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## Working on Trail Projects

John Karlik and Kevin Brandt, Park Service Superintendent of the C&O Canal National Historical Park, work to stabilize timber stairs during Volunteer Day at Lock 8 on Friday, Aug. 28.

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## C&O, Part of 'Best Idea'

The public is invited to join C&O Canal National Historical Park Superintendent Kevin Brandt and Matthew Logan, president of the C&O Canal Trust, to discuss the future of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park on Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carderock Pavilion.

The Carderock area of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park is accessible from the Clara Barton Parkway, and the event will be held rain or shine. The meeting will offer a preview of the new Ken Burns film, "The National Parks: America's Best Idea," that premieres Sept. 27.

Park staff will be holding similar events throughout the park, including Sept. 11 at the town commons in Poolesville, and Sept. 15 at the Great Falls Tavern in Potomac. Call 301-739-4200.

## Drop Off Used Electronics

A used electronics drop-off event will be held Sunday, Sept. 13, between noon-4 p.m. at Northwest High School, 13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown.

Accepted Items include: Small electronic appliances, calculators, camcorders, CDs and floppy disks, CD players, cell phones, computers and computer-related items, consumer electronics, copiers, cords and cables (including chargers), digital cameras, electronic typewriters, fax machines, microwave ovens, personal digital assistant equipment, printers, projection equipment, scanners, telephones, small electronic toys, televisions and VCRs.

Compact fluorescent lights or appliances containing Freon at will not be accepted at this event. Take these items to the drop-off sites at the Transfer Station, 16101 Frederick Road.

For more information: Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hazardouswaste](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hazardouswaste) or call 301-417-1433.

## Changes in Bus Service

Montgomery County's Ride On bus system will make changes to Ride On Route 37 beginning Sept. 6. The changes are the result of county studies and a public hearing held last spring and are described below:

### Route 37 (Potomac – Grosvenor Metro)

❖ The new name for Route 37 will be Potomac–Wheaton Metro Station.

❖ The route will continue to operate between Potomac and the Grosvenor Metro. It will also be extended to the Wheaton Metro Station during rush hours, giving riders the option to travel between Wheaton and the Potomac Community Center without transferring.

❖ There will be no routing or bus frequency changes between the Potomac Community Center and Grosvenor, although departure times will change slightly.

❖ Routing between Kensington and Wheaton will be changed to include Plyers Mill Road instead of University Boulevard. Bus service on Plyers Mill Road between Georgia Avenue and Brunswick Avenue is new service.

Go to [www.rideonbus.com](http://www.rideonbus.com) or call the Transit Information Center at 240-777-7433 (RIDE).

## Holiday Schedule for Labor Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7:

- ❖ County Offices — closed
- ❖ Libraries — closed
- ❖ County liquor stores — open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the exception of the following stores which will be closed: Cabin John, Diamond Square and Twinbrook
- ❖ Ride On — Sunday schedule
- ❖ Metrobus — Sunday schedule
- ❖ Metrorail — Sunday schedule
- ❖ Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free
- ❖ Refuse/recycling pick-up — no collection\*
- ❖ Transfer Station — closed
- ❖ MCPS Administrative Offices — closed

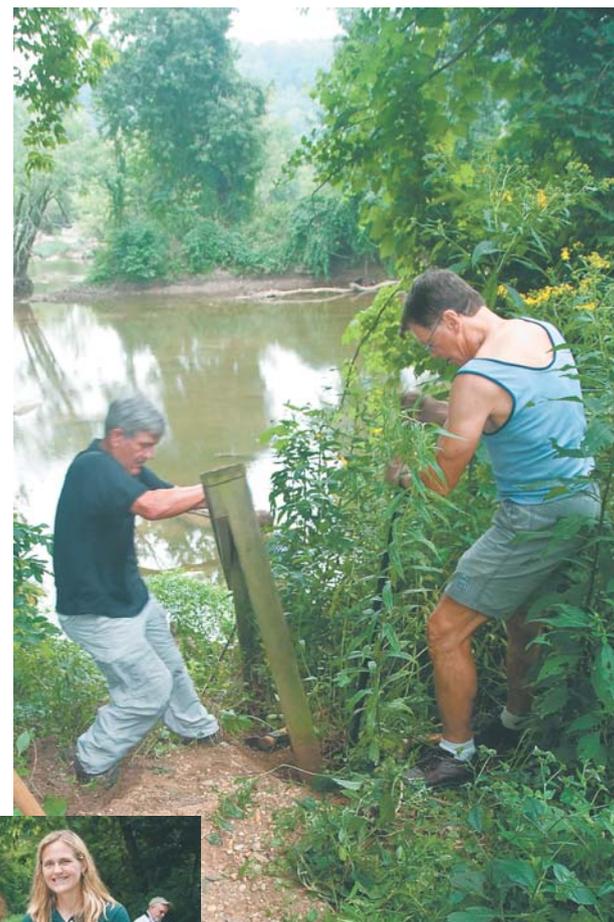
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## NEWS

# Working on Trail Projects

The C&O Canal National Historical Park and Potomac Conservancy sponsored a volunteer service day on Friday, Aug. 29 in celebration of their public-private partnership and the National Park Service's 93rd birthday.

Volunteers gathered to work with park staff on two trail projects. One team removed a damaged and outdated stairway — south of the River Center at Lockhouse 8 along the Canal Towpath — and reclaimed the area with native grass seed. The second team worked across the Towpath from the River Center at Lockhouse 8 to stabilize timber stairs and trim overgrown vegetation along the trail leading to the Potomac River.



