

COLD SPRING ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

March 25, 2010

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

26 Fifth Grade Field Trip: Colonial Williamsburg

SPRING BREAK: March 29 – April 6

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 Professional Day for Teachers: No School for Students
- 7 SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STUDENTS
- 8 Fifth Grade Field Trip: Strathmore
- 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 Jump Rope for Heart
- 14 Report Cards Distributed
- 15 Career Day, AM
- 16 Center for the Highly Gifted Parent Open House, 9:00 – 11:30am, APR
- 19 Author Visit, Grades 3-5; 1:45pm
- 20 Author Visit, Grades K-2, 9:15am
- 19 – 23 Administrative Professionals Week
- 21 Administrative Professionals Day
- 21-25 MCPS Elementary and Middle School Art Fair, White Flint
- 22 Take Your Child to Work Day
- 23 “The Ned Show”, K-5, 9:15 – 10:00, APR
- 25 Earth Day
- 26 Family Life Parent Meeting, 5th grade parents, 3:15pm, Math Resource room
- 26 - 30 Terra Nova Testing, Grade 2
- 27 Vision and Hearing Re-screening
- 28 Science Expo, 6:00 – 8:00pm
- 30 Lifetouch: Class and Individual Pictures

MAY HIGHLIGHTS - ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- 3 – 7 National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week
- 3 + 4 Shakespeare Play, *Cymbeline*, Sellitti/Peterson, 9:45am and 7:00pm, APR
- 4 Kindergarten Field Trip: Recycling, 11:00 – 12:00
PTA meeting @ 7:15pm in APR Babysitting provided
- 5 National PTA Teacher Day
- 7 Kindergarten Visiting Day (Registration)
- 10 Fourth Grade Field Trip: Baltimore Museum of Industry
- 10-11 MSA Science Testing, Grade 5
- 12 Safety Patrol Picnic, Montgomery County Fairgrounds
- 13 Cultural Arts Assembly: A Cappella, 9:15 – 10:15am
- 18 Chorus and Advanced Band/Orchestra Concert, 2:00pm and 7:30pm, APR
- 19-21, 25-26 Fifth Grade Family Life, Human Sexuality and Disease Prevention and Control Unit
- 20 Beginner Instrumental Music Concert, 7:30pm, APR
- 26 Kindergarten Circus, Dress Rehearsal
- 27 Kindergarten Circus Performance
- 31 Memorial Day: Schools Closed

SAFETY PATROL RECRUITING SEASON OPENS

The fourth quarter at Cold Spring is a busy time of year for the Safety Patrols. **The process of choosing next year's officers, planning for the safety patrol picnic at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds (May 12), and preparing for the final celebration -- the pizza party -- is currently underway.**

During this season, the **current patrols train third and fourth graders interested in joining the force next year. Any third and fourth graders willing to dedicate themselves to maintaining a safe Cold Spring environment are invited to attend our patrol meetings on April 8th, April 15th, and April 22nd.** Those who decide to work with us in the 2010-2011 school year will have the opportunity to train under the student experts for 2-3 weeks in the month of April. We look forward to meeting the potential backbone of the Cold Spring Safety Patrol Force!

2009-10 TESTING SCHEDULES

The remaining 2009-10 testing dates areas follows:

MSA

Science

May 10 and 11

Grade 5

TERRA NOVA SCHEDULE

TerraNova II

April 26 – April 30

Grade 2

Please remember to schedule all appointments around these dates.

COLD SPRING HEARTS FOR HAITI CONCLUDES

The Cold Spring PTA and the SGA have been joining forces to assist the people of Haiti. SGA representatives have been selling heart-themed items as pencils, erasers, and stickers to raise money for those unfortunate victims of the recent earthquake. The cost of each item ranges from \$.25 to one dollar. All proceeds will be sent to American Red Cross.

If you and your child(ren) wish to participate in Hearts for Haiti, please note that this fundraiser will end this Thursday. The SGA has already raised \$1,000 for the unfortunate earthquakes victims of Haiti.

Thank you for your participation in this worthwhile fundraiser. Special thanks to Mrs. Allison Peterson, who coordinated this event, faculty and staff who donated money to cover the expenses for all the items, the SGA for selling the items, and the Cold Spring community for donating to this worthy cause.

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Please note that the Pennies for Patients fundraiser will be starting in April. More information will be forthcoming.

TRANSFER SEASON ENDS -- April 1

Montgomery County parents who wish to request a transfer for their children from their regularly assigned school may begin the transfer process during the upcoming transfer season, which will be held from **February 1 through April 1, 2010**. Students in Montgomery County Public Schools are assigned to a school on the basis of their place of residence and are expected to attend their home school. Transfers of students from one school to another are permitted under limited circumstances.

