

## **COUGAR COURIER**

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### **The Cold Spring Parent Teacher Association**

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#### **PTA MEETING SCHEDULE 2008-2009**

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

#### **Cold Spring Directory Correction**

Please note there is a correction to the Cold Spring Student Directory on page 19 for Mrs. Cohen's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class listing. Stephen Dunne was spelled incorrectly and should read Steven Dunne. In addition, the phone number is (301) 765-8050 and NOT (301)-765-5850.

**President's Notes  
By  
Julie Oldach**

Dear Cold Spring Friends and Families:

It was great to see such a great turn out at Back to School night. The wonderful number of parents speaks volumes about how much you all care about Cold Spring. I enjoyed talking to many of you and was glad to meet many new parents. I hope that you have enjoyed your first month here at Cold Spring and have "recovered" from those hectic first days of school.

If you are looking forward to the cool weather that has now finally arrived, one way to enjoy it is to volunteer for the lunch/recess hour from 12 – 1. It is such a treat to be able to interact with the children and see your own child's face light up when they see you at school. The sign-up board for volunteering is just outside the main office.

October is a busy month at Cold Spring! We have our Book Fair kicking off October 10th in concert with our Visiting Author, Arthur Dorros. Most of you may not know that in addition to being a renowned author, he is also the brother of our very own Art teacher, Ellen Crandall!

That very same night will be our Bingo Night and Teacher Raffle. This is one of our most popular yearly events in which lucky winners get opportunities to experience special activities with favorite staff members. Pizza and subs will be available for purchase, so please come, and be ready to have a great time.

Monday, October 13th, is our annual Open House from 9:00-11:00am. Please stop by our Book Fair that day and help support Cold Spring by purchasing books from your child's wish list. The Book Fair is a great way to get students excited about reading. And please – don't forget the teachers have wish lists too! These lists are usually posted outside the entrance to the library; an extra book for the classroom is always appreciated.

Our annual Help the Homeless Walkathon takes place on Wednesday, October 15th. This event is a great opportunity for students to make a difference in our community and to appreciate the needs of others. We look forward to making this a meaningful activity for all who participate.

On Friday, October 31st at 1:15 p.m., we will have our annual Halloween parade followed by classroom parties. All parents and friends are invited! You do not want to miss this! Please contact your room parents to offer assistance in the planning for this fun day.

Finally, your PTA will be hosting a bake sale this year on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th.

Please consider donating your finest baked goods to this worthy effort by contacting Terri de Raet. Thanks to the many PTA volunteers who have spent countless hours organizing these events – without you, none of this would be possible.

Have a wonderful month and please contact me if you have any questions or ideas. I would love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Julie Oldach  
PTA President

### **Cabin John Middle School (CJMS) Renovation**

The CJMS renovation is on schedule and current CSES fifth grade students will start sixth grade at the Tilden Holding School.

CJMS after school activities are available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons with an after school bus stopping at CSES and the intersection of Cold Spring and Falls Chapel Way. Please see the school's web page for a listing of all the available after school activities. Brochures are available in the CSES school office.

Copies of the Everything Parents Wanted to Know About CJMS But Didn't Know Who to Ask, prepared by Ralph Nelson, are available in the CSES school office.

In February 2009, CJMS will schedule a fifth grade parent meeting at Cold Spring ES to discuss the transition to sixth grade, dates for sixth grade orientation, and the Outdoor Education 3-day, 2-night field trip.

The CJMS PTSA meeting dates are:

October 14 at 7:15 pm - Media Center  
November 11 at 7:15 pm - Media Center

To join the PTSA listserv: email [cabinjohnms-ptsa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:cabinjohnms-ptsa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)  
PTSA web site: [www.cabinjohnptsa.org](http://www.cabinjohnptsa.org)

Contact information for CJMS  
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### **Hands On Science**

The HOS (Hands On Science) Program has provided quality informal science programs for children for over 27 years. The program will be offered as a one-hour class per week for 8 weeks starting during the week of October 13, 2008. The minimum number of students required to form a class is 10.