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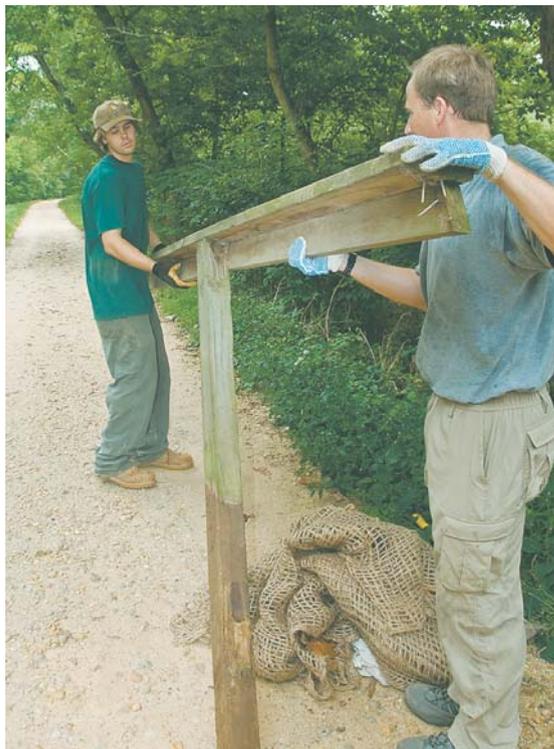


Anne O'Neill, with the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails Conservation Assistance Program, and photographer Ed Tenney discuss publicity pictures for the event.



Jim Wetzel and John Karlik help on the trail projects.

Anne Sundermann with the Potomac Conservancy and Anne O'Neill with the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails Conservation Assistance Program.



Kyle Anderson, the trails coordinator for the park and an intern at the Student Conservation Association, and Hedrick Belin, president of the Potomac Conservancy.



Carrying away the steps that were removed are Julie Gilson (foreground) and Anne O'Neill.



PHOTOS BY ANSLEY LABARRE/THE ALMANAC

## Bells Mill Back in Business

Elementary school opens new building to public.

BY ANSLEY LABARRE  
THE ALMANAC

The first scuff marks appeared on the new tile floors of Bells Mill Elementary School last Friday, Aug. 28, during an open house allowing the first public tour of the renovated facility. Students and parents wandered the halls of the building, discovering the final result of a construction project proposed nearly four years ago.

**“It’s so big, I’m going to get lost.”**

**— Fifth-grader Madeline Schupak**

“It’s so big, I’m going to get lost,” said fifth-grader Madeline Schupak, her mother at her side as they walked past a new computer lab with rows of glowing desktop monitors.

The school stands two stories tall and is decorated in spirit colors of blue and yellow. BMES now has a gym and cafeteria that, until renovations, were previously combined in a “multi-purpose room.” Other new features include a bus loop to pacify traffic complications and administrative offices at

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A school counselor leads a group of new kindergartens into Seven Locks Elementary for their first day of school.

## They’re Back

Churchill students scramble up the front steps in anticipation of the bell on their first day of school.



Students arrive at the brand new Bells Mill Elementary school in Potomac.

## The Bus Stop Interviews

Trisha Rubin is “thrilled about the new school. Even though the class size is 26 kids; I think the technology will make the school seem smaller. It has been a long process getting the school built but I am relieved the new school is ready. The kids are excited to go to a brand new school. They had a nice time at the open house and enjoyed meeting their teachers.”

While the first day of school for mom Daryl Gincherman is “bittersweet, there were no tears. So far so good.” As for the new Bells Mill Elementary school she is “very excited by the new technology like the Promethean boards. I think they will make learning fun, interesting and interactive.” She is “thrilled that is school is going green and thinks all schools should be a green.”

— COLLEEN HEALY



PHOTOS BY COLLEEN HEALY/THE ALMANAC

**First day of first grade: Sydney Rubin and Maya Gincherman wait for the school bus on their first day of school. When asked what she is most excited about doing at school, Maya answered “reading.”**

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- ❖ State offices & courts – closed
- ❖ All collections scheduled on or after the holiday will be made one day later that week.

### School Zone Safety Reminders

Montgomery County Police are reminding drivers and residents that most county schools opened Monday, Aug. 31. This requires extra vigilance to ensure the continued safety of our school children during this critical time of the year.

In an effort to maintain the safety of children who walk to school and help manage school-related traffic, the department has 178 crossing guards consisting of 171 women and seven men who range in age from 25 to 85 years old and they cover approximately 122 elementary schools and 17 middle schools.

To supplement the crossing guards, there are approximately 6,000 school safety patrols in the county who help keep fellow students safe. These boys and girls are selected by teachers and principals and are assigned to work with adult crossing guards and on school buses.

To help reduce speeding in school zones, our Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit will deploy a fleet of mobile speed-camera vans rotating between schools from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This will be in addition to the 22 fixed speed-camera sites already in place in 15 school zones across the county.

### Nominations Sought for Achievement Awards

Montgomery County is seeking nominations for the 12th annual Neal Potter Path of Achievement Awards, honoring county residents, age 60 and over, whose work and spirit have led to special accomplishments in personal and community endeavors. The awards recognize seniors from among five categories:

- ❖ Advocacy — Grassroots and lobbying efforts on behalf of any cause;
- ❖ Arts & Humanities — Achievements in the visual arts, music, literary arts or drama;
- ❖ Community Service — Volunteer work of all sorts, as well as service on Boards of local groups and agencies;
- ❖ Sports & Fitness — Achievement in group or individual athletic pursuits, as well as health promotion (sports related); and
- ❖ Workplace Contribution — Special contributions to company or profession while employed or retired.

Nominations, which must be received by Friday, Sept. 18, should include an application form and letter of recommendation no more than two pages in length, describing the nature and extent of the nominee's achievements.

Applications can be obtained by calling the Montgomery County Volunteer Center at 240-777-2600 or by visiting the Volunteer Center Web site at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer). Submissions should be mailed to the Montgomery County Volunteer Center at 401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850, faxed to 240-777-2601, or e-mailed to [volunteer@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:volunteer@montgomerycountymd.gov).

