

# COLD SPRING ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

January 14, 2010

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- 18 **Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed, All Schools Closed**
- 21 Chorus and Instrumental Music Concert, 2:00 and 7:30pm , APR, SNOWDATE 1/26
- 22 **Cold Spring Readathon: 1:00pm –3:00pm all students, K-5; 3:00-5:30pm, gr. 3,4,5**  
Pizza served @ 5:30pm compliments of Cold Spring PTA  
**Second Grading Period Ends**
- 25 Professional Day for Teachers: No School for Students
- 29 **Spelling Bee, Grades 3-5, 1:20, APR**

### FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

- 1 – 5 **MAP-R Testing**  
**Geography Week**
- 2 **Middle School Counselors Visit Cold Spring, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 1:15 – 2:15. SNOW DATE Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**PTA Meeting, 7:15pm, New Gymnasium Meeting, 8:00pm Math Resource Room, Babysitting Provided**
- 3 **Report Cards Distributed**
- 9-10 **Grade 2 Inview Testing**
- 10 **Parent Meeting, Cabin John Middle School, 7:00pm SNOWDATE: Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**
- 11 **“The Ned Show”, K-5, 1:30 – 2:15, APR**
- 12 **Valentine’s Day Activities, 1:30 – 2:30pm in classrooms**
- 14 **Lunar New Year, Year of the Tiger**
- 15 **SCHOOLS CLOSED Presidents’ Day**
- 19 **Fourth Grade Field Trip: Galusha, Seneca Schoolhouse**
- 22 **Fourth Grade Field Trip: Sydnor, Seneca Schoolhouse**
- 23 **Fourth Grade Field Trip: Cashman, Seneca Schoolhouse**
- 24 **Fourth Grade Field Trip: Cohen, Seneca Schoolhouse**
- 26 **MCPS Early Release Day, 12:35pm dismissal (Teacher Grading & Reporting/Curr. Planning)**

## HELPING HANDS HOLIDAY CHILDREN

Once again, the Cold Spring community showed their generosity by successfully participating in the Helping Hands Holiday Children program. Through this collection effort, Cold Spring families provide necessary items to needy children living in shelters in Montgomery County.

Special thanks to 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 Cold Spring can accomplish as a community. Special thanks to Terri de Raet and Kasia Coulter for coordinating this event.

## VARIETY SHOW DATES

Please note the following Dress Rehearsal and Performance dates for Cold Spring’s Variety Show:

<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 26</b>	<b>12:45 – 3:00pm (Early Release Date)</b>	<b>Dress Rehearsal</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 3</b>	<b>3:15 – 5:30pm</b>	<b>Dress Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 4</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Performance</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 5</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Performance</b>

## MAP-R SCHEDULE

Please note the winter MAP-R testing schedule so you can plan appointments for your child(ren) accordingly:

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>Stiefel</b>
		<b>1:15pm</b>	<b>Sydnor</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>1:15pm</b>	<b>Galusha</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Van Grack</b>
		<b>1:15pm</b>	<b>McPhaul</b>

<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>2/4</b>	<b>9:05am</b> <b>1:15pm</b>	<b>Sellitti/Peterson</b> <b>Sindall</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>2/5</b>	<b>9:05am</b>	<b>Cohen/Cashman</b>

### **FIFTH GRADE MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTICULATION BEGINS**

With the beginning of the New Year comes the annual fifth grade articulation process. As the various dates become available to Cold Spring in regard to middle school meetings and testing, we will notify you via the Principal's Newsletter. As of this date, we have received the following Middle School Articulation information:

<b>Cold Spring Counselor Visit</b>	<b>February 2</b>	<b>1:15 – 2:15</b>
	<b>SNOW DATE: February 5</b>	
<b>Cabin John Parent Meeting</b>	<b>February 10</b>	<b>7:00 – 8:30pm</b>
	<b>SNOW DATE: February 11</b>	
<b>Robert Frost Parent Meeting</b>	<b>February 11</b>	<b>7:00 – 8:45pm</b>
	<b>SNOW DATE: February 18</b>	
<b>Hoover Parent Meeting</b>	<b>February 17</b>	<b>7:00 – 8:00pm</b>
	<b>SNOW DATE: February 18</b>	

#### **Fifth Grade Field Trip to Middle School for Band Concert:**

<b>Frost Middle School</b>	<b>February 5</b>	<b>10:00 – 11:00am</b>
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More information will be made available in future Principal's Newsletters.

