

Cold Spring Elementary School

We want to recognize and thank all the Veterans who serve and have served. We had a great week of learning at Cold Spring!

Walking Wednesday Success
Thank you to Ms. Hartman for organizing a successful Walking Wednesday at Cold Spring. This event not only promotes safety, but is sponsored by MCPS Division of Traffic Engineering and Operations. Students received great swag and were greeted by ZEAL the Traffic Safety Zebra. This is a great time to remind our entire school community about safety on our school campus. Please make sure to utilize crosswalks, walk your bike on school grounds, and follow the "Rules of the Road."







Mental Health Awareness Week

Thank you, Ms. Felsher for a great week bringing awareness to our mental health. Check out this wordle that was generated by our Cougars when asked, "What do you do to take care of yourself or relax?"





Cold Spring's 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 and room parents are helping to organize.

The program provides the opportunity for Cold Spring students to help others in need and learn the importance

of giving back. Our Cold Spring community has always been incredibly generous and no doubt we will continue to be so!

- The list of children along with their clothing sizes and wish lists have been shared with all room parents.
- We are collecting gifts in the classrooms. Gifts are due to the school by Friday, December 1.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Aidan Winn who is coordinating the program. Her email is aidankwinn@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your support of the Helping Hands program!

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.

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



From the PTA:

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/

Donuts with Grownups

Please join us for our first Donuts with Grownups of the school year. The event will be before school at 8:20am on November 17th, in the APR.

Please see the flyer <u>HERE</u> and RSVP using this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfRUuMlc oi52eG56iXOejaysyrmoBKsebMOVgAeaf KokvetQ/viewform?pli=1

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.

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 and you will receive the entry form and further instructions. All submissions are digital. Additional information is available at PTA.org/Reflections.

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PTA Calendar

Check out the most current PTA calendar <u>HERE</u> 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. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Restaurant Night, Thursday November 16th at Shake Shack

Our September and October restaurant fundraisers raised \$970! Thank you SO MUCH to our Cold Spring community!

Next month, please join us on Thursday, November 16th at Cabin John Shake Shack, 10:30 am - 9:30 pm See flyer <u>HERE</u>

Calendar Updates:

- Tuesday, November 14th Grade 2 Field Trip to Strathmore
- Thursday, November 16th PTA Restaurant Night
- Friday, November 17th PTA Donuts with Grownups, Principal Coffee
 Topic: Wellness & Executive Functioning