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Cold Spring Elementary School

Who's ready for the first week of school? I sure am! Summer was full of fun and adventure, but there's something exciting about getting back into the swing of routines. They set us up for a strong start and a successful year ahead. I'm wishing each of you a wonderful first day and an amazing first week—let's kick off this school year with lots of energy, smiles, and PRIDE!

1st Week Reminders

Let's work together to support a positive and safe first week back! See our school reminders below.

- Instruction begins promptly at 9:00am. Staff will be on duty beginning at 8:45am.
- If your child would like to buy breakfast or lunch from school, please create an account and make sure they have money to purchase. Click [HERE](#) to read about MCPS' meal payment process.
- Please review all information in our [Summer Mailer](#) or on the Cold Spring website under Back To School Information. We will have staff ready to assist your child. **Please be patient the first week as we want to ensure everyone arrives and is dismissed safely.** Follow our Cold Spring "[Rules of the Road](#)" safety procedures if you are a car rider.
- Access our Cold Spring Family Handbook [HERE](#).

Parent Tips: Transitioning Back to School

Help yourself and help your student! The list below are great tips to keep in mind when returning to school and setting up routines!

- **Set Up a Launch Pad** – Create a designated spot at home for backpacks, lunchboxes, and school materials to make mornings easier.
- **Talk About the Excitement** – Share positive conversations about what's ahead—new teachers, friends, and fun learning opportunities.
- **Create a Calm Morning Plan** – Prep lunches, snacks, and outfits the night before to keep mornings less stressful.
- **Fuel Up** – Make sure kids have a healthy breakfast to start the day focused and ready to learn.
- **Practice Independence** – Encourage children to pack their own bag, tie their shoes, or double-check their homework to build confidence.
- **Review Safety & Routines** – Walk or drive the route to school, review bus stops, and talk about dismissal procedures together.
- **Stay Connected** – Check teacher newsletters, school emails, and the website so your family is in the loop.
- **Create After-School Space** – Set aside time to talk about the day—what went well, what was tricky, and what they're excited about tomorrow.
- **Celebrate the Little Wins** – Whether it's surviving the first morning drop-off or finishing a first homework assignment, celebrate progress!

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Thank You, PTA

Our staff sends a heartfelt thank you to the PTA for their generous support this past week during the first week back in the building. We received a delicious lunch from The Bean Bag on Wednesday and a Cafe Rio dinner on Thursday. With so much to do to prepare for students, this was so appreciated!

A Thank You from Ms. Okoroha

Ms. Okoroha extends her heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful community for the generous supply drive organized last year in support of her home country, Nigeria. The donations were delivered to her village and made a meaningful impact on the students there. The picture to the right highlights the school, students, and teachers who were deeply appreciative of the supplies they received.



From the Cold Spring PTA



PLEASE JOIN THE PTA FOR THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR- Flyer [HERE](#)

Our PTA supports academic needs for the students, is an active voice on decisions that impact your child, and builds a stronger, more inclusive school community.

Cold Spring ES PTA supports the teachers, staff, and students – which is why your support is needed now more than ever. We invite you to join the PTA because we can do

more together than apart.

Visit here to join: <https://coldspringes-pta.membershiptoolkit.com/>

First PTA Meeting, Tuesday, 9/2

Please join us for our first PTA meeting of the year on Tuesday, 7 p.m. in person at Cold Spring.

Back to School Bash, Thursday, 9/4, Flyer [HERE](#)

Join us on the Cold Spring blacktop and playground as we celebrate the start of an amazing school year. We will have games, inflatables, a photo booth, face painting, a balloon artist and free cotton candy. Potomac Pizza and Ice Cream Truck treats will be available for purchase (cash or paypal).

PTA Calendar

Check out the most current PTA calendar [HERE](#) for all upcoming events (dates are subject to change)

Before/After School Activities

We have lots of great options for before and after school activities. Below is a list of the activities options for the fall.

- Monday– Secret Agent Lab, Cheer Madness, Ovarions Theater School Play
- Tuesday– flag football clinic, Lego robotics, comic creation club, mudskippers pottery

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- Wednesday– After School Soccer, Chess Club, Creative Writing Club, Elementary Drawing
- Thursday– Basketball Clinic, Stem Adventure, Cooking Class, Ovarions Theater School Play
- Friday– Before School Chess, Book Club, Tennis Clinic

Cheer Madness Registration:

<https://www.cheerstartshere.com/shop/p/cold-spring-elementary-school-cheerleading>

Ovarions Theater School Play Registration coming Soon

Registration for all Other Activities: <https://schools.kiddo.us/s/coldspring-md>

Coming Up This Week:



- August 25th - Transition Day for K and 4th Grade Center students
- August 26th - Happy 1st Day of School!
- August 27th - Dr. Taylor visits Cold Spring
- August 28th - Practice Fire Drill, 9:45am