

# COLD SPRING ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

June 10, 2010

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

- 10 End of Year Picnic, 6:00 – 8:00pm
- 11 Fifth Grade Field Trip: Mount Vernon
- 14 5<sup>th</sup> grade Closing Ceremony, 7:30pm Richard Montgomery HS Auditorium  
Safety Patrol/SGA Pizza Party, 12:00pm, in front of school  
Clap-out for 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 2:30pm
- 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

## MID-AUGUST PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER GOES GREEN - ON LINE

The 2010-11 summer Principal's Newsletter will be available on the Cold Spring Web-Page. Look for the ePNL in mid-August to inform parents of tentative class placements, status of student enrollment, and the schedule of school events for the upcoming school year. If the electronic posting of the ePNL is not convenient for you and you prefer a hard copy, copies will be available in the CSES main office after August 15.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/coldspringes/>

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>. **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:

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.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup>.

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 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 All 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to attend

## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

### **JUNIOR SPELLING BEE: TOO I-N-C-R-E-D-I-B-L-E FOR WORDS**

Congratulations to all Junior Spelling Bee participants. The competition was so stiff this year that we had to settle for a 1<sup>st</sup> place championship tie.

The amazing spellers are:

<b>Ellie Alexander</b>	<b>Andrew Bryant</b>	<b>Andrew Chan</b>	<b>Melody Chang</b>
<b>Maya Gorev</b>	<b>Arunim Agarwal</b>	<b>Ethan Harrison</b>	<b>Mark Kokiyelov</b>
<b>Andrew Meyer</b>	<b>Shannon Ryu</b>	<b>Yash Shahi</b>	<b>Marisa Silverman</b>
<b>Quinn Westwood</b>			

**Second place champion:** Maya Gorev

**Tie for first place:** Andrew Bryant and Shannon Ryu

### **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!** This year Cold Spring’s SGA will be joining the patrols in their celebratory lunch.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the spacious Richard Montgomery High School auditorium.**

Sincerely,

**Martin J. Barnett,**  
Principal

*On behalf of the Cold Spring staff, I'd like to wish each and every one of you a safe, happy, healthy summer. The Cold Spring community continued to flourish as students, staff and community members worked together to make this year a truly wonderful elementary school year. May we enjoy together many more rich memories in the upcoming 2010– 2011 school year.*

**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