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Cold Spring Elementary School

As we head into Winter Break, we want to extend warm wishes to you and your families. We hope your time away is spent filled with family, friends, and brings you joy and happiness.



Feedback on PAWS for Partnership

We were thrilled you could join us for our PAWS for Partnership event on Friday. Thank you to our amazing PTA for providing the coffee and pastries. We hope you enjoyed your time with us. Please take a moment to provide us your feedback using the QR code below.




Spirit Week

Let's take some time before Winter Break to have some fun and show our spirit. Please participate in our Week Before Winter Break Spirit Week!

 **Week Before Winter Break SPIRIT Week** 

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22
House Color Day	Twin Tuesday	Ugly Sweater Day	Mismatch Thursday	Pajama Day
Wear your House Color for our House Meeting Today!	Dress the same as another person at Cold Spring!	Any ugly sweater will do! Holiday themed or just ugly!	Mismatch patterns on as many clothes as possible!	Wear your cozy pajamas before Winter Break!



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A Bittersweet Farewell

We are saying goodbye to two of our favorite folks!

Ms. Kay Matthews, our amazing Administrative Secretary will be retiring. Kay has been with MCPS for 30 years and at Cold Spring for her last 10 years. She is the face of the front office and the best support. We want to wish Kay the very best as she heads into this next chapter of her life.

We are also saying goodbye to Mr. Dwayne Light, our Assistant Building Service Manager. Dwayne has been in MCPS for 30 years and ALL 30 years have been at Cold Spring Elementary. What an amazing accomplishment. Dwayne's hard work has ensured your children have a clean and tidy place to learn. This role is labor intensive and we are so appreciative of all Dwayne has done for our community.

Book Blast Update

Thank you so much to all of our families that participated in our Book Blast event! Cold Spring has raised over \$20,000 in donations that will all go towards books for our students!! 169 students earned prizes for their participation. The first 85 students received these prizes on December 6th, and all others who qualified will receive their prizes in January. A special thanks to the students in Mrs. Hueting, Mrs. Gilliland, & Mrs. Shin's classes for helping their teachers win a \$100 book shopping spree. Finally, a huge congratulations to our big raffle winners!

Treasure Chest Winners:

- Charlotte B.
- Ahmed R.
- Amrik S.
- Anna S.

iPad Winner:

- Haset A.

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.**

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

Student Contest Opportunity

2023-24 National School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest

Every year, thousands of school districts in over 40 states participate in local and state-level competitions to select artwork that depicts school bus safety-related themes and encourages and promotes school bus safety. The winning posters are used to promote safer school transportation for everyone. State winners advance to the national poster contest.

Submissions for the contest must be received by the Office of Pupil Transportation/Emergency Management by March 15, 2024.

For questions, please contact Gabriel Rose, Director, Office of Pupil Transportation/Emergency Management at gabriel.rose1@maryland.gov or 410-767-0209.

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>

Yearbook Photos Needed

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](#)

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- Halloween: [Halloween Photos](#)

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

Calendar Updates:

- December 18th -