

# YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT



## Cold Spring Elementary School

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Welcome 2023! It has been wonderful seeing all our students back and hearing all the stories of time spent with family and friends. We have certainly missed them! Unfortunately, returning from break has brought lots of sickness. Please be mindful of the school community and keep your child home if they are sick. We assure you will work to make sure they are caught up upon their return.

### Hip Hip Hooray

In some very exciting news and a great way to kick off 2023, Ms. Meghane Vaughan Cold Spring Reading Specialist, has been recognized for her work leading the Enriched Literacy Curriculum at Cold Spring for Gifted & Talented learning with the **Non-Classroom Based Educator Accomplishment in Gifted and Talented Education Award** from the Maryland Gifted and Talented Advisory Council. Her consistent collaboration with Kitty Williams from the Accelerated and Enriched Instructional Office and our 3rd-5th grade teachers this year has been truly amazing. She has thoroughly studied the curriculum for all 3 grades in order to best support our teachers. She has worked hard to create a space for rich materials with the support of our PTA so our staff has easy access to what is needed for the lessons. Furthermore, she has consistently advocated for our teachers and students and has repeatedly praised them for their success. Congratulations Mrs. Vaughan!



### Heads Up: Monday Construction

We will have construction occurring by the arrival loop on Monday, January 9, 2023 as we are replacing our current fire hydrant. We will *most likely* have an indoor line up and please be patient as we work around this challenge to ensure all students arrive in the building safely. Thank you for your patience!

### Dr. Martin Luther King Day

MCPS will honor Dr. Martin Luther King with a week of service beginning January 16, 2023. Cold Spring students will be engaged in lessons created by MCPS during this time. Parents and children are encouraged to create a service project and register it using the link below.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/MLK.html>

The MLK Day of Service for 2023 will be in Germantown from 10-1 on Monday, January 16, 2023. This event is for ages 12 and up. Click the link below for further information.

[https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=757488#:~:text=On%20Monday%2C%20January%2016%2C%202023.working%20together%20throughout%20the%20county](https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=757488#:~:text=On%20Monday%2C%20January%2016%2C%202023.working%20together%20throughout%20the%20county)

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## Attention 5th Grade Parents: Middle School is Fast Approaching

The transition to middle school can cause many emotions. We are here to support and help you and your child with this exciting right of passage. Don't miss out on any information! View Ms. Felsher's website and full page devoted to middle school in her Counselor Corner found on our Cold Spring website. Parent meetings, student visits, and more are all outlined and updated as we receive information from our feeder middle schools. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Click below to read through all important information.

<https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/coldspringes/middle-school?authuser=0>

## Winter Weather is Here

The cold winter weather is here and will be here throughout the next couple months. We will be outside as much as possible, so please send your children in warm clothing with jackets, hats, and gloves. We will monitor the temperature and wind chill factor in the mornings and mid-day for indoor line up and indoor recess decisions. If the temperature is below freezing we will be indoors. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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## Calendar Updates

- **January 9th - 4th Grade Field Trip, 5th Grade Frost and Cabin John Middle School Visit**
- **January 10th - Cougar House Meeting (wear your house colors!), PTA Meeting**
- **January 13th - Cold Spring Spelling Bee**