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Cold Spring Elementary School

Happy SuperBowl Sunday, Cougars! We are ready for a great week ahead. Please take some time as there is much to read in this week's communication.

Kids Heart Challenge is HERE!



Our American Heart Association **Kids Heart Challenge** event will begin on **February 16, 2023!**

We need your help to accomplish our goal of having 100% of our families to know Hands-Only CPR, and you can help us by registering your child and spreading the word.

Here's how you can help:

1. **Register:** <http://www2.heart.org/goto/ColdSpringES>
2. **Complete Finn's Mission:** Watch a 2-minute video to know Hands-Only CPR, spot the signs of a stroke and more!
3. **Share with friends and family** through social media, text and/or email

Our goal is to have 100% of our students register online and complete Finn's Mission.



Click to learn more about what the American Heart Association is doing to make an impact in our community.

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Cold Spring 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 17th, from 3:25-5:00 PM. Students will be offered a light snack after school and then we will have quiet reading time. Following reading time, students will reconvene for pizza before pickup. For full details and to secure your student's space for this activity, please complete the [Registration Form](#) by Thursday, March 9th. Questions, contact marykbarr@gmail.com.

Indoor Recess Wishlists

We typically see an increase in indoor recess throughout February and March. Our teachers have created indoor recess wish lists for items they know their students would enjoy during this time. Any donations are very much appreciated! Please click [HERE](#) to view all grade level wishes.

Principal Coffee + Conversation

Please join us on February 17th from 9:15-10:00am for our monthly Principal Coffee & Conversation. We will be sharing the MCPS approved LGBTQ+ resources for elementary schools and how they will be utilized. Mrs. Schultze, our school Director will join us along with MCPS Security representation for our time together.



4th + 5th Grade Artist Trading Cards

In art class with Mrs. Bergel, our 4th and 5th grade students have recently completed a project where they created Artist Trading Cards, focusing on their cultures and traditions (4th grade), changes and transformations in their lives (5th grade), happiness, "sharpening the saw" and artistic expression.

Artist Trading Cards are mini works of art that are traded among artists, much like baseball cards. The results of their efforts are truly inspiring.

The students used a variety of materials, including paint, markers, colored pencils, collage, and scratch board, to create their cards. They put in a lot of time and effort to make sure their cards were meaningful and reflective of their own experiences while also developing their skills in working with a variety of materials and techniques.

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The students shared their cards with other students, using their cards as a way to get to know each other better. The children learned about different cultures and traditions, and formed stronger personal relationships.

The students selected their best cards for display in the front of the school. The cards, displayed together, are a heartwarming and impressive representation of who we are as a school community.

The next time you are in the school, please view our Artist Trading Card display. These Artist Trading Cards are an excellent representation of our students' artistic and personal growth and a beautiful display of our diversity, creativity and imagination.

Cell Phones

We have a number of students bringing cell phones/apple watches to school. Our school policy, which is in alignment with MCPS, is that these are allowed to be brought to school, but must stay in backpacks. At the elementary level, there is no need for these devices as students are requested to ask a teacher if they need to contact their caregivers. If students are found with devices and/or using them during the school day, parents will be notified and students will be asked to leave their device with administration until the end of the day. Depending on the situation, students may also receive further disciplinary actions. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Calendar Updates

- February 14th - Valentine's Day Parties
- February 16th - Kids Heart Challenge Assembly, Grade 5 Field Trip to Politics & Prose
- February 17th - Principal Coffee & Conversation: LGBTQ+ resource preview