

COLD SPRING ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

May 13, 2010

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY HIGHLIGHTS - ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- 13 Cultural Arts Assembly: A Cappella, 9:15 – 10:15am
17 Volunteer Lunch, Media Center, 11:45 – 1:00pm
18 Chorus and Advanced Band/Orchestra Concert, 2:00pm and 7:30pm, APR
Lifetouch: Fifth Grade Panoramic Picture
19-21, 25-26 Fifth Grade Family Life, Human Sexuality and Disease Prevention and Control Unit
20 Beginner Instrumental Music Concert, 7:30pm, APR
24 MAP-R Testing begins, Grades 3-5
Hearts for Haiti Assembly, APR, 2:00pm
26 Kindergarten Circus, Dress Rehearsal
27 Kindergarten Circus Performance
28 Butterfly Ceremony, 2nd grade classes, 1:30pm
31 Memorial Day: Schools Closed

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Field Day, Grades 3-5
PTA meeting, 7:00pm, Potluck Dinner
2 Field Day, Grades K-2
4 Junior Spelling Bee, Grades 1 and 2 Participants, 1st and 2nd Grade Audience
7 Field Day RAIN DATE
9 Fifth Grade Pool Party, 10:00 – 2:00
10 End of Year Picnic
Second Grade Field Trip: Smith Center
11 Fifth Grade Field Trip: Mount Vernon
14 5th grade Closing Ceremony, 7:30pm Richard Montgomery HS Auditorium
5th grade Clap-out, 2:40pm
Safety Patrol Pizza Party, 12:00pm, in front of school
15 Awards Assembly, K-3, 9:15am, APR
16 Awards Assembly, Grades 4 and 5, APR
Early Release Day, 12:35pm, Last Day of School
17 Professional Day for Cold Spring Staff
23 Report Cards Mailed Home to Students

STAFF APPRECIATION THANKS

The Cold Spring community has a way of always providing something special to show their support of the school staff. This past week proved to be no different as the PTA provided scrumptious meals and treats in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week. The staff at Cold Spring offers heartfelt thanks to the PTA and all the volunteers who worked so hard to provide such a bounty. The Cold Spring community is simply the best!

FIFTH GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE A HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to the hard work of our awesome students and the generosity of parents and the community at large, the 5th grade raised over \$1000 for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation!

Thanks to all the parents who grabbed a sponge, took up a hose, donated baked goods, provided moral support and/or drove their cars in for a wash. The participation was just terrific! The bake sale alone brought in over \$200.

Special thanks to the following people for their efforts:

- Mrs. Peterson (and Mr. Peterson) who joined us for the event.
- Mr. Funkhouser, Mr. Light and Mrs. Plakas who helped put the day together
- Laura Thomson, who chaired the community service event for the 5th grade.

COLD SPRING INITIAL STAFFING ALLOCATIONS—FY2011

According to FY2011 staffing projections, Cold Spring's staffing allocation will consist of 14 regular education teachers for grades 1-5. In addition, Cold Spring will continue to have **TWO FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS**.

The tentative allocation grid for the 2010 – 2011 school year is as follows:

K K 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 4* 4* 5 5 5* 5*

* Center for the Highly Gifted

Please note that enrollment can fluctuate. For the final organizational grid, please refer to the June 2010 Principal's Newsletter.

BICYCLE SAFETY

With the warm weather,, more and more students are opting to ride bicycles to school. Please remind your child(ren) of the safety rules of the road. **In particular, students should remember to look both ways before crossing and intersection. They should also walk across the intersection with their bicycles and to respect pedestrians sharing the walkway with them.** This common sense advice supports our Cold Spring mantra: **Safety is No Accident at Cold Spring.**

FIFTH GRADE END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

As the end of the school year approaches, the fifth grade parents and teachers are busily planning a series of exciting events and activities for the school seniors. They are as follows:

- June 9 Fifth Grade Pool Party
- June 11 Fifth Grade Field Trip to Mt. Vernon
- **June 14 Fifth Grade Closing Ceremonies at Richard Montgomery High School at 7:30pm**
- **June 14 Clap Out, 2:40pm**

Parents have been actively collecting money from students in an effort to pay for the many wonderful components of the fifth grade end-of-year celebrations.

We look forward to another sensational fifth grade spring!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

May 17

Cold Spring will hold its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Monday, May 17, in the Media Center from 11:45 – 1:00pm. Teachers are currently in the process of preparing this event to honor all the generous and caring Cold Spring volunteers. We hope you will plan to join us as we pay tribute to our Cold Spring Volunteers on this very special day!

