Media Center** |
| **May 22** | **K to College Park Aviation Museum** |

- **Bells Mill staff members send you their thanks for the wonderful week of Staff Appreciation. We are fortunate to be a part of such a supportive and generous community. Special thanks to Haylie Iseman for coordinating this wonderful week.**

- **Bells Mill KinderCamp for incoming kindergarteners and Camp Bells Mill for students entering Grades 1-5 will take place July 6-24, 8:30 am to noon**. The camps are taught by our own wonderful teachers. All students in grades K through 4 brought home a letter containing information/registration form. The letter and form are also available on our home page at http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bellsmilles/ . Register now. It's important that we hear from you so that we can hire the appropriate number of teachers. The cost is $475. There are opportunities for tuition reduction through income eligibility. No child will be denied participation due to financial constraints. Call the office if you would like information on payment options.

- **Gr. 5 parents of safety patrols,** the Patrol Picnic at Montgomery County Fairgrounds is on Tuesday, May 12, 9:30-1:00. Make sure you sign and return the permission form to Mr. Leffler.

- **Note from the Health Room:** We have seen recent cases of lice, as well as strep throat. Please continue to check your child's head for lice on a weekly basis. If you child has a fever, with or without sore throat, please contact your health care provider. Questions, call Mrs. Messina at 301-460-1248.

- **Attention Kindergarten parents,** your student recently brought home a permission form for the May 22 field trip to the College Park Aviation Museum. Please complete the form and return it with payment to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

- **The Bells Mill Bash is Friday June 5, 5:30-8:00 pm.** Don't miss out on the fun. Please visit the PTA website for information on how to purchase wristbands for admission to the event.

- **Yearbooks are coming soon!** Please watch the PTA website for ordering information.

- **Gr. 5 Parents, mark your calendars!** Cabin John MS will host an orientation for incoming 6th graders, Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 8:30-11:30 am. Parents must provide transportation. Questions, please call the Cabin John MS guidance office at 301-469-1150.

- **Parents, staff, and community members are invited to the MCPS Special Education Summit, *Leading the Way Today, Partnering for a Better Tomorrow*. The summit will take place on Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Boulevard in Gaithersburg.** The summit will feature keynote speaker Priscilla Gilman, author of *The Anti-Romantic Child*: *A Memoir of Unexpected Joy*; resources; and workshops for families of students with disabilities. Families also will have an opportunity to meet representatives from many MCPS offices and Montgomery County agencies and nonprofit organizations. To register for the summit, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/special-education/events/ or call 301-517-5940. The summit is free and childcare and lunch will be provided.

- **Parents of children receiving special education and related services should have received by mail the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey from the Maryland State Department of Education.** Please fill out the survey and return it in the postage paid envelope or complete it online at www.mdparentsurvey.com. The survey results will help guide the state's efforts to improve special education and related services in public schools. The deadline for completing the survey is Friday, May 29.

- **Register now for Montgomery College Summer Youth Programs.** Over 200 classes are offered for students in Gr. K-12. Partial scholarships may be available for students who qualify for free or reduced meals programs. For a list of class offerings and registration information please visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth .

- **Help wanted. Now that spring is here, please consider volunteering for outdoor recess. We need parents who are willing to monitor games and encourage safe, fair play.**

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