### **HEALTH UPDATES FROM MRS. JORDAN**

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services is providing H1N1 vaccinations at clinics throughout the county. The CDC is recommending that everyone get vaccinated, as another wave of the virus is expected. Go to the following website for information and make an on-line appointment.

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/swine\\_flu/index.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/swine_flu/index.asp)

On another note, stay healthy and don't touch the **T Zone!**

### **GEOGRAPHY WEEK**

**Feb. 1 – 5**

February 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> has been designated as Geography Week at Cold Spring. The purpose of this schoolwide activity is to heighten awareness and emphasize the importance of our global society. Further information regarding this voluntary activity will be forthcoming.

### **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

#### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE: AN EARTH-HONORING EVENT**

Last Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Cold Spring students participated in the annual school level championship of the National Geographic Bee. The competition was tough as the contenders skilfully answered the difficult questions posed. The following champions prevailed:

- **Fourth Place:**           **Alex Gleicher**                   **Karis Ryu**
- **Third Place:**           **Zachary Kerr**
- **Second Place:**       **John Zolet**
- **First Place & School Champion:** **Daniel Jacobson**

Congratulations to all the participants! They are as follows:

<b>Noah Bach</b>	<b>Taylor Burman</b>	<b>Madeleine Cheng</b>	<b>Alex Gleicher</b>
<b>Daniel Jacobson</b>	<b>Zachary Kerr</b>	<b>Daniel Kim</b>	<b>Sebastian Mendoza</b>
<b>Alex Miao</b>	<b>Caroline Ortiz</b>	<b>Tony Pasternak</b>	<b>Karis Ryu</b>
<b>Will Sherman</b>	<b>Nikita Singh</b>	<b>David Umansky</b>	<b>John Zolet</b>

The winner of the competition has taken the state level qualifying exam to determine if he will proceed to the state championship of the National Geographic Bee.

## **PRINCIPALS FOR THE DAY**

In November and December, two Cold Spring students assisted Mr. Barnett as “Principal for the Day.” Here are their accounts of that exciting day:

### **PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY**

**By  
Margot Bartol**

On Friday, November 16th I was Principal for the Day at my school—Cold Spring ES. I had a lot of fun being principal for the day. First, I looked at a bird’s eye view map of the school and the Cold Spring neighborhood. I was the first kid in the school to see it! Then I went with Mr. Barnett to visit 12 classrooms.

After that I went back to Mr. B’s office to look at the mail for the day. Then I looked at the e-mail on Mr. B’s computer. Wow -did you know that he gets 30-40 emails each day!! Before I left for lunch, I made a school wide announcement about outdoor recess. Next I went to EL MARIACHI RESTAURANTE with friend, Nicole Abdala-Arata.

When we returned to school at 1:00pm I wrote this letter to you. Immediately after that we met with Mrs. Cross to discuss some special needs topics. Then I went to visit the remaining six other classes. At the end of the day I made a final announcement saying thanks for having me as your Principal for the Day. It was a very busy and fun day!!

### **PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY**

**By  
Eli Kerness**

On Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, I was Principal for the Day at Cold Spring ES and this is what I did.

First I got some hot chocolate from Mr. Funkhouser. Then we went to see the boiler room to see how the AC and heat are made. Next we watched the 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus rehearse for a couple of minutes. After that, we went into Mr. Barnett’s office. In Mr. Barnett’s office, we looked at his calendar, went on line to read emails, and watched the weather forecast to see if we should have indoor or outdoor recess.

At 9:30 we started to visit classrooms around the school. Then we went outside to check the temperature. Mr. Barnett also showed me where the new gym is going to be built in two years. Next we went into the cafeteria to get some popsicles to give to some students who were able to answer a really difficult problem. After that we visited three 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms who were taking tests the first time we came into their rooms. Then we came back into the office and began to write this article for the next PNL. Before we went to lunch, I made an announcement that we were going to have outdoor recess. Then we went to lunch with my brother, Jack, to the Silver Diner in Rockville.