We have only 7 students registered for grades K-1 and 5 students registered for grades 2-3. We need a few more students!!! Forms are available at the school office. Please contact Monica Pyo at [mjpyo@yahoo.com](mailto:mjpyo@yahoo.com) or (301) 838-2020 with any questions or to sign up.

### **International Fair Committee**

The International Fair Committee is looking for volunteers to host countries, as well as someone willing to serve as the Talent Coordinator. In addition, if you have any teenagers looking for service hours, we need help with setting up and cleaning up on the actual event day (March 1, 2009). Please email [milaclifton@yahoo.com](mailto:milaclifton@yahoo.com) should you be interested.

### Cold Spring Book Fair

The Cold Spring Book Fair will run from Friday, October 10th through Thursday, October 16th. In order to operate, the PTA needs parent volunteers to staff the fair. Responsibilities include helping children make wish lists and checking out those making purchases. The Book Fair runs 8:30-3:30 each day and 5:30 - 8:15 on 10/10 for Bingo night.

Volunteers generally work in 2 hour shifts with 2-3 parents per shift; 8:30 – 10:30,

10:30- 12:30, 12:30 – 2:00, 2:00 – 3:30. Additionally, we are looking for help for set up 11am – 1pm on Wednesday, October 8th and break down at 3:30pm Thursday, October 16th.

Please contact Lisa Cohen at 301-340-0123 or [lisa@mkitchen.com](mailto:lisa@mkitchen.com) if you would like to help out and indicate the days and times you are available. You will receive a follow-up email when the schedule is complete. No experience necessary!

The following are the dates and times the classes have been scheduled to visit the Book Fair:

#### Kindergarten

|        |            |             |        |            |             |
|--------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| Hanley | October 13 | 1:30 - 2:00 | Luther | October 13 | 2:00 - 2:30 |
|        | October 15 | 11:00-12:00 |        | October 15 | 11:00-12:00 |

#### 1st Grade

|       |            |             |        |            |            |
|-------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|------------|
| Spitz | October 13 | 10:30-11:00 | Spring | October 10 | 9:30-10:00 |
|       | October 15 | 10:30-11:00 |        | October 15 | 9:30-10:00 |

|       |            |             |
|-------|------------|-------------|
| Sugar | October 13 | 10:00-10:30 |
|       | October 15 | 10:00-10:30 |

#### 2nd Grade

|        |            |             |       |            |              |
|--------|------------|-------------|-------|------------|--------------|
| O'Neil | October 14 | 1:30 - 2:00 | Testa | October 14 | 2:30 - 3:00  |
|        | October 16 | 11:30-12:00 |       | October 16 | 11:00- 11:30 |

|       |            |             |
|-------|------------|-------------|
| Sugar | October 14 | 2:00 - 2:30 |
|-------|------------|-------------|

#### 3rd Grade

|          |            |             |         |            |             |
|----------|------------|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| VanGrack | October 13 | 11:30-12:00 | Stiefel | October 13 | 1:00 – 1:30 |
|          | October 16 | 1:30 – 2:00 |         | October 15 | 9:00 – 9:30 |

*Cold Spring Book Fair (Continued)*

4th Grade

|        |            |             |         |            |             |
|--------|------------|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| Willis | October 10 | 11:30-12:00 | Cohen   | October 10 | 2:00 - 2:30 |
|        | October 13 | 11:00-11:30 |         | October 16 | 2:00 - 2:30 |
| Sydnor | October 10 | 10:30-11:00 | Cashman | October 10 | 2:30 – 3:00 |
|        | October 16 | 10:00-10:30 |         | October 16 | 2:30 – 3:00 |

5th Grade

|           |            |             |          |            |             |
|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Sindall   | October 13 | 2:30 – 3:00 | LeFlore  | October 13 | 2:30 – 3:00 |
|           | October 15 | 2:30 – 3:00 |          | October 15 | 2:30 – 3:00 |
| McPhaul   | October 13 | 2:30 – 3:00 | Sellitti | October 10 | 1:30 – 2:00 |
|           | October 15 | 2:30 – 3:00 |          | October 15 | 1:30 – 2:00 |
| Petereson | October 10 | 1:00 – 1:30 |          |            |             |
|           | October 15 | 2:00 – 2:30 |          |            |             |

**Dance Club Grades K-2**

Dance Club is divided into two groups this year. The younger grades, K-2, will be taught by Rebecca Cornelius on Wednesdays in the APR for an 8 week session running January 7th through February 25th with the International Performance on Sunday, March 1st.

