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Cold Spring Elementary School

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We hope your weekend was terrific. Please read below for important updates for the week ahead.

## 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>

## A Message from MCPS Regarding Health

School Health has put out a document to support families when making the decision about keeping their children home when sick. Please use [this link](#) to access and as a resource.

## PAWS for Partnership

Please join us Friday, December 15th for our [PAWS for Partnership](#) event. Parents and guardians will gather in the All Purpose Room for coffee and conversation before heading to classrooms. Please remember we have reimagined this event for more engagement and you will be working with your child/children in classrooms to gain a better understanding of the learning experience. We ask you to refrain from taking photos or videos. We can't wait to welcome you in!

## New MCPS Release

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) announces the release of the 2022–2023 Annual Report to the Community website. This comprehensive report summarizes stories and highlights of the past school year, providing valuable information about student and operational performance, as well as the progress made in fulfilling MCPS' vision and mission. In addition to the printed version, an interactive online report has been created to ensure accessibility for all stakeholders.

The annual report includes key sections with highlights from the 2022–2023 school year: the Antiracist System Action Plan, the Pathway to College, Career, and Community

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Readiness, and data on student performance, graduation, services and workforce. It also provides progress updates from the Strategic Plan and information on the operating and capital budgets. This report offers a valuable, comprehensive overview of the district's achievements and initiatives.

## **NEW MCPS School Profile Data Dashboard**

MCPS is introducing the School Profiles Dashboard, which will replace the Schools at a Glance report and provide a clearer understanding of district and school-level data, in alignment with the Antiracist System Action Plan. The School Profiles Dashboard will include academic milestone data, ensuring alignment with the Pathway to College, Career, and Community Readiness. Links to school profiles will be available on the MCPS website, offering easy access to official data reported to the Montgomery County Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

The School Profiles Dashboard is designed to be all-inclusive, providing summary charts and graphs of school and district data. It is available in eight languages, ensuring that all members of the community can access and understand the information. The dashboard also offers flexibility, allowing users to save data as an Excel file or to print PDFs. The dashboard is also comprehensive, enabling users to select data by school, level or the entire district.

"These tools were developed to meet the requests of our community for more information in easy-to-understand ways, and we believe they will make a significant impact in providing transparency and insights into our progress," said Stephanie Sheron, Chief of Strategic Initiatives. "We are proud of the hard work and dedication of our team in creating these resources, and we look forward to the positive impact they will have on our community."

The implementation of the School Profiles Dashboard will occur in three phases.

- Phase 1, beginning on Tuesday, Dec. 5, will include the 2022–2023 school year data. The 2023–2024 data will be updated in early 2024, following verification of MSDE data.
- Phase 2, scheduled for spring 2024, will introduce safety and security and special education profiles, along with selected enhancements based on feedback gathered during dashboard development.
- Phase 3, planned for fall 2024, will include updates on the 2023–2024 pathway academic milestones and additional selected enhancements.

MCPS is committed to providing transparency, accountability and access to information for the community.

Use the following links to access these tools.

- [MCPS 2022-2023 Annual Report](#)

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- [MCPS School Profiles Dashboard](#)

## From the PTA:

### **Cold Spring Helping Hands 2023**

A big THANK YOU to our 2023 Helping Hands chair, Aidan Winn, for her hard work organizing an extremely successful program!

And of course, THANK YOU to our school community for being so generous with your contributions. We couldn't do it without your help!

Please read Aidan's summary of our communities amazing contribution [HERE](#)

### **Restaurant Night, December 14, Gregorio's Trattoria, 4-9 pm**

Restaurant Night is next Thursday, December 14th, at Gregorio's Trattoria in Cabin John Village from 4-9 pm. This is usually one of our most successful nights of the year so we hope you will join us! Flyer [HERE](#)

### **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>

### **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 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!

### **PTA Calendar**

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

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## Spirit Wear Ordering is Closed

Spirit wear ordering closed on 11/27. We will provide an update of the anticipated arrival date of the order as soon as we know what it is.

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