



**Week Ahead:**

- Mon., Oct. 5**                    **Read-a-thon continues**  
**8:10 – 9:10 AM Spanish II**  
**3:30 – 4:30 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Cub Scouts in Room 209**
- Tues., Oct. 6**                    **3:30 PM Tiger Den First Grade Cub Scouts in Room 129**  
**7:15 PM PTA Meeting in AP Room**
- Wed., Oct. 7**                    **8:10 – 9:10 Spanish I**  
**Grade 3 Field Trip to Brookside Gardens**  
**11:00 Parent Recess Volunteer Meeting**  
**Patrol Meeting at Noon**
- Thurs., Oct. 8**                    **8:10 – 9:10 AM French III**  
**Grade 3 Field Trip to Brookside Gardens**
- Fri., Oct. 9**                    **8:10 – 9:10 AM French I**  
**BSO on the Go Assemblies for Grades 1 and 2**  
**Show Your Bear Pride! Wear your school colors today!**  
**Have a great weekend!!!!**

**A Look Ahead:**

- Oct.12 Book Fair this week**  
**Oct. 12 Parent Visitation Day 9:15 – 11:30 am**  
**Oct. 13 Art Club Begins for Grades 3-5**  
**Oct. 14 Bus Evacuation Drills**  
**Oct. 16 NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF and STUDENTS**

- **I want to thank Mrs. Deborah Stapleton and the Health Room staff for the excellent job** they did in organizing the administration of the FluMist vaccine to students. We administered the vaccine to over 250 children this week.
- **We have a PTA meeting scheduled for October 6 at 7:15 pm in the AP Room.** Mrs. Kanter, BMES Counselor, and Dr. Jacqueline Iseman, licensed psychologist and author, will speak on the topic of how to help your child have a successful school year.
- **We are having a great response with the read-a-thon reading logs.** I am proud of the children for completing their logs and remembering to turn them in to their teachers weekly. Thank you for your support of this great event.

- **Please plan on coming to school on Monday, October 12, to experience a typical day in your child's classroom.** The staff and I welcome you to visit our building from 9:15 – 11:30 am. You can take your child out to lunch that day or enjoy a school lunch with your child. If you plan on ordering school lunch please make sure you do so by 9:15 that morning. The PTA will offer refreshments to parents in the AP Room from 9:00 – 9:15 (coffee, tea, and light treats). Please park on the street. We do not have enough spaces in the staff lot to accommodate visitors.
- **Montgomery College is now accepting registrations for Kids College.** These after-school and Saturday courses are for students in grades K – 12 and are held on the Germantown and Rockville Campuses. These courses provide enrichment and advancement covering a wide range of topics including science, math, art, drama, game design, music, study skills and keyboarding. For brochures or registration forms, access the website at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth) or call 240.567.7264.
- **Montgomery College is offering one-day enrichment programs for gifted and talented students in grades 4 and 5 on Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 8:30 am to 2:50 pm on the Takoma Park Campus.** The Saturday Discoveries program allows students to select four workshops to participate in during the day. Workshops cover a variety of topics including science, problem solving, creative writing, computer gaming and much more. You can obtain a brochure or more information at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth) or call 240.567.7264.
- **Your child can receive tutoring services from a certified teacher on 23 Saturday mornings during the school year by registering at The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. held at Rockville HS from October 3, 2009 through May 1, 2010.** The cost is \$30.00 for the year. Parents must register in person this Saturday, September 26 from 8:30-11:30 am. Open Day and another registration will be on October 3. Call 301-320-6545 with questions.
- **Our walk for the Homeless will be Friday, October 23, 2009 at 2:30 pm.** Students will walk around the school property to raise awareness and funds for Stepping Stones Shelter, a homeless shelter for children and families in Montgomery County. We are striving to have 100% of the student body participate in this important community service project! Please complete the registration form and return it no later than Tuesday, October 20 so you're your child will receive his or her t-shirt in time for the Walk.
- **Mark your calendars. There is no school for teachers and students on Friday, October 16 in order to allow teachers the ability to attend the Maryland State Teachers Convention.**
- **Again this year Bells Mill will participate in Box Tops for Education.** Bells Mill receives 10 cents for every box top you give us. This is an easy way for you to support our school. Just ask your student to place box tops in the collection box located in the hall near the front doors. If you have any questions please contact Kathleen Ervin at [ervinsk@verizon.net](mailto:ervinsk@verizon.net).
- **A huge thank you to Brownie Troop 4741** for donating a large number of games for indoor recess. I know the students will love playing these games during indoor recess.

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