The young dancers will learn several multicultural folk dances to perform at this exciting biannual event for the community. The schedule is as follows:

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Kindergarten | 3:10 - 4:00 pm |
| First Grade  | 4:00 - 4:50 pm |
| Second Grade | 4:50 - 5:40 pm |

Registration for Mrs. Cornelius' classes will not be available until November. We will notify parents of the registration process and the cost in the upcoming PTA and Principal's newsletters. We are considering having an electronic registration process instead of sending home paper registration forms. Class size will be limited.

## FLES Class Enrollment Status

There is still room in FLES classes! Many classes are near full, but several still need additional students. Following is the status of student enrollment in FLES.

### 2nd - 5th grade

- Spanish Level I (Wednesday AM) - looking for one more student
- Spanish Level II (Thursday AM) - looking for 2 more students
- Spanish Level III / III advanced (Tuesday AM) - these two classes will be merged into a combo class where the teacher will differentiate for the 2 levels
- French Level I (Wednesday PM) - class is almost full, only 1 spot left
- Mandarin Chinese Level I (Friday AM) - no registrations received, class will be canceled

### Kindergarten - 1st grade

- French Introduction (Wednesday PM) - received only 5 registrations, but need 5 more
- Spanish Introduction - received 2 registrations, but need 8 more
- Chinese Introduction - received only 1 interest

There have been rumors of schedule conflicts on Wednesdays and Thursdays for Kindergarteners. Please email Duffy Kean at [duffy.kean@verizon.net](mailto:duffy.kean@verizon.net) regarding the schedule, or if Mondays or Tuesdays are preferable.

If your child, or their friend(s) are interested in any of these FLES classes, or they are interested in other languages, please let us know as soon as possible! Classes will begin in October pending final enrollment. Details will be forthcoming shortly via email on specific dates and classroom locations. Thank you for your support and interest in Foreign Language at Cold Spring!

## General Election Bake Sale

On Tuesday, November 4, we will hold the General Election Bake Sale. Historically, this has been a successful fundraising effort for the school with all proceeds going toward PTA sponsored programs. A flyer will be sent home through the backpacks requesting that those who wish to participate please bring donated baked goods (homemade or store bought) to the teacher's lounge on Monday, November 3.

We are also in need of volunteers to sell the baked goods in two hour shifts. This is a good opportunity for middle/high school students to volunteer their time and accrue community service hours. Please look out for the upcoming flyer and if you want more information contact Kasia Coulter at [mandkcoulter@comcast.net](mailto:mandkcoulter@comcast.net) or Terri de Raet at [tderaet@comcast.net](mailto:tderaet@comcast.net).

## Year Book Message

### *The Cold Spring Yearbook Needs Your Help!*

What makes the yearbook a treasured memory for your child? It's the pictures, of course. That is where we need your help.

This year, the yearbook committee needs help photographing events and activities taking place at school. If you take pictures

at any school event or on a field trip, please burn a copy of your pictures on a CD and submit them to the yearbook box in the office. Please include a brief description of the activity and let us know if you need the disc returned. Here is a list of school events to keep in mind:

Walk for the Homeless  
Book-A-Breakfast  
Read-A-Thon  
Valentine's Day  
Bingo Night  
Reflections  
Destination Imagination  
Maryland Day  
Jump Rope for Heart  
Artist in Residence

Butterfly Ceremony  
Kindergarten Circus  
International Fair  
SGA Elections  
Model UN  
Science Expo  
Halloween  
School Spirit Days  
Field Day

Remember, if you volunteer in your child's classroom, in the cafeteria, on the playground, on a field trip, in the art room, or anywhere else in the school...TAKE PICTURES!