When we returned to school, I made an announcement for all the Cold Spring students to come to the All Purpose room for our Latin American Dance Club assembly. Then Mr. B and I went to Mrs. Stiefel’s class to give a special reward to the student who solved a difficult math problem. As a special treat, Mr. B gave me a Popsicle as well. Then I continued writing my article for the Principal’s Newsletter.

Next we went out to the playground to see if any students left their jackets during outdoor recess.

My day ended with my making an end of the day announcement!

## **2009-10 TESTING SCHEDULES**

The 2009-10 testing schedule is as follows:

<b>In View Testing</b>	<b>February 9 -10</b>		<b>Grade 2</b>
<b>MSA (Maryland School Assessment)</b>	<b>March 8 - 23</b>	<b>Reading/Math</b>	<b>Grades 3, 4, and 5</b>
	<b>May 5 - 11</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Grade 5</b>
<b>Terra Nova II</b>	<b>April 26 – April 30</b>		<b>Grade 2</b>

Please put these dates on your family calendar ASAP. More detailed information regarding exact grade level testing dates and times will be forthcoming.

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC WINTER CONCERT**

**Jan. 21**

**SNOW DATE Jan. 26**

On Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30pm in the APR, Mrs. Minier and Mr. Allen will showcase the musical talents of the Cold Spring students in a Choral/ Instrumental Music Winter Concert. Music for the concert is chosen for its artistic and educational value, and each selection reinforces or introduces concepts related to the MCPS music curriculum.

**Congratulations to the marvellous performers! Special thanks to Mrs. Minier and Mr. Allen.**

## **COLD SPRING READATHON**

**Jan. 22**

This year Cold Spring ES will hold its Readathon on Friday, January 22. All K-5 students will participate in a variety of "reading activities" during the afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00pm. The extended readathon from 3:15 – 5:30pm will be for students in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 only. All students must return a completed/signed parent permission slip confirming that they will be participating in the "Extended Readathon" from 3:15 – 5:30pm. The Cold Spring PTA will provide each participating student will pizza and drinks. A permission slip is enclosed in this Principal's Newsletter.

## **MCPS PROFESSIONAL DAY**

**Jan. 25**

On Monday, January 25, all schools in Montgomery County will participate in Professional activities. Students will not attend school on this day. Please plan accordingly.

## **PTA MEETING / NEW GYMNASIUM MEETING SCHEDULED**

**Feb. 2**

The next Cold Spring PTA meeting for the 2009 – 2010 school year will be held on Tuesday, February 2. The meeting will begin at 7:15pm sharp. A meeting regarding Cold Spring's new gymnasium will be held at 8:00pm, immediately following the PTA meeting. Babysitting services will be provided.

## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

### **CAREER DAY**

Cold Spring's annual Career Day will be held Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-12:00. Mrs. Whited is looking for Parent Volunteers to assist her in preparing for this day. Planning and preparing begins now, so anyone willing to offer a little time each week will be very much appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Whited at [corinne\\_e\\_whited@mcpsmd.org](mailto:corinne_e_whited@mcpsmd.org) or call the school directly if you are interested in participating.

A sign-up link for those interested in speaking during Career Day is available on the Cold Spring web site and a sign-up sheet is attached to this Principal's Newsletter.

## **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

### **ABSENCE PROCEDURES**

We will be implementing the Connect Ed attendance system at Cold Spring to verify student absences. It is the legal responsibility of each school to accurately report and explain student absences. **Please telephone the office to report any student absence to expedite the process. If we have not heard from you by 9:30 am, you will receive a computer-generated message requesting that you call school to inform us of the reason for your child's absence.**

## **REMINDERS**

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

**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.

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).

### **RECYCLE YOUR CARTRIDGES AND CELL PHONES**

Your used printer cartridges and cell phones can make a difference. Cold Spring just started a new recycling program through Funding Factory by collecting used inkjet and laser printer cartridges and cell phones. To contribute to the recycling effort, please deliver your items to one of the bins located in the hallway outside of the teachers' lounge.

