

### **Cold Spring Elementary School**

### It was great having everyone back in the building this week!

## Solar Eclipse



On Monday, April 8, a solar eclipse will be visible across North America, including our area. During a solar eclipse, the moon passes between the sun and the earth, temporarily blocking the sun's light. To provide our students with a safe and educational opportunity to view the eclipse, our

PTA has purchased certified eclipse viewing glasses for our students. Our upper grade students are planning some fun and exciting viewing activities outside during this historical event.

If you would prefer that your child not view the eclipse or be outside, we will provide a space for students to stay inside. Please notify your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you, we will have your child participate in the various activities taking place outside.

For more information about the eclipse, here are a couple of resources available online:

NASA - <a href="https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/">https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/</a><br/>National Geographic - <a href="https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/eclipse/">https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/eclipse/</a>

We look forward to sharing this exciting experience with our students. If you have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

## MCAP Testing Schedule (Grade 3-5)

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will participate in the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program the week of April 15th. Please make sure your child rests well and has a hearty breakfast and lunch on these days so they can do their very best.

MCAP Schedule

### Take Your Child to Work Day, 4/25

If you are planning on having your child/children experience Take Your Child to Work Day, please complete this google form. This is an excused absence for students.

Take Your Child to Work Day



## 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.

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

### From the PTA:

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great Spring Break and is ready for the last (busy!) 3 months of the school year.

#### **Before/After School Activities**

Please sign up ASAP for before/after school activities, which begin next week. We have many new and exciting opportunities! Providers must reserve rooms a week in advance, so if classes are under-enrolled, they will be cancelled.

- ★ Monday-Basketball
- ★ Tuesday Beginner Disney Musical Theater, After School Yoga
- ★ Wednesday Soccer, Lego Deilab, Beginner Hip Hop, Cooking
- ★ Thursday-Pottery, Spanish
- ★ Friday- Chess (before school), Tennis and Karate

Sign up here: https://schools.kiddo.us/s/coldspring-md



### The Talent Show is Coming Up!

Friday, April 12th at 6 pm Don't forget to mark your calendars to attend the show on the 12th! We can't wait to see a packed house of friends and family supporting our talented Cougar performers! Flyer <a href="here">here</a>.

There will be one required rehearsal for performers on Tuesday, April 9 at 4:30pm. Please contact Talent Show co-chairs Lauren Arnold (<u>laurenjarnold1@gmail.com</u>) and Sharon Sutton (<u>sroth1@gmail.com</u>) with questions.

# Restaurant Night - Wednesday, April 24th at Hello Vietnam! (2200 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD 20851), 11 am - 8:30 pm

Please mark your calendars for our April restaurant fundraiser at Hello Vietnam! in Rockville on Wednesday, April 24th. Hello Vietnam! is owned by a Cold Spring Family!

### A Message from the Yearbook Committee

If you have any fantastic photos of your kids, we would love to include them in the 2023-2024 yearbook.

Please use the following links to submit photos for specific events:

- First Day of School: <u>First Day of School Photos</u>
- Back to School Bash: <u>Back to School Bash Photos</u>
- Halloween: Halloween Photos
- International Night: <u>International Night Photos</u>

#### 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 very many additional copies for purchase after delivery, so if you want a yearbook, you should pre-order using the link below. The sale price has ended.

\$30 softcover or \$35 hardcover

Final deadline to order 4/29 Order here:

https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/coldspringelementary

#### **Fun New Spring Spirit Wear**

Check out the new springtime spirit wear available from a new vendor we are working with. With this vendor you will order directly from the website and it will be produced and shipped directly to you right away. Cold Spring will receive 10% of sales as a donation back to the school. See flyer HERE.

This link will be live until the end of May! Happy shopping!

https://scarletandgoldshop.com/collections/cold-spring-elementary



### 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: <a href="http://www.labeldaddy.com/csespta">http://www.labeldaddy.com/csespta</a>

### 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

#### **PTA Calendar**

Check out the most current PTA calendar <u>HERE</u> for all upcoming events (dates are subject to change)

### April

- Friday, April 12th: Talent Show, 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 24th: Restaurant Night, Hello Vietnam!, 11am-8:30pm
- Monday, April 29th: Yearbook Order Sales Close

### May

- May 5th-10th: Teacher Appreciation Week
- Thursday, May 16th: STEM Fair
- Tuesday, May 21st: PTA Elections, 7pm, in person
- Friday, May 31st: Principal Coffee, 9am

### Calendar Updates:

- March 8th Solar Eclipse
- March 10th Professional Day, No School for Students
- March 12th Center for Enrichment Tours, Kindergarten Orientation, PTA Talent Show