If you have questions, or if you are interested in helping with the yearbook, please contact Evva Star at [evvakay@comcast.net](mailto:evvakay@comcast.net).

## ListServ Messages

If you have a message that you would like to send out via the Cold Spring ES PTA listserv, please send your message via e-mail to [coldspringpta@yahoogroups.com](mailto:coldspringpta@yahoogroups.com). Please note that your message should be typed into the body of the message, exactly as you want it to go out.

*The CSES PTA Listserv is for Cold Spring related activities and announcements only!*

Forms and such can be sent as attachments. After you send your e-mail, Yahoo will automatically send me an e-mail to let me know there is a message pending that needs to be posted. If you have questions, please contact Jonathan Lusk at [jlusk1965@comcast.net](mailto:jlusk1965@comcast.net).

*Introducing a New After School Dance Club ...*

## Latin American Folk Dance

### DANCE CLUB FOR GRADES 3-5

|                         |        |                |
|-------------------------|--------|----------------|
| 3rd and 4th grade:      | Monday | 3:15 - 4:05 pm |
| 3rd, 4th and 5th grade: | Monday | 4:10 - 5:00 pm |
| 5th grade (only):       | Monday | 5:05 - 5:55 pm |

Classes will be taught by Liliam Eguino, Professor of Dance and Jackie Olney, Gymnastics Instructor and CS parent. Mrs. Eguino has studied Latin American folk dances for four years and has years of experience as a dance instructor.

Students will focus on dance technique and learn different dances (depending on the group/session they choose), Bolivian, Brazilian, Colombian and Argentine in preparation for a final performance at the International Fair. **Authentic dance costumes will be provided for the day of the performance.**

**Classes will be offered for twelve weeks** at Cold Spring ES in the APR, running from November 10th through February 23<sup>rd</sup>. (No class Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> and Feb 16<sup>th</sup>).

Enrollment will be limited to twelve students per class and priority will be given in order of registration.

**Fee:** \$150 (includes rental of dance costume). Please make checks payable to the instructor **Liliam Eguino**.

Questions? Call Jackie Olney , 301-424-5040 or e-mail [jackielolney@yahoo.com](mailto:jackielolney@yahoo.com).

**To register:** Please fill out the Registration form below and place the form and your \$150.00 check in an envelope addressed to Jackie Olney and leave it in the Dance Club box in the school office.

### Latin American Folk Dance Club Registration

Latin American Folk Dance Club  
Registration Form '08 – '09

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Home/cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's e-mail address (please write clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name and phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone # of person responsible to pick up after dance club \_\_\_\_\_

Physical restrictions/Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer:      3:15 to 4:05 class \_\_\_\_\_      4:10 to 5:00 class \_\_\_\_\_      5:05 to 5:55 \_\_\_\_\_.



COUGAR PRIDE

Cold Spring Myth-busters

# There Are No More Real American Heroes

By Ralph Nelson

9/23/08



**Warning:** Don't try any of these things you are about to read at home. Ever. Remember, Cold Spring Mythbusters has years of experience doing these interviews – and that's what keeps us safe.

When your child thinks about Halloween costumes, WHO do they first think about being? Their hero of course. Do you remember the last time we had a real American hero? I can't? Wonder where I'm going with this? Read on.

**October's myth:** There are no more real American heroes left.

Mythbusters wasn't sure about how to research this one. We figured we'd define a real American hero first and then show there were no examples to be found.

We know that a real hero is not the football player that scores the game-winning touchdown or the goaltender that saves his team from a loss because these people look for the glory. *Real heroes* are (1) ordinary people (2) who do extraordinary things (3) that are instinctive to them (4) and that add something to us all. They (5) don't think about being a hero and (6) don't want to bask in the glory of their actions. As a matter of fact, a true hero is really never a hero at all; at least not in their own mind – he or she is just doing what's right.



Recently we heard it through the grapevine one of building service folks, **Assistant Manager Dwayne Light**, did something special for our school. So we interviewed him to see if he fit the 6 hero points. If we could disprove one of the 6 hero points, our myth would be confirmed or at least plausible.

