Cold Spring Elementary School



Happy St. Patrick's Day! We hope you had a fantastic weekend. We are gearing up for our MSDE Site Visit and will be ready for a much needed Spring Break!

Cafeteria Table Update

You spoke and they heard! After the amazing show at the BOE meeting, the Department of Facilities and Maintenance came to visit our school. After seeing our old cafeteria tables and hearing our struggle with them, they brought 12 brand new cafeteria tables for our space. This is a significant upgrade for our school. Check out the pictures! They look awesome and our students are loving them!



Kindergarten Registration

Cold Spring Kindergarten Registration is OPEN! The following information is important for the registration process. **Online Registration**

- 1. You will need to create a Parent Vue account https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2 OEN Login.aspx.
 - If you have questions about online registration, here are helpful tips on how to <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V4IA1XA5JQ9ZTCNCs63QkFXStbt</u> <u>OCHXPdR-qn_i8qkw/edit#heading=h.1njubr5jqpjl</u>
 - 2. Enrollment Confirmation Families who have elected to register for kindergarten online should expect to receive a confirmation email from



the school in about a week, depending on the volume of registrations being processed.

2. Paper Forms

1. Please contact your school directly. Ms. Okoroha is happy to help guide you through what is needed.

3. Important Documents

- 1. Proof of Residency
- 2. Identification
- 3. Birth documents
- 4. Health Forms
- 5. Parents registering their children for the first time in a Montgomery County public school must provide proof of county residency, identity, age and immunizations, unless homeless. Required immunizations must be completed within 20 days of registration.
- 6. Students who have previously attended school should bring their latest report card, if available. Students receiving special education services should bring a copy of the current Individualized Education Program (IEP).

The link below will be a good resource for any questions you have regarding registration. https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/enroll/kindergarten/

MSDE Site Visit Details

Our MSDE visit is here. We will be hosting 6 team members from the state on Wednesday and Thursday this week. They will be visiting classrooms for 45 minute blocks as well as conducting focus groups with staff, students, and families. We are very excited to show off our amazing school, hard working students, and engaged community! We are so proud of the work we are doing and know our Cougar Pride will be seen and felt during their time with us.



Classic Photography: April 4th Spring Picture Day

Picture day is coming. Click <u>here</u> for all the Classic Photography details



Wootton High School Spring Bash

Warm weather is here and spring is almost in the air. We are excited to invite you and your family to Wootton's first-ever Spring Bash! A full cluster-wide event for both current and future Wootton Patriots! Hosted by Wootton Class Planning students from all four grades.

Date: April 6th, 2024 Time: 2:00pm to 5:30pm Location: Wootton High School Parking <u>Lot, 2100 Wootton Pkwy, Rockville, MD 20850</u>

The Spring Bash Community Event is an opportunity for families in our community to come together and celebrate the arrival of spring with a wide range of exciting booths, activities, and food options for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to celebrating the arrival of spring with you at the Spring Bash!

Center for Enrichment: What is it? How are students selected?

Each year, Cold Spring welcomes fourth and fifth grade students who have accepted the invitation to join the Center for Enriched Studies housed in our building. Although, Cold Spring administration and teachers are not part of the selection process, we do receive a number of inquiries about this program and how it runs. The Department of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction (AEI) has worked to produce updated videos they hope will help families gain a better understanding around the progress and program. Please take a moment to view the below resources.

- What is the Grade 3 Central Review Process for Literacy Enrichment?
- Overview of the Centers for Enriched Studies
- Next Steps- If you have been invited to the CES

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:

 DOWNLOAD THE FREE AHA SCHOOLS APP — <u>click here for iOS App Store</u> or <u>click</u> <u>here for Google Play</u>. 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! <u>Check to see</u> 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

Feel free to reach out to Mrs. Lewis (Ms. Sekerak) with any questions at <u>Paige Sekerak@mcpsmd.org</u>

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>	2nd Grade
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From the PTA:

Thank you to our wonderful PTA community who have planned awesome events over the last few weeks, including Paras, and all of the others who helped plan the amazing International Fair, and Shila for hosting Donuts with Grownups in February!

Before/After School Activities

It's time to sign up for before and after school activities for the April-June session. Activities begin after Spring Break and more activities may still be added prior to the session beginning. See flyer <u>HERE</u>. Sign up here: <u>https://schools.kiddo.us/s/coldspring-md</u>

The Talent Show is Coming Up!

The Talent Show is Friday, April 12 at 6:00pm! The deadline to sign up is Friday, March 29. Please use this link to sign up and find more details:

<u>https://forms.gle/SaGeKwwGAtAnS3Zk7</u> Acts can be individual or group acts. There will be one required rehearsal on Tuesday, April 9 at 4:30pm. Contact Talent Show co-chairs Lauren Arnold and Sharon Sutton with questions at <u>laurenjarnold1@gmail.com</u> and <u>sroth1@gmail.com</u>

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! <u>garber.paola@gmail.com</u>

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

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

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 <u>HERE</u>.

This link will be live until the end of May! Happy shopping! https://scarletandgoldshop.com/collections/cold-spring-elementary

Label Daddy (Flyer <u>HERE</u>)

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, <u>erika.schor@gmail.com</u>

PTA Calendar

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

April

- Tuesday, April 2nd: Yearbook Orders Sale Price Ends
- Friday, April 5th: Principal Coffee
- Friday, April 12th: Talent Show
- Monday, April 29th Yearbook Order Sales Close

Calendar Updates:

• March 20th & 21st - MSDE Site Review Team at Cold Spring

