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Cold Spring Elementary School

There is much to read! Thank you for your attention to all the information below. Happy Super Bowl Sunday!

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.

Eureka Math Presentation

Thank you to everyone who came to our most recent PTA Meeting. Ms. Galusha, our amazing Staff Development Teacher and Mr. Andrew Bradshaw, Math Instructional Specialist shared a very informative presentation on our Eureka Math curriculum. We are so appreciative of their time. The slideshow is linked below for you to view. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to school administration or Ms. Galusha.

[Eureka Math Presentation](#)

Happy Lunar New Year

Roughly 2 billion people celebrate the Lunar New Year around the world! Click the links and watch the videos to better understand the significance of the Lunar New Year for your students and families.



- [Find Lunar New Events for all Ages In Washington DC](#)
- [Learn how different countries observe the Lunar New Year](#)

Green Team Contest



Calling all Cold Spring Cougars...Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection is having a contest! This opportunity is presented to students throughout the county and this year's theme is "The Journey of Recycling." The deadline for those who enter is February 23rd. All contest details can be found [HERE](#).

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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/>

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!

Spelling Bee Recognition

Ms. Sellitti organized a wonderful extension opportunity, a Spelling Bee, for our students earlier this month. We had a number of students participate and we congratulate Jing-Kai Fu on being our winner! All students participating will receive a certificate.



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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:

Restaurant Night Wednesday, February 21st, California Tortilla, 11am-9:30pm

Please mark your calendars for our February restaurant night fundraiser at California Tortilla on Wednesday, February 21st. See flyer [here](#).

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

A Message from the Yearbook Committee

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](#)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Paola Garber at garber.paola@gmail.com.

Reflections Arts Program

All Reflections Arts Program participants are cordially invited to a recognition breakfast on Friday, February 16 at 8:30 am in the Cold Spring All-Purpose Room (APR) hosted by Mrs. Hambrecht and the PTA. Donuts and juice will be provided and all Reflections Arts Program participants will receive a certificate.

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Donuts with Grownups, Friday, February 23rd at 8:20 am (Flyer HERE)

Please join us for our second and LAST Donuts with Grownups of the school year. The event will be held before school at 8:20 am, on Friday, February 23rd, in the APR. Please see attached flyer here and RSVP using this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGL6FOLJ3TwoM47duN0tYwMRf6kwMuUcG6QNdlJuHNF-tTxQ/viewform>

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

Principal Coffee, Friday, February 23rd, 9 am

Join Cold Spring administration for coffee and conversation. The topic will be "A Day in the Life of..." and Mrs. Hambrecht will highlight various roles in the building and share how their time is spent, to give us some perspective about how the days unfold at Cold Spring.

International Fair, Friday, March 8th, 5:30-7:30pm

The International Fair is planned for Friday, March 8th at 5:30-7:30. We 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 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!

We only need a few more volunteers to help stock the staff lounge for the month of May, and then the entire school year will be covered! Please sign up below, so we know this is taken care of. Thank you!

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 Calendar

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

Calendar Updates:

- Wednesday, February 14th - Valentine's Day Parties
- Friday, February 16th - PTA Reflections Participant Ceremony, Geography Bee