

# YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT



Cold Spring Elementary School

---

We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend!

## Winter Reminders

It is getting cold and we know that means we have more car riders! Please make sure to follow our Cold Spring "[Car Rider Procedures](#)" as you are arriving and departing from school. Also, please make sure to stay in your car so we can keep our operations running smoothly.

All students must be in the building at 9:00am to be marked present. Please make sure to leave time to ensure your students get here for the start of instruction.

## Front Office Upgrades

With new people, come a new perspective! We have been working hard this week 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 to sign in. Ms. Okoroha or Ms. Friedman can support you with this.

We have also scheduled a phone call reminder to go out at noon for any parent who has not reported an absence. This upgrade will support our attendance practices and hopefully help you, too!

Finally, please remember to email Ms. Okoroha and Ms. Friedman or call the front office with any changes to dismissal. The teachers really do not check their email during the school day as they are teaching. We appreciate your diligence so we can ensure the safety of our students.



## MLK Week of Service

MCPS annually recognizes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) with a week of service projects and acts of kindness in schools from Jan. 13-21, 2024. Some of our teachers will be utilizing resources from MCPS during this week to investigate mental health and well-being, support how to improve mental health and well-being, and have students develop an action plan to address well-being issues.

# YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT



## NEW Bus Tracking App

MCPS will be launching a self-service bus app for families this semester. The tracking app will allow users to receive live updates on where their student's bus is, provide important two-way communication capability and enhance safety for students while they wait for and ride the bus.

The MCPS Department of Transportation is currently in a pilot phase with families and students at 10 schools. More information will be shared in the coming weeks as we prepare for the full launch across the district.

## Winter Testing

We are beginning MAP testing for the Winter. Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders will take the MAP-P test to assess their skills in math, while 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will take the MAP-R (reading) test and MAP-M (math) test. The Winter MAP testing schedule is below, which includes specific dates for all grade levels.

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
<b>MAP-P (Math):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1/11: 9:20 am</li></ul>	<b>MAP-P (Math):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1/11, 1:10 pm</li></ul>	<b>MAP-P (Math):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1/11: 1:40 pm</li></ul>	<b>MAP-M (Math):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1/11: 9:20 am</li></ul> <b>MAP-R (Reading):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1/18, 9:20 am</li></ul>	<b>MAP-R (Reading):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1/18, 1:10 pm</li></ul> <b>MAP-M (Math):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1/22, 1:10 pm</li></ul>	<b>MAP-R (Reading):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1/18, 1:10 pm</li></ul> <b>MAP-M (Math):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1/22, 1:10 pm</li></ul>

Below are make-up testing dates for absent or unfinished students. More will be added as needed.

- **MAP-P:** 1/24, 1/25 at 9:20 am
- **MAP-R:** 1/24, 1/31 at 1:10 pm
- **MAP-M:** 1/25, 2/1 at 1:10 pm

If you have any questions about MAP testing, please contact Mr. Legarreta at [Benjamin\\_Legarreta@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Benjamin_Legarreta@mcpsmd.org)

## Code Purple

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) continues to improve its process for informing the community when weather requires an operational status change and if any closure might justify a shift to virtual instruction. **Code Purple will be a Virtual Learning Day for students.**

Please visit the following website for more important information regarding virtual learning:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/closings/#virtual>

# YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT



Here at Cold Spring, we are trying to make this day as seamless as possible, especially knowing that our youngest students have not logged onto a virtual learning platform before and many of our students will want to be outdoors and playing in the snow! We will be providing families with the option to have their child/children log on and complete various learning activities. Please view the following family letter to prepare if MCPS should decide on moving to a virtual learning day over the next couple months. You will also receive communication from us prior to the virtual learning day reminding you of our structure and sharing the resources again.

[Cold Spring Code Purple](#)

## 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.**

<a href="#"><u>Kindergarten</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1st Grade</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>2nd Grade</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>3rd Grade</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>4th Grade</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>5th Grade</u></a>

## From the PTA:

### Before & After-School Activities at Cold Spring ES

It's time to sign up for before and after school activities for the January-March session. Most activities start the week of January 8th and more activities may still be added prior to the session beginning. Flyer [HERE](#)

Sign up here: <https://schools.kiddo.us/s/coldspring-md>

### Reflections Arts Program

Congratulations to our students below whose artworks have been selected to advance to the Montgomery County Council of PTAs for the county-level round of the Reflections Arts Program!

- ★ Literature: Samhita Sharma (4)
- ★ Photography: Emily Udler (4) and Leo Burch (5)

# YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT



- ★ Visual Arts: Aria Mandelbaum (1), Anna Burch (2), Gracie Altscher (2), Esha Khan (4), Madeline Fuller (4), and Wynnee Chen (5)

## **Restaurant Night is Thursday, January 18th, Ledo Pizza Westlake, 5-9 pm**

Restaurant Night is coming up on Thursday 1/18, at Ledo Pizza Westlake in Bethesda, from 5-9 pm. We hope you will join us! Flyer [HERE](#)

## **A Message from the Yearbook Committee**

The yearbook committee is excited to create lasting memories for this school year, and we need your help! If you have fantastic photos of your kids, we would love to include them in the 2023-2024 yearbook.

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](#)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Paola Garber at [garber.paola@gmail.com](mailto:garber.paola@gmail.com).

## **PTA Volunteers Still Needed**

There are still open positions in the PTA that we need to fill. See list here and if you can chair/co-chair one of these, email [erika.schor@gmail.com](mailto:erika.schor@gmail.com). Your help is greatly appreciated!

## **From our Staff Appreciation Chair, Lindsay Koosed**

Please help us take care of our wonderful faculty and staff by keeping their staff lounge stocked with goodies! We have 43 staff members, so a Costco-sized box is enough to make sure everyone finds something they like. Once you sign up and leave your email, I will email you directly with my address so you can drop off your donation before the date listed on this Signup Genius. I will then bring everything to school at once to minimize disruption. Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you!!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094BAAA92DA4F94-stock>

## **PTA Calendar**

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

---

## **Calendar Updates:**

- January 15th - No School

# YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT



- January 16th - Hoover, Robert Frost, and Cabin John Middle School Counselors Visit Cold Spring
- January 18th - MAP Testing (Grades 3, 4, 5)
- January 19th - Cold Spring Spelling Bee (students only)