

# YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT



Cold Spring Elementary School

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. As we head into the winter months, please remember coats, hats, and gloves are all welcome as we strive to go outside even in cold temperatures. Cold temperatures also bring about sickness. We are currently experiencing a rise in sickness with staff and have a number of staff out this week. Please be gracious as we work to find substitutes and cover classrooms.

## Weekly Classroom Updates

In an effort to ensure clear communication, we will be providing grade level updates each Sunday to families. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding the content. **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>

From the PTA:

**The PTA Board wishes everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving week!**

### **Spirit Wear Ordering is Open - NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE**

Spirit wear sales are open from now until November 27th. Lots of great new items have been added - pajama pants, beanie hat, basketball jersey, joggers, and the Cold Spring t-shirt is available in ALL HOUSE COLORS! Flyer [HERE](#)

Order here: <https://coldspringwinter2023-2.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

### **Calling all student artists!**

All students are invited to participate in the National PTA **Reflections Arts Program**. This contest in six arts categories allows students in all grade levels to express themselves through their gifts & talents in the ARTS! **Three winners** from each category and each level (primary K-2 and intermediate 3-5) will advance to the county. This is a great opportunity! We had several Cold Spring students win awards at the County level last year.

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Students may enter their original work in one or more of the following categories: **Dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts.** This year's theme is "**I am Hopeful Because...**". Entries are due **December 8th.**

If you'd like to enter, please send an email to the Cold Spring PTA Reflections Chair, Paras Ghodsi at [parastoo@hotmail.com](mailto:parastoo@hotmail.com) and you will receive the entry form and further instructions. All submissions are digital. Additional information is available at [PTA.org/Reflections](http://PTA.org/Reflections).

## **Helping Hands Program**

As we near the holiday season, we are kicking off Cold Spring's Annual Helping Hands Program. The program is carried out in partnership with The Salvation Army and will run from **November 13 - December 1**. We will be collecting new, **unwrapped** clothing and toys for children in need in Montgomery County. Each classroom sponsors one child. Additional information, and a sign up, will be provided by your room parents.

## **PTA Calendar**

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

## **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!

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## **Calendar Updates:**

- Tuesday, November 28th - Grade 4 Field Trip Native American Museum
- Friday, December 1st - House Color Day, Grade 1 Field Trip Imagination Stage