### Opening on Forest Conservation Panel

Applicants are being sought to fill one public member vacancy on the Forest Conservation Advisory Committee. The public members should include landscape architects, arborists and urban foresters, horticulturists and representatives from the nursery industry, persons directly engaged in agriculture, persons directly involved in the building industry, members of citizens groups, members of environmental and conservation organizations, representatives of public utility companies and persons owning a forest stand of at least two acres.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 11. To apply, send a brief cover letter and resume, by mail to County Executive Isiah Leggett, 101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor, Rockville, MD 20850, or by email to [countyexecutive.boards@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:countyexecutive.boards@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## NEWS

# Country House Tour Returns

St. Francis hosts 54th annual tour for charity benefit.

BY ANSLEY LABARRE  
THE ALMANAC

The Potomac Country House Tour arrives again this fall, marking the 54th anniversary of the charity event. Hosted on the first weekend of October by the St. Francis Episcopal Church, the tour is a showcase of four local homes that combine community activity with decorating tips.

St. Francis began the tours in 1956 to raise money for local charities serving women and children. The event has grown to support more than 40 organizations today that are no longer limited to the Potomac area, although the tours remain popular with Potomac residents.

Carol Jarvis, president of the Women of St. Francis organization that sponsors and hosts the event, says the tour attracts parishioners for whom it is tradition, couples looking to renovate, and even groups of wives on an outing during an afternoon Redskins' game. The tours are geared towards adults and do not permit children under the age of 12.

Jarvis serves on the committee responsible for selecting the homes, which are considered after homeowners have offered them to the tour. The selection of this year's final four took almost two months in an effort to guarantee balance and contrast in structure and design. Jarvis summarizes these differences through the homes' defining characteristics.

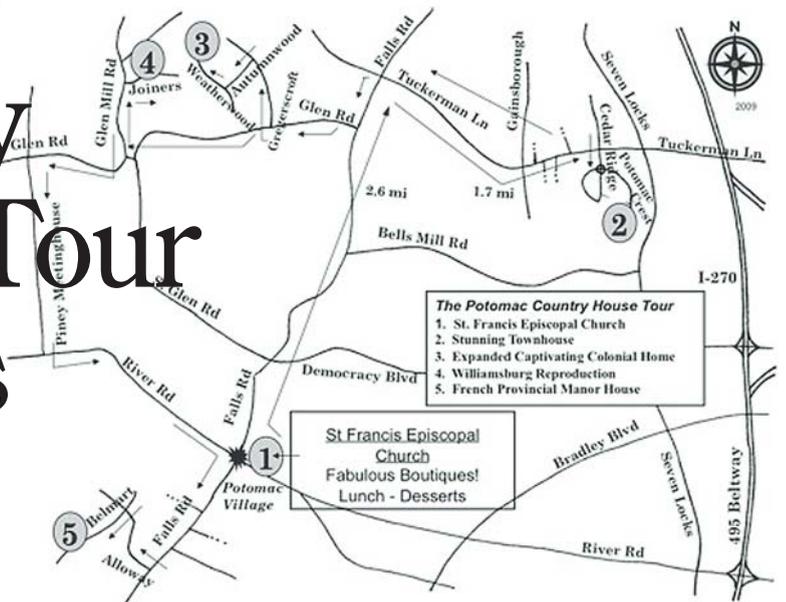
The French Provincial Manor was selected for what Jarvis describes as an eclectic mix of east and west coast influences. The former California homeowners combined spacious rooms described as grand for entertaining with intrepid colors. The manor is accented with a collection of carousels.

"It's just a gem," said Jarvis.

The Renovated Family Colonial puts contemporary adjustments on a classic home. Jarvis describes this selection as perfect for tour-goers looking to oversee additions or renovations of their own. The homeowners, who are parents to young triplets, expanded their traditional colonial to create an environment of efficiency and convenience that Jarvis says maximizes time and energy for the family. Evidence of this is displayed through open and organized spaces detailed by colorful stain-resistant fabrics. The home is also recognized for its collection of Kennedy family memorabilia.

The Replica of a Tavern was developed after Chowning's Tavern in Williamsburg, Va. Owned by a decorator, Jarvis describes the Tavern as effective combination of historical and modern influences. The home combines international contemporary pieces of French and Italian design with American artifacts. The use of color throughout the Tavern was commended for its warm and welcoming hues.

Finally, the 15-year-old Townhome is described as a display of true antiquity. A combination of French and Italian décor mixes with heirlooms to accent every corner. Stained glass creates additional light in each room, and the "old style Hollywood" posters and collectibles illuminate the homeowners' personalities.



(2) Townhouse



(3) Expanded Colonial House



(4) Williamsburg Tavern Replica



(5) French Provincial Manor House

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# Potomac Country House Tour Returns

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The four homes encompass a 25-mile loop, where participants embark on a self-guided tour. Jarvis acknowledges the biggest problem can be parking, and the tour uses volunteers to maintain the flow of traffic. St. Francis has enlisted the help of nearly 350 volun-

teers this year, as the homeowners are not present during the tour and must be replaced by hosts who present individual rooms.

Jarvis says homeowners are often traditional tour participants who offer their own houses for viewing.

"They know what they're getting into," said Jarvis.

This year the tour will be held Oct. 2-4, and the weekend's activities also include gourmet lunch, vendor boutiques, a new antiques café, and a Friday night auction. The vendor boutiques have doubled from 10 to 20 this year and the café offers an assortment of baked goods and lemonade in what Jarvis describes as a notion of

thanks to tour-goers in hopes of creating a more welcoming environment.

To the parishioners who work on the tour for 10 months over the course of each year, the weekend is the culmination of their efforts to benefit of those in need.

"It's a community-based effort to pull this off," said Jarvis.



