

# YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT



Cold Spring Elementary School

December has been exciting so far at Cold Spring! Thank you to our PTA for sponsoring a wonderful assembly experience for our students titled, Never Give Up: The Cody Michael Jones Story. If your child has not shared their learning yet, please ask them about it as Mr. Jones certainly made an impact.

## 2022-2023 School Year Calendar Approved

The Montgomery County Public Schools Board of Education approved the 2023-2024 school year calendar at its Dec. 6 business meeting. Superintendent Dr. Monifa B. McKnight presented her recommended calendar to the BOE with input from the community. The new calendar offers investments and increased focus on professional development for teachers while aiming to limit instructional disruptions. Click below for more information.

- [Calendar Highlights](#)

## A Message for all Our Helping Hands

Cold Spring Community,

Thank you all for making the 2022 Cold Spring Helping Hands an enormous success! The last of the donations went to the Salvation Army on Wednesday, December 7th. Everyone there was hugely appreciative of our community's generosity.

Thank you all for your participation and your contributions! Special thank yous go out to all the room parents who organized the sign-up genius lists (and provided friendly reminders!) to the teachers who collected donations in their classrooms and to all the volunteers who helped with transportation. Due to the rain last Friday and Saturday I wasn't able to fully capture our community's contribution in one image but I hope these pictures help everyone to envision it! Every Cold Spring classroom's donations filled a huge bag with books, shoes, clothing, toys, crafts (like the items shown below) in addition to the large gifts not shown below (bikes, tablets, scooters and one bed!)

Thank you!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

Aidan Winn

2022 Helping Hands Chair



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## Principal Coffee + Conversation

Join us on December 16th at 9:15 for our December Principal Coffee and Conversation. The topic this month will be focused on tiered layers of support for students not yet meeting benchmarks in literacy and/or mathematics. We will share the various interventions we offer in both subject areas and the criteria for receiving those interventions. We will also share information on 504 plans and Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and how both of these work to support student learning. We look forward to engaging with you and answering any questions you may have regarding this topic. We hope to see you there!

## MCPS FY'24 Operating Budget Meeting

MCPS Superintendent Dr. Monifa B. McKnight will deliver a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19. WATCH LIVE on the MCPS homepage or on Cable Comcast 34 & 1071 HD, Verizon 36 and RCN 89 & 1058 HD, En Español, Comcast 33, Verizon 35, RSN 88.

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### Calendar Updates:

- **December 13th - PTA Restaurant Night**
- **December 14th - Wellness Wednesday Dance Party (during recess)**
- **December 16th - Principal Coffee & Conversation**