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Cold Spring Elementary School

Happy Diwali to all our families and students who celebrated! May the festival of lights fill you with sparkle, hope, and joy.

We also want to wish our Cold Spring community a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. We continue to share our gratitude for your unwavering support of our school, staff, programming, and community.

Upcoming Holiday Travel & Gathering

We know many of our families will spend time over the upcoming break traveling and visiting with friends and family. As travel and crowded indoor gatherings can increase the risk of respiratory infections including COVID-19, MCPS is making at-home rapid test kits available to students and staff prior to the break. All students will be coming home with these if they haven't done so already.

Please note that the InteliSwab test takes 30 minutes for results and has an extended expiration date. Test kits should be used for staff and students. For other family members, free rapid test kits are also available at most public library locations and by mail.

What do I do if the rapid test is positive? Staff and students positive for COVID-19 should notify their school or program directly if absent due to COVID-19. Individuals who have a positive COVID-19 test will need to follow CDC guidelines for isolation. Please remember that respiratory infections like influenza and RSV are also circulating in our community. Healthy habits including isolating when sick, good handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes help prevent illness.

Bucket Fillers

We will be filling our buckets the week of Thanksgiving. Parents, feel free to print, fill out, and have your students drop them in the main office for Ms. Felsher. Use the template below if you would like to participate as we plan to use these bucket droplets to fill our Cold Spring buckets.

[Bucket Droplet Template](#)

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is overflowing with jackets, hats, lunchboxes, and lunch containers. Please come check this area and take what is yours. We plan to donate whatever remains.

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Green Team Newsletter

Ms. Hartman has been working hard to lead our Cold Spring Green Team. Please take a moment to see what our amazing Cougars have been up to by clicking [HERE!](#)

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>
<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>

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/>

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 [HERE](#) and RSVP using this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRUuMlc_oi52eG56iXOejaysyrmoBKsebMOVgAeafKokvetQ/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 &

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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.

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. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Calendar Updates:

- Monday, November 20th - Early Release (Students dismissed at 12:50pm)
- Tuesday, November 21st - Early Release (Students dismissed at 12:50pm)
- Wednesday, November 22nd - Friday, November 24th - Thanksgiving Break - School Closed