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# CALENDAR

## ONGOING

**The Bethesda Farmers Market** will be open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Norfolk and Woodmont Avenues, through Oct. 31. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) or 301-215-6660.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 3

**African Heritage Celebration.** 5-8:30 p.m. Features a reception hosted by members of Montgomery County's African Affairs Advisory group, musical entertainment and African cuisine. In the Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, in the lobby level auditorium. Call 240-777-2504.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 3

**Blues Dance.** 8:15-11:30 p.m. Beginner workshop from 8:15-9 p.m. At the Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park. \$8 admission. Email: [info@capitalblues.org](mailto:info@capitalblues.org)

**Free Sample Classes.** 6-8 p.m. Teens will be able to sample acting, musical theatre, and dance classes, watch student-made films and explore the Filmmaking/Digital Media studio, meet Imagination Stage's Director of Theatre Education, David Markey, and other faculty. At Imagination Stage. For Tweens/teens in grades 6-12. At Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD. 301-961-6060 <http://www.imaginationstage.org/>

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 4

**Contra Dance.** 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. \$9 admission. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Contra dance lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m. This week Carol Ormand calls to Love Mongrels: Orrin Star on mandolin, guitar, and banjo, Danny Knicely on mandolin, guitar, and percussion, Alexander Mitchell on fiddle, and Ralph Gordon on bass.

## SEPT. 5-7

**39th Annual Labor Day Art Show.** Noon to 6 p.m. Featuring the work of 200 artists: sculpture, paintings, works on paper, ceramics, glass, jewelry, photography, furniture and more. Most art work will be for sale. Call 301-634-2222 or visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org). Admission is free. At Glen Echo Park takes place in the historic Spanish Ballroom.

**Irish Festivities.** 1-5 p.m. on Saturday and Monday, and noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday. A weekend of Irish music and dancing, featuring a wide variety of the area's finest performers. At the Irish Inn at Glen Echo.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 5

**Free Sample Classes.** 9:30 a.m. to noon. Children can try drama, music and dance classes including Imagination Stage favorites such as "Just Imagine: You and Me" (for child and parent/caregiver together), "Creative Movement," "Drama and Movement" and "Create a Story." At Imagination Stage. For families with children ages 1-pre-K. Also, from 1-4 p.m. for families with children in Kindergarten-grade 5. At Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD. 301-961-6060 <http://www.imaginationstage.org/>

**Swing Dance.** 8 p.m. - Midnight. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Beginner lesson starts at 8 p.m. Email: [huh@thejamcellar.com](mailto:huh@thejamcellar.com)

**Open House for Classes.** Noon to 4 p.m. Visit Glen Echo Park for an Open House and explore the many classes and programs offered at the Park. Take a free workshop, meet instructors, tour the Park and try something new! Participate in an Art Walk and visit artists' studios to create an original work of art. At the Cuddle Up Pavilion and throughout the Park. Call 301-634-2222 or visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org)

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 6

**Waltz Dance.** 3-3:30 p.m. \$8 admission. Introductory Waltz Workshop. 3:30-6 p.m. Dance. With the band, The Latter Day Lizards, which provides a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to [www.WaltzTimeDances.org](http://www.WaltzTimeDances.org) or e-mail [info@WaltzTimeDances.org](mailto:info@WaltzTimeDances.org). Glen Echo Park is at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

**Contra and Square Dance.** 7-10:30 p.m. \$12 admission. Focus on New England style contra



KEN PHAM /THE ALMANAC

## Ken Pham's Dark Lotus Martial Arts group performs.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 27

**Family Arts Day.** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Exciting performances, interactive classes and demos, a book signing, live music and more. Enjoy readings, book signings, and craft-making throughout the day with Irene Zevgolis, author of the new children's book, "The Dreamer and the Moon." Guests will also have the opportunity to experience a series of authentic Chinese dragon performances by Ken Pham and students of Dark Lotus Combat Martial Arts. Sponsored by the American Dance Institute. American Dance Institute is at 1570 East Jefferson Street in Rockville. Call 301-984-3003 or visit [www.americandance.org](http://www.americandance.org).

dances, including square dances, country mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. Newcomer's lesson is at 7 p.m., followed by dances called by Carol Ormand with The Latter Day Lizards from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park.

**Voices of the River: Knowing Native Waters, Abby Ybarra,** 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Abby Ybarra is an environmentalist who walks the spiritual Red Road of Native American culture which continues influence his view of — and commitment to — the environment and this earth we live on. He brings that Native outlook of stewardship and conservation to those he works with and those he teaches. He will talk about tribal relationships with water and compare to principles of water science. At the River Center at Lockhouse 8 at the River Center, 7906 Riverside Ave, Cabin John, MD. Contact Bridget Chapin, [chapin@potomac.org](mailto:chapin@potomac.org), 301-608-1188, x206 or visit [www.potomac.org/site/discover-rlh8/](http://www.potomac.org/site/discover-rlh8/).

**Voices of the River: The Irish Inn Mates.** 1-2 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of the fiddle, banjo, guitar, flute, and more as The Irish Inn Mates give a taste of Ireland, play tunes, sing songs, and answer your questions about the music, the instruments and their passion for it all. At the River Center at Lockhouse 8 at the River Center, 7906 Riverside Ave, Cabin John, MD. Contact Bridget Chapin, [chapin@potomac.org](mailto:chapin@potomac.org), 301-608-1188, x206 or visit [www.potomac.org/site/discover-rlh8/](http://www.potomac.org/site/discover-rlh8/).

**Kabbalistic Artistry: Kosmic Kabbalah.** 10 a.m. Adat Reconstruction Congregation in Bethesda will host Kabbalist artist and scholar David Friedman who will discuss "Kabbalistic Artistry: Kosmic Kabbalah," a cross between the mysticism of Judaism and of the universe. At Adat Shalom, 7727 Persimmon Tree Lane, Bethesda. Call 301-767-3333, x 106. Go to [www.kosmic-kabbalah.com](http://www.kosmic-kabbalah.com) and [www.adatshalom.net](http://www.adatshalom.net).