NEXT PTA MEETING – POTLUCK DINNER

June 1

Our annual end-of-year PTA Potluck Dinner/next PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 1 @7:00pm.** The PTA meeting will begin @7:00pm in the APR. Babysitting will be provided for children 4 years or older.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

COLD SPRING STUDENT RECOGNIZED BY SPANISH EMBASSY

Daniel Kim a Cold Spring student was selected for special recognition by FLES and the Spanish Embassy. Daniel composed a handwritten essay in Spanish detailing what he learned about Spain and information about himself.

His essay and the essays of other students were shared with the Centro Español, headed by Señora Irene Bascuñana, and the Consejero de Educación at the Embassy of Spain. **Judged to be the best among the essays submitted, Daniel's work will be honored at a ceremony hosted by the Embassy of Spain and the Centro Espanol. held May 12.**

Congratulations to Daniel and Profesora Lazarte, his FLES III teacher!

Sincerely,

**Martin J. Barnett,
Principal**

The next Principal's Newsletter will be issued on Thursday, May 27, 2010

**FAMILY INPUT FORM
FOR THE 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

Please complete and return this form to your child(ren)'s current homeroom teacher. You r teachers and principal want to know your special concerns and considerations. This form will be shared with your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher for the next school year. During the summer months, the forms will be reviewed by your principal to help him/her learn more about our student population. Thank you for participating!

CHILD'S NAME:

CIRCLE GRADE NEXT YEAR: 1 2 3 4 5

ACADEMIC AREAS TO NOTICE (concerns/special considerations about strengths, needs, interests)

WORK STUDY SKILLS

BEHAVIORAL STRENGTHS/NEEDS

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS (conditions and/or suspected speech, language, learning disability, visual, auditory, health, other)

LEARNING STYLE/PREFERENCES (visual, auditory, tactile, kinesthetic, combination of these)

Complete this sentence, please. MY CHILD RESPONDS BEST TO THE TEACHER...

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

***Please attach additional comments firmly and put your child's name on all attachments!**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD(REN)'S TEACHER BY JUNE 1

Dear Parents,

We are already beginning to plan for next year. In order to secure adequate staffing, I am requesting that you complete the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to school with your child as soon as possible.

Your assistance is needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Barnett
Principal

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

My child, _____, who is in _____ 's

class _____ will attend Cold Spring next year.

_____ will not attend Cold Spring and will go to school in/at
_____.

Date

Parent Signature

Field Day is Coming

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to announce that we are approaching our Field Day event, and I am asking that you help make sure students are prepared to have the best day they can. I am asking that students have the following on their scheduled Field Day:

- Sneakers
- Easy fitting clothes (we will get wet and messy so not the nicest clothes in the closet)
- Sun Block (maybe a good idea to apply just before coming to school)
- Bug spray
- Hats and bandanas are allowed
- I am providing water stations so no water bottles are needed, however they are allowed
- Please write names on any hats, water bottles, etc so that these can be recovered if lost.

I am also in need of volunteers to help make this event the best it can be. If you can help by volunteering, that will assure that no stations need to be cancelled do to lack of supervision. **Please fill out the form below and return to Mr. Robison's mail box by Monday May 24th.**

Thank You,
Mr. Robison

Tuesday, June 1st

3rd, 4th, 5th

Wednesday June 2nd

K, 1st, 2nd

Rain date is the June 7th if any event has to be cancelled

Field Day Volunteer Form

Name _____

Email _____

Circle the time slot that you will be able to help

June 1st

8:40 – 12:00

12:15 – 3:00

June 2nd

8:40 – 12:00

12:15 – 3:00

LOOKING FOR BUDDY FAMILIES

Become a "Buddy Family" to an incoming Cold Spring Family.

It only takes a little bit of your time...

You will be asked to call your "Buddy Family" one time during the summer to welcome them to the Cold Spring Community.

It's that simple!

To become a "Buddy Family", fill out the bottom of this paper and return it to the PTA mailbox.

**If you already responded to the e-mail, no need to send in this form.*

Please contact us with any questions, and thank you in advance for your help.

Abby Gleicher
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Barbara Brown
240-453-9994
barbarabrown44@gmail.com

We would love to be a "Buddy Family"!

Name of parents _____

Name and grade (next year) of child(ren) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

If needed, would you be a "Buddy" to more than one family? Yes/No