The transfer process begins in the home school, where parents may obtain a transfer request form and an information booklet that describes the process and provides useful information about the process. Transfer forms and information booklets will be available in schools beginning the first week of February.

Every effort will be made to notify parents of the transfer decision by May 15. For more information about the transfer process, parents are asked to contact the principal of their home school.

Non-English speaking parents may receive more information on the transfer process and booklet by calling the Spanish Hotline (301-230-3073), the Asian Hotline (301-230-5436), and the ESOL Parent Center (301-230-0674).

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Apr. 8 - 14

April 8, 9, 12, 13, and 14, Cold Spring students will participate in the Jump Rope for Heart during their P.E. classes.

This event is sponsored by the American Heart Association. It is a fun and meaningful way for students to improve their physical fitness while supporting a worthwhile cause. See attached flyer for details.

REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED

Apr. 14

All MCPS students will be receiving their third quarter report cards on Wednesday, April 14th. Please sign and return the envelope as soon as possible.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY

Apr. 21

Join us in recognizing our world-renowned secretaries – Mrs. Plakas and Mrs. Camardese - during the entire week of April 19- 23. In particular, we would like to take notice of the outstanding efforts of these two ladies on April 21st – National Administrative Professionals' Day. Their contributions to the smooth operations of our school are unfathomable! We express our deepest appreciation to the amazing Mrs. Plakas and Mrs. Camardese!

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

Apr. 22

On April 22, MCPS permits students to participate in "Take Your Child to Work Day". On this day, parents traditionally expose their child(ren) to life in the workplace. **If you wish to take your child to work with you on that**

day, please send in a note the day before. This is required by MCPS for your child's absence to be excused. For your convenience, an excused absence form is attached to this Principal's Newsletter.

14TH ANNUAL SCIENCE EXPO PLANNED

Apr. 28

Cold Spring's 14th Annual Science Expo will be held on Wednesday evening, April 28, from 6:00 – 8:00pm. All students are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile event.

PTA MEETING SCHEDULED

May 4

The next Cold Spring PTA meeting for the 2009 – 2010 school year will be held on Tuesday, May 4. The meeting will begin at 7:15pm sharp. Babysitting services will be provided.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

May 7

On Friday, May 7, 2010, from 9:15 – 2:30pm, Cold Spring will host its annual Kindergarten Orientation. Please note that **kindergarten classes will be cancelled on that day**. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2010 to be eligible. A form is attached to this Principal's Newsletter.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

CAREER DAY

Cold Spring's annual Career Day will be held Thursday, April 15th 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 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.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

NATIONAL SPELLING BEE SUCCESS

Congratulations to Karis Ryu in her success at the regional level of the National Spelling Bee. In a competition featuring students in the region from third through eighth grade, Karis finished in second place! If the first place champion can't participate, Karis will participate in the National Spelling Bee. Cold Spring is very proud of its champion speller!

COLD SPRING SAFETY PATROL OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

The Cold Spring 2010 -2011 Safety Patrol Officers have been determined. Congratulations to the following selected students:

- Leeor Gorev
- Karis Ryu
- Nate Freishtat
- Luke Russell
- Annie Zhao
- Daniel Pyo

SCHOOL INFORMATION

MCPS ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ART FAIR

The MCPS Elementary and Middle School Art Fair will be held April 21-25, 2010 at White Flint Mall.

This exhibition is a wonderful opportunity for all to see displays of artwork from every elementary and middle school in the county, including Cold Spring. The show will be open the following dates:

- Wednesday, 4/21, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 4/22-24, 10:00a.m.-9:00p.m.
- Sunday, 4/25, noon-5:00 p.m.

The Cold Spring display will be on the first floor near the Ann Taylor store in the hallway with Bloomingdales. Come and enjoy the talent of our young MCPS artists.

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.

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. 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, 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.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Barnett,
Principal

The next Principal's Newsletter will be issued on Thursday, April 15, 2010

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Dear Cold Spring Family:

On **Friday, May 7, 2010 from 9:15 – 2:30pm**, Cold Spring will welcome prospective Kindergarten students for the 2010 – 2011 school year. **Children who are five years old on or before September 1, 2010 and who live in our attendance boundaries, should be brought to our Kindergarten Registration on May 7, 2010.**

If you have a prospective Kindergartner for the coming school year, please complete and return the form below. If you do not, would you please pass this letter and form along to a neighbor who does have a child eligible for Kindergarten enrollment. Your help is greatly appreciated in reaching out to our neighbors who do not yet have children in school.

