

COLD SPRING ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

May 27, 2010

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY HIGHLIGHTS - ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- 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, 6:00 – 8:00pm
- 11 Fifth Grade Field Trip: Mount Vernon
- 14 5th grade Closing Ceremony, 7:30pm Richard Montgomery HS Auditorium
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, 9:00, APR
Early Release Day, 12:35pm, Last Day of School for Students
- 17 Professional Day for Cold Spring Staff
- 23 Report Cards Mailed Home to Students

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

- 26 Kindergarten Information Night, 7:00pm
- 27 New Families to Cold Spring/Buddies Meeting, 11:30am
Sneak Preview in K-5 classrooms, 12:00- 1:00pm
- 29 Fourth Grade Ice Cream Social, 2 – 3:15pm
- 30 First Day of School for students, K-5

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 Labor Day Holiday, No School
- 16 Back to School Night, 7:00pm

REPORT CARD MAILED/ COMMENTS AND INFORMATION SENT HOME

Please be sure to ask your child for his or her report card comments and accompanying information. Students in Grades K-5 will be given the end-of-year information on June 16th. **Please note that ALL REPORT CARDS WILL BE MAILED HOME JUNE 23.**

RETURN TO COLD SPRING FORM

Please return the attached form regarding next year's attendance at Cold Spring. We need the data to secure adequate staffing. We would appreciate your returning the information to us as soon as possible.

FAMILY INPUT FORM

Please be sure to read the attached student/family input form. Take the opportunity to identify your children's needs and convey those needs in writing to our staff. This information will be shared with teachers during the articulation process to facilitate student placement for the upcoming 2010 – 2011 school year.

NOTE: Please do not use this form as a vehicle for teacher request for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

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:

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

LOST AND FOUND SPRING UPDATE

As the school year winds down, students frequently remove outer clothing during recess periods. For that reason, there has been a great increase, in recent days, of coats left on the playground by students. Please remind your child(ren) to check Cold Spring's Lost and Found for lost coats and jackets.

CAFETERIA/FOOD SERVICES END OF YEAR UPDATE

Mrs. Ligon, our Cold Spring food services manager would like to share the following information:

- Students who will be returning to any MCPS school (including Cold Spring ES) may keep their same account number; monies will automatically be rolled over into the next school year.
- Students who will not be attending an MCPS school next year are eligible for a refund of their account balance. In order for you to receive this money in a timely manner, please contact Mrs. Ligon by June 16th.

Students who owe money to the cafeteria should pay Mrs. Ligon ASAP. Notices of negative balances have been sent home already.

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, 7:30pm**
- **June 14 Clap Out, 2:30pm**

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!

SPECIAL SCHOOL EVENTS

LIBRARY BOOK RETURN

May 28

All library books must be returned to the Cold Spring Media Center by May 28th

In accordance with MCPS policy, Cold Spring will withhold report cards from students who have not cleared library, text, or core book obligations. If your child has lost or misplaced one of Cold Spring's books, please contact the school promptly. The library will inform you of the replacement value for that book.

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.

PTA SPONSORED SAFETY PATROL PIZZA PARTY

June 14

On **June 14th at 12:00pm**, the **Cold Spring Safety Patrols** will celebrate a year of great teamwork with a **Pizza Party**. All **4th and 5th grade Safety Patrols** are invited to participate in this **Pizza Party sponsored by the Cold Spring PTA**. **Congratulations to the patrols for a wonderful year, and thank you to the Cold Spring PTA for their generosity in recognizing the patrols!**

FIFTH GRADE CLOSING CEREMONY

June 14

Cold Spring's Fifth Grade Closing Ceremony is always a wildly popular event. The number of audience members seems to increase exponentially each year. To accommodate all the students and guests, we will hold our annual closing ceremony at **Richard Montgomery High School** this year. Parents, guests, and students will be able to sit comfortably to enjoy the lovely program in preparation. **We look forward to seeing you on Monday, June 14th at 7:30pm in the spacious Richard Montgomery High School auditorium.**

Sincerely,

**Martin J. Barnett,
Principal**

The next Principal's Newsletter will be issued on Thursday, June 10, 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

