

# YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT



Cold Spring Elementary School

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Thanksgiving is here! I am very much looking forward to taking time to be tech-free, relaxed, and with family and friends. On behalf of the entire Cold Spring Staff, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and safe travels to those who are headed out of town. We continue to be grateful for all you do to support our building and our amazing students.

## MCPS School Year Calendar Survey

Annually, as part of Board of Education (Board) Policy IDA, School Year Calendar, we prepare the school year calendar for the next school year. The superintendent's final recommendation will be discussed for the Board's adoption at its business meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Currently, the four proposed scenarios are available for public feedback at the following website:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/mainstory/story/681912/School-Calendar/>

Then, please complete the MCPS Calendar Survey which will be open from November 17th through 30th using [this link](#).

## November 21st "Dress Like Someone You are THANKFUL For"

On Tuesday, November 21 our Cold Spring Cougar House Presidents have planned a spirit day called "Dress Like Someone You are Thankful For". This could be a teacher, parent, sibling, friend, a career (like firefighters) etc. We encourage you to brainstorm those your children are thankful for and help them dress up! We will have stickers available this day so students can write who they are thankful for and wear it like a nametag for all to see.

## Staying Green!

Also, as part of our Cold Spring environmental behavior change activities, we will be collecting single-use batteries. Please send used batteries to the school with your children. **The classroom that collects the most batteries by weight will win a pizza party.** This fun environmental awareness activity will run from November 15th to December 15th. Thank you for your help!

## Another Round of Spirit Wear

Did you miss the first window? No problem, just click the link below to shop! Thank you for supporting our school spirit!

[Spirit Wear Flyer](#)

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## News from the PTA

### Calling all Cold Spring Student Artists!

All students are invited to participate in the National PTA sponsored Reflections Arts Contest. This program allows our students to express themselves through their gifts & talents in the ARTS! Top 3 entries from each category and each level (primary K-2 and intermediate 3-5) will advance to the county level competition. County winners advance to the state level and state winners advance to the nationals. 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 "Show Your Voice". Entries are due December 5th.

Please see attached [general guidelines](#) and [rules sheet](#) for details.

If you'd like to enter, please send an email to [parastoo@hotmail.com](mailto:parastoo@hotmail.com) and you will receive further instructions. All submissions are digital.

### Cold Spring Helping Hands

As we near the holiday season, we are kicking off Cold Spring's Annual Helping Hands Program. The program is through The Salvation Army and will run from November 14 - December 2. We will be collecting new, unwrapped clothing and toys for children in need in Montgomery County. Each classroom sponsors one child.

The program provides the opportunity for Cold Spring students to help others in need and learn the importance of giving back. Our Cold Spring community has always been incredibly generous and no doubt we will continue to be so!

- The list of children along with their clothing sizes and wish lists are on the attached document.
- Please carefully review the instructions and suggestions included on the attachment regarding the collection of gifts (utilizing SignUpGenius, class fund use, what we can/can't include, etc).
- We are collecting gifts in the classrooms like we did pre-Covid. Gifts are due to the school by Friday, December 2.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Aidan Winn who is coordinating the program. Her email is [aidankwinn@gmail.com](mailto:aidankwinn@gmail.com).

Thank you so much for your support of the Helping Hands program!

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## Spiritwear Available in the Cougar House Colors

Spiritwear orders are open again, this time in cougar house colors! Flyer here.

Order here:

<https://coldspringwinter2022.itemorder.com/>

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## Calendar Updates:

- November 21st - Early Release
- November 22nd - Early Release
- November 23rd-25th - Thanksgiving Break
- November 30th - 4th Grade Field Trip to National Museum of the American Indian
- December 1st - PTA Reflection Entries Due
- December 2nd - Grade 3 Assembly "Write to Left"