

# YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT



Cold Spring Elementary School

We had a terrific, short week back! Read below for important information.

## 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>

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](#)

## 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

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

## 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>

## 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](mailto:gabriel.rose1@maryland.gov) or 410-767-0209.

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## From the PTA:

**Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great winter break and is excited to collaborate with the PTA in 2024!**

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## **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)
- ★ Visual Arts: Aria Mandelbaum (1), Anna Burch (2), Gracie Altscher (2), Esha Khan (4), Madeline Fuller (4), and Wynee 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](#)

## **Next PTA Meeting, Tuesday, January 9th, at 7 PM via Zoom**

The next PTA meeting is coming up on Tuesday, January 9th at 7 pm via Zoom. Mrs. Galusha and Ms. Orgel (MCPS Specialist) will be presenting around Eureka Math. We hope you will join us!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91217492612?pwd=VzJ6L3ZmREhPVEZZamdREpjWitBQT09>

Meeting ID: 912 1749 2612

Passcode: 453776

## **Spirit Wear**

If you ordered spirit wear in November and did not receive some of the items prior to winter break, all of the items have now arrived and will be sent home with students this week.

## **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](#)

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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)

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## **Calendar Updates:**

- January 9th - PTA Meeting, 7PM Zoom
- January 11th - MAP Testing (Grades K, 1, 2, and 3)