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PTA MEETING SCHEDULE

Cold Spring All Purpose Room, 7:15pm;
Babysitting provided for ages 4 and up.

Tuesday, February 2, **6:30*** pm

Tuesday, March 2, 7:15 pm

Tuesday, May 4, 7:15 pm

Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 pm (potluck)

***New Time**

President's Letter
By Pete Thomson

January is the time of resolutions. During the holidays, many people seek out opportunities to volunteer their time and, finding it rewarding, resolve to give more back to the community. There are so many places where you can volunteer to make a difference, but I would suggest that your child's school is one where you can make a very large impact on the community, as well as help your child. Recently, I have talked to a number of people about what makes Cold Spring so special.

Obviously, the quality of the teachers, administrators, and support staff are a big part of it, as is the caliber of the students (which amazes me every year!). I think that parental involvement is a huge part of it, though. Every time I go into the school, I see parents throughout the school, volunteering their time. We have volunteers doing everything from assisting with recess and lunchtime to helping students learn to read and many other things. So, as you think about what you can do to give back to the community this year, I would strongly encourage you to think about volunteering at the school. While we already have a healthy contingent, there is always something more that needs doing.

The gymnasium project is moving along. We have had two public meetings during which the architects and MCPS have presented options and gathered opinions regarding alternatives from the attendees. We are very close to having a design concept selected. In the last meeting, a new alternative was proposed by an adjoining property owner that would push the gym more into the existing play area and further from the neighboring homes. MCPS has elected to have one more meeting, scheduled for February 2nd, at 8:00pm in the All Purpose Room to consider this alternative vs. the preferred alternative from the last meeting. MCPS is doing a great job of considering the opinions of the folks who show up at the meetings, so we need to have everyone come out to the meeting to voice their opinion. I am confident that we will get the gym we need, but the more parents we can get to the meeting, the more sure we can be that the selected alternative will meet the school's needs. I hope to see you there.

I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year and I look forward to seeing you in the school!

Pete Thomson
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PTA Committee & Community Announcements

February PTA Meeting Rescheduled

Please join us at 6:30 pm, February 2, in the Media Center for the February PTA Meeting. The meeting has been moved earlier to accommodate the third community meeting regarding the gymnasium. We will have 90 minutes to conduct our PTA meeting, which should be plenty of time.

Gymnasium Project Meeting
Third Community Meeting regarding the Gymnasium project has been scheduled for 8:00pm on Tuesday, February 2nd, in the All Purpose Room. Please come out and join us so your voice can be heard.

Helping Hands Holiday Children
We would like to thank all of the Cold Spring Community for once again making the Helping Hands Holiday Children Program a big success. We especially want to thank all the Room Mothers who coordinated the classroom effort and purchased the more expensive items on the children's lists. It is amazing to see how much we can accomplish as a community!
Thanks again and Happy New Year.
—Terri de Raet and Kasia Coulter

Yearbook Information
If you have not done so, please be sure to order a yearbook online at jostensyearbooks.com. Last year we sold out of yearbooks, as only a small number of yearbooks will be ordered over the preorders.

Also, if you have any pictures of your child and other Cold Spring students from any recent events, please let Evva Starr know, at evvakay@comcast.net. The best way to get your child in the yearbook is to submit photos!

PTA FUNdraiser at My Pottery Place

Looking for something to do when school is closed? On Monday, January 25th, the PTA is sponsoring a FUNdraiser at My Pottery Place in the Cabin John Shopping Center. The PTA will receive a portion of the proceeds from all pottery and ceramic projects completed by Cold Spring students, friends, and families. My Pottery Place is open on Monday from 10:30-7:30pm. So make plans for a fun outing, and don't forget to mention you are with COLD SPRING!

Girls Basketball Community Day
All Wootton Cluster girls (Grades 2-8) are invited to a special Community Day with the Lady Patriots Basketball team on Saturday, January 30th (snow day is February 6th). Girls will meet with the Wootton players and coaches from 10:00–11:30 to practice dribbling, shooting and rebounding. All skill levels are welcome, and there is no charge for this event. For more information, email Coach Dyer, [Maggie M Dyer@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Maggie_M_Dyer@mcpsmd.org) or visit <http://leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=wootton>.



**Keep sending those box tops to school
and shopping at Giant, Safeway, Target and Harris Teeter!**

To date we have collected almost 2000 box tops. That's \$200 for Cold Spring students.

In addition, Cold Spring has earned over \$1000 for our students this school year through Giant, Safeway, Target and Harris Teeter.