When we receive your completed form, we will contact you to set up your appointment for the May 7 registration. Additional forms and registration information will be given to you prior to May 7. You are asked to complete all forms and bring them with you to your registration appointment.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Barnett,
Principal

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM

_____ Child's Legal Name	_____ Preferred Nickname	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Child's Social Security Number		_____ Gender
_____ Child's Home Address		_____ Home Telephone
_____ Mother/Legal Guardian Name		_____ Work Telephone
_____ Father/Legal Guardian Name		_____ Work Telephone

Cold Spring Elementary School



**Take Your Child To Work Day
School Absentee Form**

As in past years, MCPS again will be participating in the **“Take Your Child to Work Day”** event scheduled for Thursday, April 22. This day will be a valuable experience for each child who attends.

Below, please identify the name of the child/student who will be participating in this program, and the name of his/her parent or guardian granting permission for the child/student to be absent from school on this day – **Thursday, April 22.**

Student’s Name _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____

School Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Jump Rope for Heart

Parents,

Our students are practicing jumping rope and other jumping skills to get ready for our annual ***Jump Rope for Heart*** April 8th- April 14th in support of the ***American Heart Association***. All students participate in the jump event as part of their physical education program.

This is also a fund raising event. I am sending home collection envelopes for students that wish to participate in the fund raising part of the event. Participation in the fund raising part of the event is voluntary. If your student wishes to participate, you will need to sign the permission slip and place it in the envelope with any donations. Be sure to check the form for newer options for fund raising like online donating. There is no need to return permission slips if your student is not collecting money. This year I am also asking that parents make sure that students do not send loose change, and if possible, **please convert cash to a check.**

On the specific jump day (regular PE day, unless notified), I am asking that students wear sneakers and loose fitting clothes that allow them to move freely. I will allow students to take trips to the water fountain as needed, so water bottles should not be brought in.

We are all looking forward to the event. One final tidbit: **If Cold Spring reaches our goal of 10,000 dollars, Mr. Robison is prepared to bleach his hair blond! ...And new this year, If we reach 5,000 dollars, Mr. Funkhouser is prepared to shave off his beard.**

Thank You,

**Mr. Robison
Physical Education
Cold Spring Elementary**

AUDITIONS FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON !

Auditions for the **Children's Chorus of Washington's** 2009-2010 season will be held by appointment only and on the following dates: **Tuesdays, March 31, April 14 and 21; Fridays, April 3 and 17 and Saturdays, April 25 and May 9.** The auditions will be open to girls and boys with unchanged voices, ages 9-16. Auditions are easy – no preparation or experience is necessary to audition, just a love of singing! Tuition scholarships are provided to all students in need. Now in its 13th year, CCW was founded by former Chevy Chase Elementary School music teacher, Joan Gregoryk. CCW choristers have exciting and prestigious performance opportunities, including international tours and performances with the NSO and adult choruses at venues like the Kennedy Center and Strathmore. **To schedule an audition, call the Chorus Office at (202) 237-1005.**

Wootton High School Center for the Arts

Presents

BYE BYE BIRDIE

**Friday April 16th & 23rd and Saturday April 17th & 24th at 7:30pm and
Sunday April 18th and 25th at 2:00pm**

Tickets are \$15 for reserved seating and \$10 for general admission and can be purchased at the Wootton Box Office Monday April 12th through Thursday April 22nd from 3-6 pm, and two hours before show times on performance days.

Tickets may also be purchased online at:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/woottonhs/woottonShop/wShopOne.html> (and click on the "Center for the Arts" heading)

Bye Bye Birdie is the ultimate feel good musical and is the winner of four 1961 Tony Awards, including Best Musical. *Bye Bye Birdie* is based on the book by Michael Steward, with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Lee Adams.

It revolves around rock 'n' roll superstar Conrad Birdie (based on Elvis Presley), who, to the dismay of his adoring fans, is about to be drafted into the army. As part of one last publicity stunt cooked up by his agent, Albert Peterson, Conrad Birdie promises to give a good-bye kiss to one lucky girl from Sweet Apple, Ohio, on "The Ed Sullivan Show." But things don't go quite as planned and when Birdie arrives in this little town, the population goes crazy and the ensuing madness leads to some uproarious complications and creates a memorable and captivating finale. The upbeat score features "How Lovely To Be a Woman," "The Telephone Hour," "Put On A Happy Face," "A Lot of Livin' To Do," and "One Last Kiss."

Directed by Mr. Adam Graham with vocal direction provided by Ms. Jacqueline Serratore, Wootton's production features the talents of Alex Garretson as Albert Peterson, Helena Farhi as Rosie, Jonathan Helwig as Conrad Birdie, Lauren Fagan as Kim MacAfee, Julia Wainger as Mae Peterson and Gavin Kramar as Hugo Peabody. The leads are well supported by a talented cast of forty five additional students. Under the instrumental direction of Ms. Carolyn Herman, Wootton musicians will provide top-notch, live accompaniment.

For more information, please call 301-279-8581. Wootton High School is located at 2100 Wootton Pkwy., Rockville, MD 20850.