## MONDAY/SEPT. 7

**Anat Fort Trio.** 6:30 p.m. Presented by ParkinSong, which is dedicated to raising awareness and funds for Parkinson's disease research by presenting great music and artists. At the Ratner Museum in Bethesda.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

**Blues Dance.** 8:15 -11:30 p.m. \$8 admission. At The Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park. Beginner workshop from 8:15-9 p.m.

**Todd Rundgren in Concert.** 8 p.m. Performs from his album, "A Wizard, A True Star." At the Music Center at Strathmore, North Bethesda. Tickets on sale now at [www.Strathmore.org](http://www.Strathmore.org) or call 301-581-5100



## Fall into Art with Bethesda Artist Markets

The Bethesda Artist Market will return on Saturday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The event will feature fine art and craft for sale by local and regional artists including painting, photography, jewelry, wood, glass and ceramics.

The Bethesda Artist Market is free to the public and will be held in the Bethesda Place Plaza, located at the elevated plaza at the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Woodmont Avenue. Nearly 30 artists from Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., will participate at each market. Additionally, the Bethesda Artist Market will feature continuous live music.

The Bethesda Place Plaza is located one block north of the Bethesda Metro station. Free parking can be found in the Woodmont Avenue garage across the street from the Bethesda Place Plaza.

### Exhibiting Artists

Jamie Agins, Cabin John, MD - jewelry/glass

Selwa Mazouz, Sterling, VA - photography  
Michael Auger, Gaithersburg, MD - painting  
Sara Rivera, Bethesda, MD - jewelry  
Michele Banks, Washington, D.C. - painting  
Ellen Rockower, Bethesda, MD - jewelry  
Laurie Breen, Silver Spring, MD - painting  
Jorge Salinas, Annandale, VA - wood  
Thomas Bucci, Washington, D.C. - painting  
Daniel Schreiber, Bethesda, MD - photography  
Joseph Campbell, Sykesville, MD - photography  
Joe Shymanski, Washington, D.C. - photography  
Karen Clark, Baltimore, MD - jewelry  
Tom Snyder, Baltimore, MD - photography  
Michele Cormier-Attfield, Bethesda, MD - painting  
Melissa Spaid-Decker, Columbia, MD - glass  
Ann Drawing, Sandston, VA - jewelry  
Sherry Terao, Silver Spring, MD - jewelry  
Kate Giebel, Silver Spring, MD - jewelry  
Joel Traylor, Mt. Rainier, MD - painting  
Wayland House, Washington, DC - etching  
David Wardrup, Owings, MD - woodturning  
Brendan Kager, Bethesda, MD - glass  
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Nancy Kahn DeMulder, Silver Spring, MD - jewelry  
Nancy Ziegenfus-McIntosh, Dayton, MD - ceramic  
Sharon Kincheloe, Staunton, VA - painting  
Andrew Zimmerman, Arlington, VA - photography  
Laughter Pieces, Alexandria, VA - painting  
Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) or call 301/215-6660.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 11

**Super Fiesta Latina Party.** 8:15 p.m. - Midnight.

At the Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park. Admission: \$15. The dance is hosted by Fabio and Jennifer Bonini. The evening will include a lesson from 8:15-9 p.m. for Salsa beginners and up. The lesson is followed by dancing from 9 PM - Midnight with teacher and DJ Fabio Bonini playing the best of Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, Cha-Cha, Reggaeton and more! The \$15 admission includes the lesson, dancing and complimentary drinks and sweets. Contact Email: [Jennifer@ForeverDancing.com](mailto:Jennifer@ForeverDancing.com)

**Contra Dance.** 7:30-11:30 p.m. \$9 admission. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Beginner lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m. Featuring the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band. Email: [fndcontra@yahoo.com](mailto:fndcontra@yahoo.com)

**Glen Echo Fire Department Bingo Night.** 6:30-10 p.m. The fire department has held its fundraiser at Glen Echo Park since the 1930s. Silent Auction from 6:30-10:20 p.m. Food and drinks available. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Call 301-634-2222 or visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

**Used Book Sale.** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Most hardback books and large paperbacks (trades) are \$1 and regular paperbacks are only \$.50. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenholden Drive Potomac.

**Swing Dance.** 8 p.m. - Midnight. \$15 admission. Join American Swing for their annual Groovie Movie weekend featuring Jean Veloz, star of MGM

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**Children's Clothing & Equipment Sale.** 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Clothing (Preemie to Size 7+, outerwear, shoes and boots, Halloween costumes), childproofing, strollers, high chairs, playpens, bathtubs, cribs and furniture, toys, supplies and more. Cash and checks accepted. \$2/person admission charge at door. Sponsored by Montgomery County Parents of Multiples. Most items half price 11:30-12:30 p.m. At Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Road, Rockville (1 block east of 270 at Falls Road). Go to [www.mcpom.org/saleinstructions.php](http://www.mcpom.org/saleinstructions.php). Call 301-419-8008 or send an email to [sale@mcpom.org](mailto:sale@mcpom.org).

# BUSINESS

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County has appointed **Jim Sneed of Potomac** to its Executive Board. Sneed volunteers at the Literacy Council as a tutor and tutor trainer, has been a reading tutor at Rock Forest Elementary School, and volunteers with an adaptive ski program for disabled skiers. Prior to retirement, he was a partner in the law firm of McDermott, Will & Emery. The Literacy Council of Montgomery County, established in 1963, is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to helping adults learn to speak, read, and write English.

