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Cold Spring Elementary School

If you tuned in to the most recent Board Of Education meeting, you would have seen a stellar turnout and heard the most impactful testimony on behalf of the Wootton cluster. I want to formally thank our parents whose strong advocacy for our building and the Wootton High School cluster rang clear! Ms. Qadir, Ms. Marinos, Ms. Mandelbaum, Mr. Federico, Ms. Sanzone, and Mr. Harris, we thank you for your thoughtful testimony, your courage, and your strong community support!

Thank You PTA

Thank you to our PTA Board for supporting our enrichment activities at Cold Spring Elementary. This past week, we welcomed Blue Sky Puppets for an assembly on Anti-Bullying. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade participated. It was entertaining and lessons were learned. The students truly enjoyed the experience!

Thank you to Ms. Ghodsi and the rest of the community who supported our annual International Fair. The turnout was incredible and the night truly highlighted the diversity at Cold Spring. This event is a favorite and we were glad so many families were able to participate and attend.

Center for Enrichment: What is it? How are students selected?

Each year, Cold Spring welcomes fourth and fifth grade students who have accepted the invitation to join the Center for Enriched Studies housed in our building. Although, Cold Spring administration and teachers are not part of the selection process, we do receive a number of inquiries about this program and how it runs. The Department of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction (AEI) has worked to produce updated videos they hope will help families gain a better understanding around the progress and program. Please take a moment to view the below resources.

- [What is the Grade 3 Central Review Process for Literacy Enrichment?](#)
- [Overview of the Centers for Enriched Studies](#)
- [Next Steps- If you have been invited to the CES](#)

Kids Heart Challenge

Kids Heart Challenge (KHC) is going on NOW! Our school is building a team of lifesavers ready to take on Finn's Mission to learn Hands-Only CPR and gain a forever skill that will keep our school, community and families safer.

With just 3 simple steps you can get started today:

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1. DOWNLOAD THE FREE AHA SCHOOLS APP — [click here for iOS App Store](#) or [click here for Google Play](#). It makes fundraising easy. You can even use it to scan checks.
2. SEND 10 emails, ecards, or texts to family and friends and share the message of heart health from your Headquarters.
3. CONNECT TO SOCIAL MEDIA for a quick and easy way to reach friends and family. You'll also be one step closer to completing Finn's Mission!

When you support KHC, you are helping kids with special hearts. Thank you for working to keep your mind and heart healthy!

The American Heart Association is excited to extend our work with the NFL to support improving health outcomes at home and beyond through the Hands-Only CPR education. Students that complete Finn's Mission will earn an entry for two tickets to Super Bowl LIX in 2025 and our school will be entered to receive a \$10,000 fitness equipment makeover for every 18 students who complete Finn's Mission.

Don't forget: Double your Gift! [Check to see](#) if your employer will match your donation today! Follow the steps and forward the confirmation to matchinggifts@heart.org to have this added to the student's fundraising page.

[Our School Page](#)

https://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=9739&pg=company&company_id=450738

Feel free to reach out to Mrs. Lewis (Ms. Sekerak) with any questions at Paige_Sekerak@mcpsmd.org

Visiting the Building?

We have been working hard in the front office to upgrade some of our front office procedures. We will be using the **Visitor Management System** for anyone entering our building, with the exception of MCPS employees. If you are planning to come into the building, please make sure you have your driver's license or passport to sign in. Ms. Okoroha or Ms. Friedman can support you with this. This is solely for the safety and security of our students and staff at Cold Spring.

Amazon Wish Lists

We are currently in a spending freeze in MCPS. Although we have funds for some items, our staff have created and updated Amazon Wish Lists if any parents would like to donate items to our classrooms for our students to use. Our parent community is always so generous and we truly thank you for your support!

[Amazon Wish Lists](#)

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Districtwide Family Survey: CLOSING SOON!

Dear Cold Spring Families,

We hope this message finds you well! At Cold Spring Elementary School, we believe in the power of collaboration and the importance of your perspective. Your family's input is crucial in shaping the future of our school community, and we invite you to participate in our Family Survey.

This survey aims to gather valuable insights into your experiences and opinions regarding various aspects of our school district. Your honest feedback will help us understand what's working well and identify areas where we can improve to create a more supportive and engaging learning environment for all students. I've also attached instructions with more information about the family survey.

