WELCOME UNDER TO COLD SPRING ELEMENTARY

August 2023

Dear Cold Spring Families,

We are so excited to take this opportunity to welcome each of you and your families to Cold Spring Elementary School! As Cold Spring Home and School Board Members, it is among our responsibilities to talk with you about what we do, let you know you are already in the club, and encourage you to be as pumped as we are about supporting our school. Welcome to Cold Spring Elementary School! We are so happy you are here.

We may say this many times, but it is important for you to know - all parents/guardians of children enrolled at Cold Spring Elementary, as well as administrators and faculty, are members of the Home and School Association (HSA). We are thrilled to welcome you to not only a wonderful school, but a warm, welcoming community of amazing, staff, incredible students, and a group of parents who care and willingly volunteer their time for the betterment of the students.

Cold Spring Elementary's Home and School Association (HSA) assists in building a vibrant school community for our students, parents/guardians and teachers, and are committed to enhancing the educational and social experience of our students by supporting our teachers in the classroom and all staff. We aim to do this by supporting a range of educational, recreational and community-building activities that connect our students and families and maintain positive communication between home and school. The HSA provides educational and family friendly experiences through volunteering and fundraising.

Some of the events we support are our meet the teachers Ice Cream Social, Pretzel Day, the Book Fair, the Book Lovers Ball, Trunk or Treat, Family BINGO Night, Spring Fair and many more! Check out our web page for a full list of committees and events. We welcome all the help we can get and would love it if you'd like to volunteer. There are so many ways to get involved including to become a Board Member when there is an opening, co-chair a committee, volunteer on a committee, or just help out with individual segments of events by signing up for a slot on one of our sign up genius'. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee please fill out our form or email us at <u>coldspringhsa@gmail.com</u>. We appreciate you all! Cold Spring wouldn't be the amazing community it is without all of you helping!

Several years ago, in an effort to reduce the amount of paper and ink we were using, we changed our communication methods to email from the school and our website <u>here.</u> Several times a year we publish a newsletter that Mr. Cochran will share with families. We'd also like to highlight there is a Cold Spring Elementary Home and School Association Facebook Page that we maintain where you can follow for updates. There is also a parent-led Facebook Group called <u>CBSD Cold Spring Parents</u> where parents/guardians and caregivers can ask questions and see updates other parents/guardians are sharing. If you'd like to contact us directly, again, please email <u>coldspringhsa@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you for taking the time to read our welcome letter. We look forward to meeting you at school and wish you all the best year yet!

Sincerely,

Rhonda Ragona, Co-President Tonianne Hall, Co-President Amanda Andriola, Vice President Marielba Santana, Co-Treasurer Angela Cook, Co-Treasurer Divya Cyril, Secretary