**Jill Tanenbaum Graphic Design** has been selected for the 2009 Best of Bethesda Award in the Advertising Agen-

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The **Montgomery County Humane Society** is seeking individuals of diverse professional backgrounds to serve on its board of directors for the 2010-2012 term. MCHS cares for approximately 9,000

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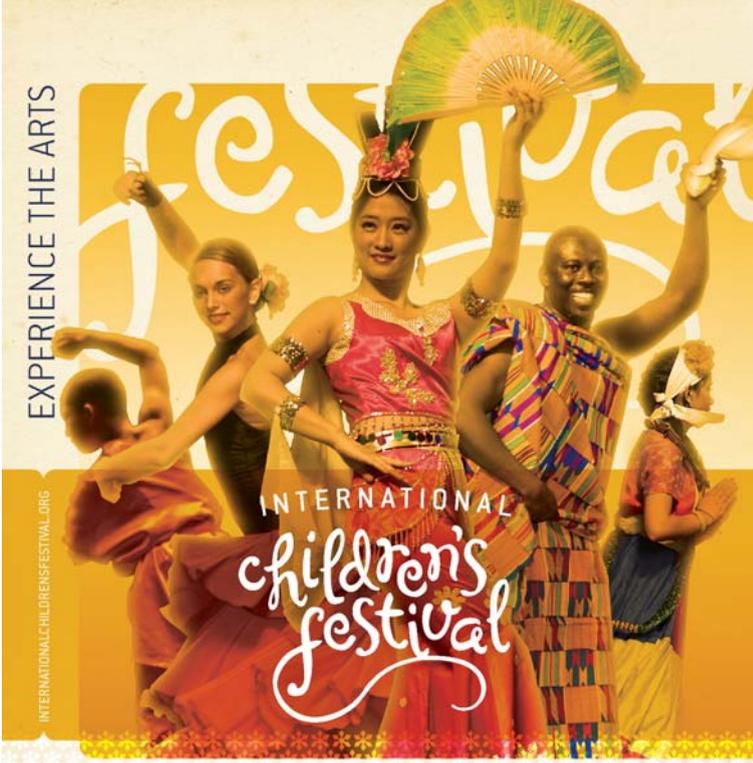
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### FRIDAY/SEPT. 11

**Montgomery Hospice**, the largest medical hospice serving Montgomery County, seeks patient care, bereavement care and administrative volunteers. Patient care volunteers visit with patients in homes, facilities and Casey House, our acute care facility. Bereavement care volunteers provide emotional comfort to family members and friends after the death of a loved one. Administrative volunteers assist with office tasks such as database work, filing and phone calls. All volunteers must go through an application process and a three-day training. The next training will be held Sept. 11 and 18 (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Sept. 26 (8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at the offices of Montgomery Hospice (1355 Piccard Drive Rockville). Call Christiane Wiese at 301-921-4400 or visit [www.montgomeryhospice.org](http://www.montgomeryhospice.org)

### SEPT. 2-10

#### Club Friday Membership Begins.

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### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 2

**Support Group Meets.** 7:30 p.m. DBSA (Depression Bipolar Support Alliance, National Capital Area) Family Support Group. The meeting is for the families and friends of people who have been diagnosed with depression or bipolar illness. Free. At the Parish Hall of St. Raphael's Church, 1513 Dunster Road (Falls Road and Dunster Road) in Rockville. Call 301-299-4255 or 301-570-9065, or go to [www.dbsanca-family.org](http://www.dbsanca-family.org)

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

**Ramadan Celebration.** 6:30 to 8 p.m. In the Executive Office Building Auditorium, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville. Co-hosted by the County Executive's Office of Community Partnerships and the Montgomery County Muslim Council (MCMC). Free and open to the public, but pre-registration is requested. Contact Dr.

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### SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

**An Evening with Maj. Gen. Doron Almog.** 7 p.m. Free. At Magen David Sephardic Congregation, 11215 Woodglenn Drive, Rockville. RSVP requested by Sept. 8 to Nikkia Wharton — [nwharton@jnf.org](mailto:nwharton@jnf.org) or 301-589-8565

### MONDAY/SEPT. 14

**The first meeting of the Beth Shalom book club** for the 2009-2010 year is Monday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. in the Conference Room at Beth Shalom 11825 Seven Locks Rd. Potomac. The group will be reviewing "The Lost" — a search for six of the 6,000,000 by Daniel Mendelsohn, photographed by Matt Mendelsohn. Matt plans to join the book club displaying many photos from his five years of travel with Daniel Mendelsohn, his brother and the author. Email Tanya Lampert [alamp9608@yahoo.com](mailto:alamp9608@yahoo.com)

#### What kind of growth policy makes sense for Montgomery County?

That is the subject for the next monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Civic Federation. Place: County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville (free parking in adjacent garage). Time: 7:45-10 p.m. All County residents and representatives of civic associations welcome. Visit: [www.montgomerycivic.org](http://www.montgomerycivic.org).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

**Children's Clothing & Equipment Sale.** 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Clothing (Preemie to Size 7+, outerwear, shoes and boots, Halloween costumes), childproofing, strollers, high chairs, playpens, bathtubs, cribs and furniture, toys, supplies and more. Cash and checks accepted. \$2/person admission charge at door. Sponsored by Montgomery County Parents of Multiples. Most items half price 11:30-12:30 p.m. At Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Road, Rockville (1 block east of 270

## CRIME

A **residential garage burglary** occurred in the 10900 block of Rock Run Drive in Potomac on Thursday, July 30 between noon and 6 p.m. No forced entry. A vehicle was taken. The vehicle was later found abandoned on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

An **attempted residential burglary** occurred in the 9900 block of Bluegrass Drive in Potomac on Sunday, Aug. 2 at 3:12 a.m. Attempted forced entry, none gained, nothing taken.

A **residential burglary** occurred in the 7200 block of Brookstone Court in Potomac on Sunday, Aug. 2 between 6 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Unknown entry, property taken.

An **aggravated assault** occurred in the 11600 block of Milbern Drive in Potomac on Saturday, Aug. 8 between 2 a.m. and 2:33 a.m. The victim and suspect got into a fight. The suspect hit the victim. He was arrested on the scene.