**Mythbusters:** Thank you for joining us. We are doing a survey of people who do unusual things.

**Mr. Light:** (*Giving us a scrunchy face*) And you are interviewing me because . . .

**Mythbusters:** We heard you did something out of the ordinary for the school. Any idea what that was? <sup>10</sup>

**Mr. Light:** Well, during the last big storm on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> I came into the school on my day off to check on the school because I was worried there was flooding. It wasn't a big deal. Just my job.

**Mythbusters:** (*We decided to do our hero checklist anyway.*) We appreciate your efforts. Do you mind if we ask you some questions about yourself first before we talk more about September 6<sup>th</sup>?

**Mr. Light:** (*A little confused, but open*) O.K.

**Mythbusters:** Is there anything that might help describe you as an ordinary American?

**Mr. Light:** (*Another scrunchy face*) Ah. I married my high school sweetheart & I can't stand brussel sprouts.

**Mythbusters:** (*Since only 1% of the population likes brussel sprouts, we focused on the wife.*) Tell us about your high school sweetheart. How did you meet her?

**Mr. Light:** Well. We met in 10<sup>th</sup> grade math class.

**Mythbusters:** How did you get to know each other? Did you have to do a joint class project together?

**Mr. Light:** No. I just thought she looked really good.

*(Note: Hero point (1) Ordinary guy ✓)*

**Mythbusters:** (*Moving on quickly*) What's your job?

**Mr. Light:** I am in charge of building security, monitoring night time school activities, general cleaning, and grounds maintenance.

**Mythbusters:** So you came in on September 6<sup>th</sup> on your day off as part of your regular duties?

**Mr. Light:** Not really. It was raining really hard when I woke up. I immediately thought about some of the existing leaks in the school and worried about them. Now that I think about it, I even skipped my favorite weekend waffles to go in.

*(Note: Hero point (3) Instinctive to them ✓)*

**Mythbusters:** What did you find when you came in?

**Mr. Light:** I first walked into the Copy Room and saw the slow leak I knew about. I just put a trash can underneath the leak. Then, I began my normal school inspection starting with the outside perimeter.

**Mythbusters:** You went outside in the driving rain?

**Mr. Light:** Of course. I knew the drain by the playground liked to fill up with mulch in a big rain – and it had. So I cleared it and it worked fine. Then when I walked outside the 1<sup>st</sup> grade courtyard, I heard the something like a big glass being filled with water.

**Mythbusters:** Oh, that doesn't sound good.

**Mr. Light:** It didn't. So I ran inside and unlocked the 1<sup>st</sup> grade courtyard and the water was up to the threshold. I knew the drain was clogged so I took off my shoes and socks, put my shoes back on, rolled up my pants, and started searching for the courtyard drain.



**Mythbusters:** Obviously you found it.

**Mr. Light:** Yes. And I unclogged it. But before I could get back to the door, it clogged again. After I searched and unclogged it a second time, the water just ran out of the courtyard.

*(Note: Hero point (2) Extraordinary effort √)*

**Mythbusters:** Then what did you do?

**Mr. Light:** Well, I knew the art room on the other side of the building might flood so I ran over there.

**Mythbusters:** And . . .

**Mr. Light:** There was already an inch of water on the floor so I grabbed the wet-dry vac and got it up quickly to avoid any damage. But there was still water coming in the door.



**Mythbusters:** Which door?

**Mr. Light:** From the outside door. There was water rushing down the hill from the Academy Day Care building rushing against the the art room outside door.

**Mythbusters:** What did you do?

**Mr. Light:** First I piled sand bags on the inside and outside of the art room door and then I ran to get a shovel to dig a ditch around the door to divert the water. It took a while to dig the trench, but it finally worked. I was really relieved because I knew art classes would be cancelled for all the kids if I didn't do something fast.

*(Note: Hero point (4) Adds something to us all √)*

**Mythbusters:** Wow. And then what happened?

**Mr. Light:** Everything else looked fine so I locked up and went home. I knew I had to come into work on Monday and keep things running as usual.

