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Cold Spring Elementary School

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Thank you to all our parent volunteers for supporting such wonderful Valentine parties. We are so appreciative and the students had a blast. Happy long weekend, everyone!

## Congratulations to Ms. Hartman!

We are happy to share the successful completion of Ms. Hartman's teaching internship with Ms. Hueting. With Ms. Hueting's incredible mentorship, Ms. Hartman planned engaging lessons, built wonderful relationships with students, connected with our parents, and refined her teaching practices. She even led our Green Team work for the school. It comes as no surprise that Ms. Hartman accepted a first grade teaching position at Fallsmead Elementary School! Best wishes on a wonderful teaching career!

## Manna Food Drive

We are continuing our Manna Food Drive through the end of February. Please continue to donate non-perishable food and drop it in the boxes in the front of the school building. The biggest items needed include canned veggies, fruit, cereal, and chili with meat.



## Visiting the Building?

We have been working hard 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 or passport to sign in. Ms. Okoroha or Ms. Friedman can support you with this. This is solely for the safety and security of our students and staff at Cold Spring.

## Principal Coffee

Join the Cold Spring administration on Friday, February 23rd for Coffee and CONversation. The topic is "A Day in the Life..." and we hope to give caregivers a sense of all that goes on during the day at Cold Spring.

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## Green Team Contest



Calling all Cold Spring Cougars...Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection is having a contest! This opportunity is presented to students throughout the county and this year's theme is "The Journey of Recycling." The deadline for those who enter is February 23rd. All contest details can be found [HERE](#).

## Amazon Wish Lists

We are currently in a spending freeze in MCPS. Although we have funds for some items, our staff have created and updated Amazon Wish Lists if any parents would like to donate items to our classrooms for our students to use. Our parent community is always so generous and we truly thank you for your support!

[Amazon Wish Lists](#)

## Districtwide Family Survey



Dear Cold Spring Families,

We hope this message finds you well! At Cold Spring Elementary School, we believe in the power of collaboration and the importance of your perspective. Your family's input is crucial in shaping the future of our school community, and we invite you to participate in our Family Survey.

This survey aims to gather valuable insights into your experiences and opinions regarding various aspects of our school district. Your honest feedback will help us understand what's working well and identify areas where we can improve to create a more supportive and engaging learning environment for all students. I've also attached instructions with more information about the family survey.

Participating in this survey is easy, and it will only take a few minutes of your time. Your responses are completely confidential, and the information you provide will be used solely for the purpose of enhancing our educational programs and services. **The survey opens February 12, 2024 and closes March 15, 2024.**

**To access the survey, please click on the link provided below:**

<https://parentsurvey.mcpsmd.org/>

We appreciate your commitment to our school community and value the unique perspectives each family brings. Together, we can continue to build a positive and thriving educational environment. Thank you for your time and input. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## 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>

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## From the PTA:

### Attention Visitors and Volunteers

If you are visiting the school for any reason, please bring your driver's license or passport, as Cold Spring is using the electronic Visitor Management System to track all visitors and volunteers entering the building. You will need to sign in and out via this system. Thanks for your support!

### Restaurant Night Wednesday, February 21st, California Tortilla, 11am-9:30pm

Please mark your calendars for our February restaurant night fundraiser at California Tortilla on Wednesday, February 21st. See flyer [here](#).

**Volunteers Needed!! The yearbook committee needs a few volunteers! Please reach out to Paola Garber if you can donate a bit of your time to help put together this year's yearbook over the next few months! [garber.paola@gmail.com](mailto:garber.paola@gmail.com)**

### A Message from the Yearbook Committee

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).

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## **Donuts with Grownups, Friday, February 23rd at 8:20 am (Flyer [HERE](#))**

Please join us for our second and LAST Donuts with Grownups of the school year. The event will be held before school at 8:20 am, on Friday, February 23rd, in the APR. Please see attached flyer [here](#) and RSVP using this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGL6FOLJ3TwoM47duN0tYwMRf6kwMuUcG6QNdlJuHNF-tTxQ/viewform>

## **After School Reading Extravaganza (Grades 3-5)**

Cold Spring is pleased to invite students in 3rd-5th grade to join us for our after-school Reading Extravaganza being held on Friday, March 15th, from 3:25-5:00 PM. Students will be offered a light snack after school and then will have quiet reading time. Following reading time, students will reconvene for pizza before pickup. To secure your student's space for this activity, please complete the [Registration Form](#) by Thursday, March 7th. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event or have any questions, contact [marykbarr@gmail.com](mailto:marykbarr@gmail.com)

## **Principal Coffee, Friday, February 23rd, 9 am**

Join Cold Spring administration for coffee and conversation. The topic will be "A Day in the Life of..." and Mrs. Hambrecht will highlight various roles in the building and share how their time is spent, to give us some perspective about how the days unfold at Cold Spring.

## **International Fair, Friday, March 8th, 5:30-7:30pm Flyer [HERE](#)**

The International Fair is planned for Friday, March 8th at 5:30-7:30. We need a few committee volunteers to plan the event - food, cultural performances, fashion show, and table displays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Paras at [parastoo@hotmail.com](mailto:parastoo@hotmail.com).

## **Label Daddy (Flyer [HERE](#))**

Summer will be here before we know it! Looking to buy personalized name labels for camp and the pool? Label Daddy will give 25% of your purchase back to the PTA! The peel and stick, washable labels are great for school too. They can be used on jackets, water bottles, lunch boxes, notebooks, binders and more! Please shop using this link:

<http://www.labeldaddy.com/csespta>

## **24-25 PTA Board**

If you are interested in joining the PTA Board next year, please reach out to Erika Schor, [erika.schor@gmail.com](mailto:erika.schor@gmail.com)

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## 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)

### February

- Wednesday, February 21st: Restaurant Night, 11 am - 9:30 pm, California Tortilla
- Friday, February 23rd: Donuts with Grownups, 8:20 am, APR
- Friday, February 23rd: Principal Coffee, 9 am, APR

### March

- Tuesday, March 5th: PTA Meeting, 7 pm, Zoom
- Friday, March 8th: International Fair, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, APR
- Friday, March 15th: Principal Coffee, 9 am, APR
- Friday, March 15th: After School Read-A-Thon (grades 3-5), 3:25 – 5:00 pm, APR

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## Calendar Updates:

- Monday, February 19th - No School Presidents Day
- Thursday, February 22nd - Cougar House Team Building
- Friday, February 23rd - PTA Donuts with Grownups, Principal Coffee "A Day in the Life..."