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Cold Spring Elementary School

Thank you to our amazing PTA for a wonderful Donuts with Grownups event. We truly appreciate all those who helped make this successful. We hope you enjoyed your weekend!

Manna Food Drive - LAST CALL

We are continuing our Manna Food Drive through the end of February. Please continue to donate non-perishable food and drop it in the boxes in the front of the school building. The biggest items needed include canned veggies, fruit, cereal, and chili with meat.



Kids Heart Challenge

Kids Heart Challenge (KHC) is going on NOW! Our school is building a team of lifesavers ready to take on Finn's Mission to learn Hands-Only CPR and gain a forever skill that will keep our school, community and families safer.

With just 3 simple steps you can get started today:

1. DOWNLOAD THE FREE AHA SCHOOLS APP — [click here for iOS App Store](#) or [click here for Google Play](#). It makes fundraising easy. You can even use it to scan checks.
2. SEND 10 emails, ecards, or texts to family and friends and share the message of heart health from your Headquarters.
3. CONNECT TO SOCIAL MEDIA for a quick and easy way to reach friends and family. You'll also be one step closer to completing Finn's Mission!

When you support KHC, you are helping kids with special hearts. Thank you for working to keep your mind and heart healthy!

The American Heart Association is excited to extend our work with the NFL to support improving health outcomes at home and beyond through the Hands-Only CPR education. Students that complete Finn's Mission will earn an entry for two tickets to Super Bowl LIX in 2025 and our school will be entered to receive a \$10,000 fitness equipment makeover for every 18 students who complete Finn's Mission.

Don't forget: Double your Gift! [Check to see](#) if your employer will match your donation today! Follow the steps and forward the confirmation to matchinggifts@heart.org to have this added to the student's fundraising page.

[Our School Page](#)

https://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=9739&pg=company&company_id=450738

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Feel free to reach out to Mrs. Lewis (Ms. Sekerak) with any questions at Paige_Sekerak@mcpsmd.org

Visiting the Building?

We have been working hard in the front office to upgrade some of our front office procedures. We will be using the **Visitor Management System** for anyone entering our building, with the exception of MCPS employees. If you are planning to come into the building, please make sure you have your driver's license or passport to sign in. Ms. Okoroha or Ms. Friedman can support you with this. This is solely for the safety and security of our students and staff at Cold Spring.

Amazon Wish Lists

We are currently in a spending freeze in MCPS. Although we have funds for some items, our staff have created and updated Amazon Wish Lists if any parents would like to donate items to our classrooms for our students to use. Our parent community is always so generous and we truly thank you for your support!

[Amazon Wish Lists](#)

Districtwide Family Survey



Dear Cold Spring Families,

We hope this message finds you well! At Cold Spring Elementary School, we believe in the power of collaboration and the importance of your perspective. Your family's input is crucial in shaping the future of our school community, and we invite you to participate in our Family Survey.

This survey aims to gather valuable insights into your experiences and opinions regarding various aspects of our school district. Your honest feedback will help us understand what's working well and identify areas where we can improve to create a more supportive and engaging learning environment for all students. I've also attached instructions with more information about the family survey.

Participating in this survey is easy, and it will only take a few minutes of your time. Your responses are completely confidential, and the information you provide will be used solely for the purpose of enhancing our educational programs and services. **The survey opens February 12, 2024 and closes March 15, 2024.**

To access the survey, please click on the link provided below:

<https://parentsurvey.mcpsmd.org/>

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We appreciate your commitment to our school community and value the unique perspectives each family brings. Together, we can continue to build a positive and thriving educational environment. Thank you for your time and input. We look forward to hearing from you!

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.**

<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:

Attention Visitors and Volunteers

If you are visiting the school for any reason, please bring your driver's license or passport, as Cold Spring is using the electronic Visitor Management System to track all visitors and volunteers entering the building. You will need to sign in and out via this system. Thanks for your support!

A Message from the Yearbook Committee

Volunteers Needed!! The yearbook committee needs a few volunteers! Please reach out to Paola Garber if you can donate a bit of your time to help put together this year's yearbook over the next few months! garber.paola@gmail.com

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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Yearbook Orders!

It's time to order your yearbooks! Use the link below to pre-order your 23/24 Cold Spring ES yearbook. We do not order many additional copies for purchase after delivery, so if you want a yearbook, you should pre-order using the link below.

- ★ \$25 softcover or \$30 hardcover
- ★ Sale price ends 4/2

Final deadline to order 4/29 Order here:

<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/coldspringelementary>

After School 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 15th, from 3:25-5:00 PM. Students will be offered a light snack after school and then will have quiet reading time. Following reading time, students will reconvene for pizza before pickup. To secure your student's space for this activity, please complete the [Registration Form](#) by Thursday, March 7th. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event or have any questions, contact marykbarr@gmail.com

International Fair, Friday, March 8th, 5:30-7:30pm Flyer [HERE](#)

The International Fair is planned for Friday, March 8th at 5:30-7:30. If you would like to contribute to the International Fair in representation of a country, please use this form to let us know what you will be contributing so we can plan ahead. **SIGN UP HERE:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wrnEwkSkQ1Rg6bOxt-YGR8Fga9wVihSJWdqRvB6XnwM/viewform?pli=1&pli=1&edit_requested=true

We also need a few committee volunteers to plan the event - food, cultural performances, fashion show, and table displays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Paras at parastoo@hotmail.com.

Label Daddy (Flyer [HERE](#))

Summer will be here before we know it! Looking to buy personalized name labels for camp and the pool? Label Daddy will give 25% of your purchase back to the PTA! The peel and stick, washable labels are great for school too. They can be used on jackets, water bottles, lunch boxes, notebooks, binders and more! Please shop using this link:

<http://www.labeldaddy.com/csespta>

24-25 PTA Board

If you are interested in joining the PTA Board next year, please reach out to Erika Schor, erika.schor@gmail.com

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PTA Calendar

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

March

- Tuesday, March 5th: PTA Meeting, 7 pm, Zoom
 - Friday, March 8th: International Fair, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, APR
 - Friday, March 15th: Principal Coffee, 9 am, APR
 - Friday, March 15th: After School Read-A-Thon (grades 3-5), 3:25 – 5:00 pm, APR
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Calendar Updates:

- Thursday, February 29th - Classic Photograph Candid Photos Taken (throughout the day), Club and Group Photos
- Friday, March 1st - Early Release, House Color Day