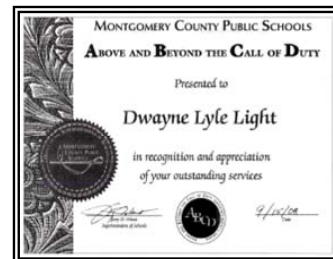
*(Note: Hero point (5) Doesn't think is hero √)*

**Mythbusters:** Awesome. Thank you for the extra effort, keeping the school running, and your time.

After interviewing Mr. Light, we talked with his supervisor, Building Manager Mr. Funkhouser. Mr. Funkhouser said Mr. Light didn't want anything for coming in, but Mr. Funkhouser sent a letter to the county praising Mr. Light's efforts to anyway.

*(Note: Hero point (6) No recognition desired √)*

**Result:** A letter from County School Superintendent Dr. Jerry Weast bestowed Mr. Light the ABCD (*Above the Call of Duty*) award. We learned from the award Mr. Light has been loyal to Cold Spring for 14 years.



**MYTH: Busted. Real American heroes still exist.**  
*We even have one of our own with Mr. Light.*

So this year when your child can't decide what to be for Halloween, recommend they consider our hero, Dwayne Light. When they give you the inevitable scrunchy face, remind them *true heroes are the people that you do not usually hear about. They are always working in the background like Mr. Light and never in the spotlight – and they would not have it any other way.* And don't forget to thank Mr. Light the next time you see him at pick-up! Who knows, he might blush.

**October 2008**

| Monday                        | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                           | Thursday                              | Friday   | Saturday | Sunday |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------|--------|
|                               |                                     | 1                                   | 2                                     | 3  | 4        | 5      |
| 6                             | 7<br>PTA General Meeting<br>7:15 PM | 8                                   | 9<br><b>No School</b><br>(Yom Kippur) | 10<br>Book Fair Begins<br>Visiting Author<br>Arthur Dorros                       | 11       | 12     |
| 13<br>Book Fair<br>Open House | 14<br>Book Fair                     | 15<br>Book Fair<br>Homeless<br>Walk | 16<br>Book Fair                       | 17<br><b>No School</b><br>(MSTA<br>Convention)                                   | 18       | 19     |
| 20                            | 21                                  | 22                                  | 23                                    | 24   | 25       | 26     |
| 27                            | 28                                  | 29                                  | 30                                    | 31<br>Halloween<br>Parade-Party<br><i>1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period<br/>Ends</i> |          |        |

**November 2008**

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday                              | Thursday                           | Friday | Saturday | Sunday                   |
|--|--|--|------------------------------------|--------|----------|--------------------------|
|  |  |  |                                    |        | 1        | 2<br>Daylight<br>Savings |
| 3<br><b>No School</b><br>(Professional<br>Day) | 4<br><b>No School</b><br>(Election<br>Day)     | 5<br>PTA General<br>Meeting<br>7:15 PM | 6<br>Book A<br>Breakfast<br>(K-12) | 7      | 8        | 9                        |
| 10   | 11<br><b>Early<br/>Release</b><br>Veterans Day | 12<br><b>Early Release</b>             | 13<br>Book A<br>Breakfast<br>(3-5) | 14     | 15       | 16                       |
| 17   | 18   | 19                                     | 20                                 | 21     | 22       | 23                       |

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| <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br>Early Release<br>Thanksgiving | <b>27</b><br>No School<br>Thanksgiving | <b>28</b><br>No School<br>Thanksgiving | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b> |
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**Here's a fund-raiser that will cost you ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!!!**

In the 2007-08 school year Cold Spring parents raised over \$3000 for our school! Let's try to beat that in 2008-2009.



I. Collect General Mills Box Tops

Box Tops for Education is a school fundraising program supported by General Mills that has helped America's schools raise over \$200 million. The Box Tops for Education program offers schools an easy way to earn cash through everyday activities like buying groceries or shopping online. Schools can raise a total of up to \$60,000 each year. Recently, Cold Spring raised over \$400...we can do even better this year, without spending one extra penny.

All you need to do is clip Box Tops from participating Box Tops products and drop them in your class box at Cold Spring so they can be collected and redeemed. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to Cold Spring! For a complete list of the hundreds of participating products, visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).



