

### **Cold Spring Elementary School**

We had another fantastic week at Cold Spring. Please have your child check the Lost & Found area for any items. We are full and there are many brand new items just sitting. Any parent wishing to check Lost & Found is welcome.

# Gaga Fun

Thank you to our PTA for the gaga pit donation to our school. We have been working with our students at recess to review rules and set safe procedures in place for this very loved game. We are working to brainstorm ways to keep students safe during this game as it is in high demand. We welcome parent volunteers to support our recess time.

Cold Spring Pumpkin Patch
Our annual pumpkin fun is here! Click the link below to see all details. We can't wait to see your creations and fill our media center with the best pumpkin patch! https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OCiecbst7sBaTGYzcd62eh2T9AC2uteQ/view?usp=shar ing

## Halloween at Cold Spring

We are excited to host our annual Halloween parade and classroom parties on Tuesday, October 31st. All parents are invited to our Halloween parade which will be outdoors beginning promptly at 1:50pm. We ask you to please line up along the parade route so our students have room to walk safely. We are extending our walk this year to avoid traffic jams and ensure all families are able to see their child/children. A parade map will be shared prior to this event.

### Red Ribbon Week is Here





Just in time for Halloween, Cold Spring ES will focus on how to be safe, both at home and at school with our first ever Safety Week from 10/23-10/27! We will combine that with Red Ribbon Week, which is a national campaign to help children make the safe choice to be drug free.

With our youngest Cougars, Ms. Felsher will give a lesson where she explicitly teaches what children should do if they find a candy looking pill on the counter, for example. We also discuss the importance of eating healthy foods, getting enough sleep, and hydrating our bodies. Our oldest Cougars learn about those things, as well as the dangers of vaping, unfortunately now very common among middle and high schoolers. We encourage families to do your part by securing your prescription medications at home. https://lockyourmeds.org/

Morning announcements this week will contain information for students about safe choices. Teachers will be talking about safety and responsible decision making this week during pride time (our school time for class meetings). All classes will collectively sign class pledges to be posted in their classrooms. All students will be asked to sign the drug free pledge. Please consider posting it somewhere prominently in your home.

We will also have a SPIRIT WEEK to help bring these important topics to life. See the calendar above for details.





- Your student should have brought back a proof that looks like the one below.
- Instructions are on the proof you received on how to order pictures from picture day.
- If you did not receive this proof from your student, please contact our office. Pictures will be mailed directly to your home.
- Customer service 800 869 9515 ext 112

Weekly Classroom Updates
In an effort to ensure clear communication, we will be providing grade level updates each Sunday to families. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding the content.

<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>1st Grade</u>	2nd Grade
3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade

### From the PTA:

Thank You Rini Barman, Joanna Wallace, Mrs. Felsher, and all of our wonderful volunteers, for a great Walk 2 Raise Donation Drive & Fun Walk at recess this past week!

#### **PTA Calendar**

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

### Halloween Outdoor Movie Night, Friday, October 27th, Cold Spring ES black top, event starts at 6 pm, movie starts at 6:30 pm

Join us on Friday, 10/27 to watch Hotel Transylvania on the big screen outdoors. Flyer **HERE** 

Costumes are welcome, but make sure to dress warm. Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. We'll have music starting at 6 pm and we will start the movie at 6:30 pm. Dinner and dessert available for purchase from Tasty's food truck (menu HERE) and AJay's ice cream truck.



### **Upcoming MCCPTA Presentation**

Navigating Screen Time Challenges: Q&A and Resources for Elementary School Parents and Caregivers

Tuesday, October 24, 6:00 pm via Zoom:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAod-iggiMuHd0CO6kmT\_XFKYkQiPJgbhV0

How much screen time is too much for an elementary school student? When should a student get their own phone? How can we re-balance our child's use of electronics? What lessons are being taught in school about electronics and online safety? And how can we break our own addiction to our devices?

Join us for a presentation/Q&A with Victoria Saylor from Common Sense Education on Tuesday, October 24 at 6pm. Victoria is a nationally known expert on these topics and she works closely with the MCPS Director of Media Centers on lessons delivered to students via Media Centers. She can help us navigate these challenging issues around screen time within our schools and families.

#### Register now:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAod-igqjMuHd0CO6kmT\_XFKYkQiPJqbhV0

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

This presentation is mainly geared toward elementary school families but is open to all interested parties. The Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA) advocates to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. All PTA members and supporters are welcome!

#### **Additional Yearbook Chair Needed**

The yearbook co-chairs are looking for a 3rd volunteer to join their awesome team. Duties include: assist with emails to coordinate all things related to the yearbook (to PTA, parents, and school), be available to photograph during school hours and some after-school events, and use the photo software to upload, sort, and help create photo collages. If you are interested please reach out to Paola Garber at <a href="mailto:garber.paola@gmail.com">garber.paola@gmail.com</a>.

#### 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

Cold Spring Fall Family Photo Fundraiser with Abby Kelly Photography, Sunday 10/15, Sunday 10/22 and Saturday 10/28

Please sign up to get some beautiful family pictures while everyone still has that summer glow. This is a great time to get those family pictures for your holiday cards and make money for your school in the process. It's simple. Sign up, using the link below, for your 30 min session. The sitting fee is \$200 and automatically, 50% goes directly to Cold Spring Elementary School. Each family receives a complimentary high res (digital file). Then later, at the Ordering Session, you'll have an opportunity to purchase more products and give more back to your school. It's a win-win for everyone.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B48A4AF2FABFB6-44442333-cold#/

#### **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!

### Restaurant Night, Thursday November 16th at Shake Shack

Our September and October restaurant fundraisers raised \$970! Thank you SO MUCH to our Cold Spring community!

Next month, please join us on Thursday, November 16th at Cabin John Shake Shack, 10:30 am - 9:30 pm See flyer <u>HERE</u>

### Calendar Updates:

- October 23rd Red Ribbon Week begins
- October 24th Grade 5 to Strathmore
- October 27th Principal Coffee: School Assessment & Data Collection
   Tools, Grade 3 STEM In School Field Trip, PTA Movie Night