A **theft from a vehicle** occurred in the 8200 block of Fenway Road in Potomac on Monday, Aug. 3 at an unknown time. Suspects entered three unlocked vehicle but nothing was removed.

A **theft from a vehicle** occurred in the 8300 block of Carderock Drive in Potomac on Monday, Aug. 3 at an unknown time. Suspects searched two vehicles and removed tools from one.

## PETS OF THE WEEK

Partnership for Animal Welfare (PAW) is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit group. To adopt an animal, volunteer or make a tax-deductible donation, visit [www.paw-rescue.org](http://www.paw-rescue.org), call 301-572-4729 or write to PAW, P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768.



**Max is a 2-year-old male DSH cat.** Max was abandoned by his former owner but is still a happy, healthy, well-adjusted kitty. He loves human attention and has a mischievous fun streak. Max will shower a kind adopter with affection and be a great fun addition to any cat lover's home.



**Darla is a 2-year-old spayed Foxhound mix.** She is a slightly goofy, beautiful young hound bursting with energy. She loves everyone, loves to run (a Foxhound trait) and follows her nose like all scent hounds do. Darla will give you a happy bark and will do best with an active family in a single family home with a fenced yard.



**Charlie Brown is a 12-week-old domestic male kitten.** He is part of the romping, active "Peanuts" litter of kittens PAW has for adoption. He's a gorgeous grey kitty, very friendly towards humans, and playful with his siblings. Charlie Brown is definitely a winner and would be a "home run" for a lucky cat lover.



**Sgt. Pepper is a 1-year-old female Shepherd/Greyhound mix.** A car hit her when she was a puppy and she was surrendered to a vet clinic and then to PAW for adoption. Now healthy, she is a smart, obedient active dog who loves walks, swimming, car rides and other dogs. Happy girl Sgt. Pepper would fit in well with an active family with older kids.

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# Churchill O-line Making up for Lack of Experience

**Bulldogs linemen, first-year position coach learning from one another.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE ALMANAC

**T**he 2009 Churchill offensive line is composed entirely of first-year starters, instructed by a rookie position coach and led by a head coach in his first season with the program.

A unit critical to the success of the offense, the Bulldogs O-line has tried to improve without the benefit of an experienced environment. Sure, head coach Joe Allen has coached elsewhere, but not at Churchill. Offensive line coach Matthew Hoffman was a standout lineman at Good Counsel and Duquesne, but he's never coached before.

The Bulldog linemen have played football before, but not as season-opening varsity starters.

Allen retained Churchill's triple option offense when he arrived, eliminating the complication of learning a new offense. But a familiar scheme can lend only so much comfort when nobody playing or coaching your position can remind you how things have always been done in Bulldog blue.

**REGARDLESS**, the big boys and their coaches have pushed forward. Allen tells the O-line, and everyone else on the team, he believes in them. Hoffman and his pupils help each other improve as each gain experience. How far the on-field product has developed will be evident Friday, when the Churchill O-line attempts to open holes for running back Ryan Quinn and others during the team's season opener at Gaithersburg.



**Churchill running back Ryan Quinn, taking a handoff, would benefit from a strong performance by the offensive line this season.**

"They're doing great," Allen said of the O-line. "Coach Hoffman has done a great job with the offensive line. ... He brings a lot to the kids."

Hoffman said his lack of experience as a coach and the players' lack of varsity experience have helped them learn from one another.

"We're all new here," Hoffman said. "That actually helped us out a lot because we got to help each other out. We worked off each other. These guys are ready. They don't have the experience that I'd like, but they have the mentality. They're very smart."

Jonathan Milbourn is the left tackle. The senior said the O-linemen are out to prove wrong those

who think the Bulldogs will struggle this season.

"A lot of people told us that we are kind of an inexperienced, new front," Milbourn said. "So far, we're looking pretty good. I think we might surprise the county this year."

At 6 feet 7, 287 pounds, Milbourn has the size to wreak havoc on opposing defenses.

"His job is to just move people out of the way, and he's very good at it," Hoffman said of Milbourn. "Once he gets a hold of you, you're not going anywhere, except for backwards — or on your back."

Junior Daniel Weinstein (5-10, 230) is projected to start at left guard, but is battling an injury. If Weinstein can't start, Junior An-



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**Churchill left tackle Jonathan Milbourn, right, battles with a scout team lineman during practice.**

drew Farr (6-1, 260) will get the nod.

Junior Zach Davis (5-10, 240) is the center. Hoffman said Davis and Weinstein benefited from their time playing together on the junior varsity.

Senior Kaijie Zheng (5-10, 255) is the right guard and senior Bobby Hirsch (6-1, 280) is the right tackle.

"He's a beast," Hoffman said of Hirsch. "He's a little unorthodox with his technique, but he gets the job done."

## No Scrimmage, No Problem

Churchill's scrimmage sched-

uled for Friday against Blake was cancelled due to weather concerns. Allen was not happy at the time, but later said he was pleased the scrimmage was cancelled.

"I don't think it's really going to affect us at all," Allen said of the cancelled scrimmage. "We had a competitive scrimmage [two weekends ago] against three different teams; we ran about 60 plays.

That's the equivalent to two scrimmages. [Friday] night, I was a little upset about [the cancellation]. But when I look at our injury situation and where we are in terms of putting things in, I feel a lot better ... knowing that we're all healthy and we're going to go in ready to go."

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**The Potomac Elementary School PTA** relies on its parent volunteers to coordinate and support the many programs and fund-raisers that are offered at the school each year. Below are the committees and programs that are in need of parent

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❖ **Teacher & Staff Appreciation** — Plan and organize monthly lunches and appreciation events

❖ **Back To School Picnic** Oct. 12 — Promote and plan a casual social evening event at the school

❖ **Principal Coffees:** Grades K & 1 Oct. 7 / Grades 2 & 3 Oct. 14 / Grades 4 & 5 Oct. 29. Purchase food & beverages for one grade level coffee.