II. Sign up for BonusBucks at Giant

Log on to <http://www.giantfood.com/aplus> to designate online or complete the registration sheet attached to designate Cold Spring as one of up to three schools eligible to receive Bonus Bucks. CSES earned over \$2400 in 2007-08!

If you have misplaced your BonusCard, please call 1-877-366-2668 to obtain your number. You must have this number to participate in the BonusBucks program.

III. Sign up for "escrip" Program at Safeway



Safeway's "escrip" program works in the same way as Giant's BonusBucks. Register online at <http://www.escrip.com> or use the registration sheet attached.

Call Safeway at 1-877-723-3929 to obtain your card # if it has been lost or misplaced.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Lusk at [susan@ipo.org](mailto:susan@ipo.org). Let's make this a great, and profitable, year. It only takes a few minutes of your time!



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Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ BonusBucks<sup>SM</sup>. Starting October 3, 2008 through April 2, 2009, Cold Spring Elementary will have the opportunity to earn cash through Giant A+ BonusBucks<sup>SM</sup> Program. All you have to do is fill out the Registration Card below and:

Bring it to the Giant/Safeway/Box Tops mail box in the CSES main office

OR

Drop it off at any Giant store

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Log on to [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-366-2668 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Giant using your BonusCard earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Giant website. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support.

Please be sure to register your card to benefit Cold Spring Elementary School using ID #00749 on the Registration Card below. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.

(Register by Sept 26 and you will be entered to win a \$100 American Express Gift Card!)



Visit [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) or complete this card and mail or drop at the customer service desk to register your card for this school year and select the schools to receive your A+ Bonus Bucks.

You can earn A+ Bonus Bucks from October 3, 2008 - April 2, 2009.

1. Clearly fill in your 12-digit card number below:

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2. Clearly fill in the first three letters of your last name:

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3. Fill in the School ID number for your chosen School(s). You may choose up to three schools:

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If you choose more than one school your A+ Bonus Bucks will be evenly distributed among those three schools. Fill in the school ID codes of ALL schools each time you add/change your registration.

You can only select schools that have registered for the program.

# Make Giving as Easy as Shopping!



Use your Safeway Club Card for Education  
when you do your everyday shopping!  
It's Free... It's Easy... It's Powerful!

Your participation easily means \$100's for our group! If you already have a Safeway Club Card for Education, please complete the following and place your form in the designated box in the Cold Spring main office. We will input the information for you.

Group Name: Cold Spring Elementary School

Group ID: 6489882

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Safeway Club Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you don't remember your Safeway Club Card for Education number please call 877-723-3929 to obtain it.)

or

Register online at  
[www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)

(Register by Sept 26 and you will be entered to win a \$100 American Express Gift Card!)

**Minutes of the Cold Spring Elementary School PTA Meeting  
Back to School Night  
Date: September 11, 2008**

The PTA portion of Back to School Night convened at 6:30 pm.

Officers Attending: Julie Oldach (PTA President), Pete Thomson (PTA President Elect), Susan Lusk (Vice President), Andrea Portes (Treasurer), Laurie Gira (Recording Secretary), Denise Schleckser (Corresponding Secretary), Christina Kyong (MCCPTA Delegate).

Julie Oldach introduced herself and the current year's PTA board members. She Described our PTA and the many activities and programs it strives to bring to the school. She then explained the proposed budget and indicated that we would be asking for a \$60 donation per student again this year to fund PTA programs, rather than conducting large scale fundraisers.

Julie presented the budget and asked for a motion to approve which was garnered and then seconded. All those present voted in favor of the budget as presented. No one was opposed. The budget for 2008-2009 was approved.

Pete Thomson then spoke about the Ruth Rails reading program being used in the second grade and encouraged parents to volunteer to help with it. Susan Lusk addressed the audience as the Giant/Safeway Bonus Bucks representative and encouraged parents to sign up for the year as an easy way for CSES to obtain additional funds.

The PTA portion of Back-to-School Night concluded at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Gira  
Recording Secretary