Participating in this survey is easy, and it will only take a few minutes of your time. Your responses are completely confidential, and the information you provide will be used solely for the purpose of enhancing our educational programs and services. **The survey opens February 12, 2024 and closes March 15, 2024.**

To access the survey, please click on the link provided below:

<https://parentsurvey.mcpsmd.org/>

We appreciate your commitment to our school community and value the unique perspectives each family brings. Together, we can continue to build a positive and thriving educational environment. Thank you for your time and input. We look forward to hearing from you!

Weekly Classroom Updates

In an effort to ensure clear communication, we will be providing grade level updates each Sunday to families. Our teachers are working hard to keep this document up to date. Please make sure to click your grade level and read. Any questions regarding content can be directed to your child's teacher. **Also, please note this document is also posted on our school website for you to access at any time.**

<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>1st Grade</u>	<u>2nd Grade</u>
<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>

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From the PTA:

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting on Tuesday night, and to Norean Qadir for sharing useful updates to the CIP and potential Boundary Study.

The Talent Show is Coming Up!

The Talent Show is Friday, April 12 at 6:00pm! The deadline to sign up is Friday, March 29. Please use this link to sign up and find more details:

<https://forms.gle/SaGeKwwGAtAnS3zk7> Acts can be individual or group acts. There will be one required rehearsal on Tuesday, April 9 at 4:30pm. Contact Talent Show co-chairs Lauren Arnold and Sharon Sutton with questions at laurenjarnold1@gmail.com and sroth1@gmail.com

Restaurant Night Wednesday, March 13th, The Habit Burger Grill, 3-8 pm

Please mark your calendars for our March restaurant night fundraiser at Habit Grill on Wednesday, March 13th. See flyer [HERE](#).

After School Reading Extravaganza (Grades 3-5), RSVP deadline has passed

Cold Spring is pleased to invite students in 3rd-5th grade to join us for our after-school Reading Extravaganza being held on Friday, March 15th, from 3:25-5:00 PM. Students will be offered a light snack after school and then will have quiet reading time. Following reading time, students will reconvene for pizza before pickup. To secure your student's space for this activity, you should have completed the registration form by Thursday, March 7th. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event or have any questions, contact marykbarr@gmail.com

A Message from the Yearbook Committee

Volunteers Needed!! The yearbook committee needs a few volunteers! Please reach out to Paola Garber if you can donate a bit of your time to help put together this year's yearbook over the next few months! garber.paola@gmail.com

Please use the following links to submit photos for specific events:

- First Day of School: [First Day of School Photos](#)
- Back to School Bash: [Back to School Bash Photos](#)
- Halloween: [Halloween Photos](#)

Yearbook Orders!

It's time to order your yearbooks! Use the link below to pre-order your 23/24 Cold Spring ES yearbook. We do not order many additional copies for purchase after delivery, so if you want a yearbook, you should pre-order using the link below.

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- ★ \$25 softcover or \$30 hardcover
- ★ Sale price ends 4/2

Final deadline to order 4/29 Order here:

<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/coldspringelementary>

Label Daddy (Flyer [HERE](#))

Summer will be here before we know it! Looking to buy personalized name labels for camp and the pool? Label Daddy will give 25% of your purchase back to the PTA! The peel and stick, washable labels are great for school too. They can be used on jackets, water bottles, lunch boxes, notebooks, binders and more! Please shop using this link:

<http://www.labeldaddy.com/csespta>

24-25 PTA Board

If you are interested in joining the PTA Board next year, please reach out to Erika Schor, erika.schor@gmail.com

PTA Calendar

Check out the most current PTA calendar [HERE](#) for all upcoming events (dates are subject to change)

March

- Wednesday, March 13th: Restaurant Night, The Habit Burger Grill, 3-8pm
- Friday, March 15th: Principal Coffee, 9 am, APR
- Friday, March 15th: After School Reading Extravaganza for 3rd-5th graders, 3:25-5:00 pm, APR

Calendar Updates:

- March 13th - Cougar House Team Building, Grade 5 MISA Assessment
- March 15th - Grade 5 Field Trip to Mount Vernon, Principal Coffee, PTA After School Read-A-Thon