### **GIANT BONUS \$\$\$\$**

Giant A+ Bonusbucks program is running again this year. The program begins October 9, 2009 and runs through March 25, 2010. Giant customers can help our school earn cash each time they shop using their BonusCard. All you need to do is designate Cold Spring Elementary School as the recipient school. This can be done on-line by visiting the Giant website <http://www.giantfood.com/aplus> or by calling 1-877-366-2668. Our school ID is 00749. Please note that you need to re-designate Cold Spring even if you had designated us last year.

## **SAFEWAY ESCRIP PROGRAM**

Safeway's "escrip" program is once again up and running. Operating in much the same manner as the Giant Bonus Bucks program, Safeway's program requires you to sign up online at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Our school ID is 6489882.

## **TARGET**

Use your Target Visa or REDcard when you shop at Target and support Cold Spring. **Cold Spring ID: 58117.** Just visit [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe), or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school.

## **HARRIS TEETER TOGETHER IN EDUCATION**

If you purchase your groceries at Harris Teeter, they will contribute a portion of their earnings to Cold Spring. **The Cold Spring ID is: 7901.** Register at [http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together\\_in\\_education/link\\_to\\_your\\_school.aspx](http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx).

Sincerely,

**Martin J. Barnett,  
Principal**

**The next Principal's Newsletter will be issued on Thursday, January 28, 20010**

# COLD SPRING READ-A-THON

Friday, January 22, 2010

**On Friday, January 22**, all K-5 students will participate in our Cold Spring Readathon from 1:00 -3:00pm. All students are asked to bring in a book(s) of their choice (no comic books) to read during this afternoon. Students in grades K-1 will also be participating in related reading activities, such as shared readings, read-alouds, etc. This year, teachers in grades 4-5 will have the option to have their students participate in an "all day" readathon, 9:00 am - 3:00pm.

## **STUDENTS IN GRADES 3,4, and 5 ONLY**

Please complete the "**Extended Readathon Pledge**" form if your child(ren) will be participating in this activity. All students remaining at the Extended Readathon will be treated to pizza and beverage, compliments of the Cold Spring PTA from 5:30-6:00pm **The Extended Readathon is for students in grades 3,4, and 5 ONLY.** We hope that you will participate!

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### **EXTENDED AFTERNOON READATHON (January 22, 3:05-5:30pm) Permission Slip and Pledge**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, promise to read while I am participating in the Cold Spring Readathon. I understand that when I have decided that I no longer wish to participate I should call my parents so that I may be picked up from school.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

### **PERMISSION SLIP (For students in grades,3,4,and 5 only)**

I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to remain after school on **Friday, January 22** from 3:05 to 5:30pm. I understand that my child will be participating in a Readathon. I understand that my child may not leave the school for any reason after regular school hours are over without being picked up by an adult. **I also understand that my child must be promptly picked up by 6:00pm.**

I understand that if, for any reason, my child decides to no longer participate in the reading marathon, the adult below will be called to pick up the child(ren). I also understand that I must have an adult available to pick up my child(ren) at **6:00pm.**

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ PH # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS "READATHON PLEDGE" TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.**

**A REMINDER THAT THE EXTENDED AFTERNOON READATHON IS ONLY FOR 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADERS.**

# ***Cold Spring Career Day!!***

Career Day at Cold Spring is fast approaching. I am looking for 25 willing parents, relatives or friends to share their careers with the students. Career Day will be:

Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 from 8:30am - 11:50am

You will have four different groups of students for 30 minutes each on rotation, so all students will have an opportunity learn about a variety of careers.

I will give you more details for your presentation when confirmed.

**If you are interested, please return this form to Corinne Whited, School Counselor by January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Career \_\_\_\_\_

Please be specific, as there are many parents with the same career.

Telephone (h)\_\_\_\_\_ (w)\_\_\_\_\_

\*Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

Name and grade of student(s) you are related to at CSES

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What grade level groups are you willing to present to?  

Please circle

K, 1, 2

or

3, 4, 5

or

ANY

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Questions?? Please call Mrs. Whited 301-279-8480 or email her @ corinne\_e\_whited@mcpsmd.org**