❖ **Math Night** Oct. 28 — Chair Marcie Robinson is looking for a co-chair and volunteers to help with this program. The responsibilities will be to work with Tova Irving, math specialist, to come up with fun math-related activities for this evening event.

❖ **Chinese New Year** Feb. 17, 2010 — Chairperson Susan Danziger is looking for co-chairs and volunteers to help organize and run this event. This program includes art work, dinner and performances.

❖ **Restaurant Nights** — Various dates throughout the 2009-2010 school year. Responsibilities include scheduling and publicizing the fundraisers. This role takes only a few hours the entire school year.

❖ **Giant/Safeway/Harris Teeter** — Most of the work is done in September and can be done in the evening from home. Responsibility is to gather support and ensure that PES families are properly registered for these free programs.

❖ **Arts Integration Committee** — Chair Susan Danziger is looking for volunteers to help promote the awareness and growth of this program. This group will be working closely with Arts Integration Teacher, Shelley Johnson.

❖ **Safety Committee** — A chair is needed to attend monthly (evening) MCCPTA Safety meetings and manage a team of volunteers to assist the school administration with safety related issues.

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# Island Man No More



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

And no, I am not referring to a recent excursion to the West Indies. Hardly. What I am referring to is a feeling I've been having, occasionally. Actually, what I've felt is more like a man on an island. That is to say, once my six-time, "normal" protocol of chemotherapy ended (as per the "standard of care"), thereby ending the proactive portion of my cancer treatment, I felt like a man on an island – not exactly deserted, but nevertheless alone – left to my own devices to fight the cancer that somehow has found its way into this life-long non-smoker's lungs.

Until the "study" option was presented to me. And I jumped (almost literally) at it. Something, almost anything seemed better than nothing. And to follow up last week's column, I am now happy (extremely happy) to report that not only was I accepted into the study (per the results of my CT scan, bone scan, MRI brain scan, lab work and physical exam), I have been randomly selected as well to actually receive the oral chemo medication: four pills at night, preferably at bedtime, 21 days on, seven days off for six months, assuming all goes well, with more regular scans than I would otherwise be receiving if I were not part of this study; not under the normal "standard of care," so I feel very lucky. (If I recall correctly, even if I were not receiving the medication, I would still be receiving the same level of care/monitoring; scans, exams, etc. as those who were randomly selected. My results would be evaluated as a means of comparison.)

So we're off to the races. Off to see the Wizard. Off to see if I will be one of the few, the proud, non-Marines to benefit from this experimental oral chemotherapy (the side effects of which are hardly worth mentioning or even anticipated, I've been told). And I can honestly say that after 10 days, I feel great, with no side effects to report. (I realize that 10 days does not yet define a study's results but so far as positively-affecting me, attitude-wise, the medication has been a huge success). Moreover, from everything I've heard and read about being a cancer patient, maintaining a positive attitude is crucial to one's health care.

And to make my post-chemo life even less "lonely," my oncologist is keeping me on one of the infusing chemotherapy drugs (the 30-minute one, Avastin) every three weeks as per usual, to help maintain what tumor shrinkage/continuing non-growth I've been fortunate to have. A few weeks ago, I thought I was finished with my treatment (unless and until ...), and now I'm proactively pursuing a two-front attack; the maintenance chemo and the oral chemo, two for the price of one, compared to what might have been none. Talk about feeling empowered and definitely not alone.

Ever since I was accepted into this study and selected to receive the medication, I no longer feel like a man on an island. Now I feel like I'm on the pitcher's mound at Fenway Park (someplace I always dreamed of being) in the middle of 40,000 screaming fans cheering me on.

It's not just what I needed, it's what I wanted – to be part of a team fighting together against a common enemy.

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Reading Initiative teacher Patricia Beder met with returning students and allowed them to explore the new Promethean interactive board during the Bells Mill Open House last Friday. Students and teachers alike expressed their excitement for the new school and its array of new technology.



Students and parents wander the halls of the new Bells Mill Elementary School during an Open House last Friday, which granted the first public access to the new facility three days before the start of the school year.

# Elementary School Opens New Building to Public

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the front of the building to oversee all activity and security.

Principal Jerri Oglesby says the new facility creates a space for the whole school to come together — an impossible task in the old building that was stretched over capacity. The larger facilities and updated technology have BMES staff thrilled for the new school year.

Sandy Reed has been teaching for 36 years, noting she spent the majority of her career in the old Bells Mill building. She

expressed her excitement for her new classroom, from the windows stretching across the far wall to the space available for a display of young reader's books.

They're very privileged to be in a building like this," Reed said of her first grade class.

Teachers, including Reed, were eager to show off their new Promethean Boards to students during the Open House. The Promethean is an interactive white board that highlights the new technology at BMES. Using a screen at the front of the room, the boards present animated lessons plans and

encourage students to participate through direct activity.

Patricia Beder has worked at Bells Mill as a Reading Initiative teacher for nearly two decades. She believes this improved technology, available in every classroom, will benefit individual students while working in a group environment.

"They will participate more and it's going to hold their attention more during whole-group instruction," said Beder. "The interactive part is so exciting."

Beder and her fellow staff members recognize there will be kinks as they become

familiar with their new teaching tool and the new school building. They will follow Oglesby's instruction, who says the first year will be a process to make necessary changes to establish a new routine. Oglesby conveyed her excitement to put the new building into use.

"We're excited for the children to have a school they deserve," she said.

Her students like Madeline agree, and the 10-year-old was prepared to return to school with the confidence that she will eventually find her way around the new Bells Mill facility.

"It's a very cool building," she said.



At Seven Locks

A seasoned safety patrol helps kindergartners find their classrooms on their first day of school at Seven Locks Elementary.



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The school bee at Seven Locks elementary greets students arriving on school buses for their first day.

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