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HSA HAPPENINGS

Official Newsletter of Cold Spring Elementary HSA

Jaguar News



As we share this issue of our newsletter, we are almost at the halfway point in the school year and we take a look back on all of the fun and exciting moments from the 2021/22 year so far, plus a look ahead to what is coming up!

It's been a busy start to the school year at Cold Spring, and it's been so exciting to be back in school in person for some of our favorite fun events and fundraisers. We kicked off the year with our Scholastic Book Fair, which raised over \$3,000, most of which will go back into library resources at our school.

Next came the Apex Leadership program that took place over two weeks in October and concluded with a sponsored Fun Run when students collectively ran over 17,000 laps! This was by far the biggest fundraiser that we have ever held at Cold Spring, raising over \$30,000 to go towards our goal to build an outdoor classroom on the campus. We would like to sincerely thank all of our families for their generous sponsorship.

Aside from fundraisers, we also had a return of many fun activities at Cold Spring such as the Halloween parade, the Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Trunk or Treat. The much-loved Holiday Shop was back in December, and students had so much fun shopping for friends and family. We also supported the Red Cross Blood Drive, a very worthwhile community event, that was very successful.

We rang in the new year with a chilly, but fun celebration to mark opening of the new playground with a hot cocoa bar that was enjoyed by all. January also saw Family Bingo Night return to Cold Spring with both in-person and virtual options that allowed the entire community to participate.

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents that supported these events and volunteered to help out and make them possible. We couldn't do it without you! Read on for further updates and to see what the rest of the year has in store!



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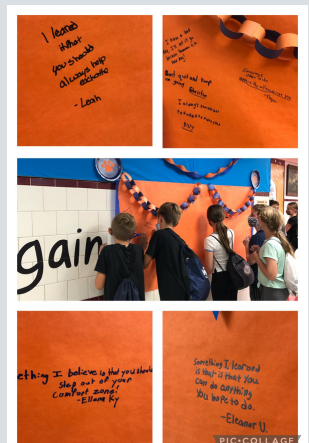
Event Highlights

School Profit \$30,377 <small>*plus potential \$1,867 in corporate matching</small>	Number of Pledges 1136
Funds raised to be used for An Outdoor Classroom	
Leadership Lessons Taught 168 <small>*28 classes/day x 6 lessons</small>	Total Laps Ran 17,735 Total Miles Ran 1,108

Students had fun running laps while helping to earn funds to build our outdoor classroom



AS ONE Leadership Quest & Fun Run

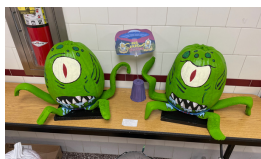


Students share the leadership lessons they learned



Trunk or Treat, Pumpkins & Halloween

How fun Halloween was at Cold Spring this year! We had some fantastic creative entries in the Great Pumpkin Decorating Competition, some spooktacular costumes in our Halloween parade, and what a fun night was had at Trunk or Treat. Thanks to all our wonderful teachers that joined in the fun and handed out candy to the delighted students. It was so good to have the whole community join together for our first in person event since before the pandemic.



Great Pumpkin Competition Finalists



The Cold Spring Pumpkin Patch
 Special thanks to McArdes Holiday Farm for donating the hay bales and pumpkins to all the teachers that took part



Dancing the night away at Trunk or Treat

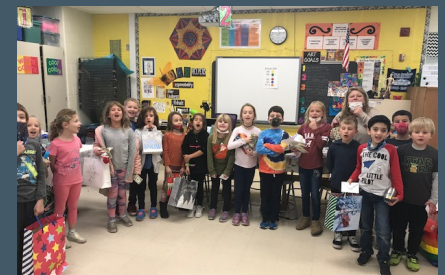


Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop was a great success this year, and students enjoyed shopping for holiday gifts for their families, friends and even pets!



Kid's favorites



First Graders enjoy the Holiday Shop

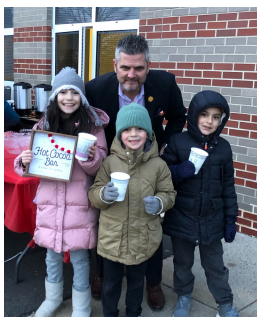




Event Highlights

Playground Opening Celebration

Cold Spring rang in the new year with a chilly but fun afternoon finally celebrating the opening of our new playground. Students and families braved the freezing temperatures to check out the new play equipment and hang out with friends after school. The Family Fun committee provided a Hot Cocoa Bar to warm everyone up and sweeten the afternoon. Thank you to all those that volunteered to help set up, serve the hot chocolate and clean up afterwards.



6th Grade Social Club

The sixth grade social club was reinstated this year, and what an awesome time these students are having in their final year of elementary school. We kicked off the year with Kickball at Cold Spring, then we had a Haunted Hayride, which was not for the faint-hearted, then Glo-bowling, Ice skating and Snow Tubing! So many more fun activities are still planned. Thank you so much to those sixth grade parents that have planned and organized these fun events.



Upcoming Dates

Fri 2/11/22 - Skyzone
 Fri 3/18/22 - Roller Skating
 Fri 4/22/22 - Hellericks
 Thur 5/12/22 - Freddy Hill Mini Golf



End of Year Party - Thur 6/9/22
 (6-8pm) at Newtown Athletic Club
 Watch out for flyers and information on all events

Bingo Night

Bingo was so much fun this year! With over 100 families in person at school and many participating virtually on Teams, it was a great community event for all. Thanks to Mr. Finger for the dad jokes and all the Teachers who gave their time to be there. There were lots of winners and fun prizes!





Committee Updates

Hospitality



The hospitality committee planned a fabulous brunch for all of our staff during the December conferences, which they all loved. Thanks to all your generous donations, the faculty lounge remains stocked with drinks, snacks and refreshments that are most appreciated. The committee also hosted a Health & Wellness morning recently to show support to our staff during these challenging times.



Garden Club



The Garden Club had a busy fall, weeding and cleaning up all the beds before winter. The first graders planted spring bulbs in some of the beds as part of a project, and we can't wait to see the pretty spring flowers pop up soon. Committee members are looking ahead, and have been busy gathering seeds and winter sowing so that we will have some new plants to add to our flower beds in spring. Thank you to all that have volunteered to help with these projects.

Boomerang Youth Recognition Award

Cold Spring has relaunched the Boomerang Youth Recognition Award program this year, and we are so thrilled that we have already had two district winners! Congratulations to 4th graders Madison Markowitz, who won the October award for School Engagement and 6th grader Christian Kwasnieski, who won the December award for Responsibility. Cold Spring is proud of both of you! Watch our for the monthly asset information and nominate a deserving student today.



Madison Markowitz wins the October #22 Asset for School Engagement



Christian Kwasnieski wins the December #30 Asset for Responsibility



Teacher Experience Auction

Thank you to all of our wonderful Teachers who generously donated some awesome experiences for our recent Silent Auction fundraiser.

Parents battled it out over a number of days to bid on their favorites, and we raised a grand total of \$2,423 for HSA related activities. WOW!



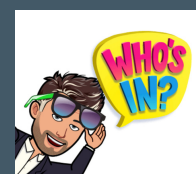
These are some of the fantastic items that featured were:



Assistant Principal
Assistant PE Teacher
Singer/Songwriter Session
After School Painting Party
Eggos & Legos
Jenga Competition
Game of Horse
Jewelry Making
Craft Session
Pizza Lunches
Ice Cream Party
Day at the Movies



Thank you to all that participated





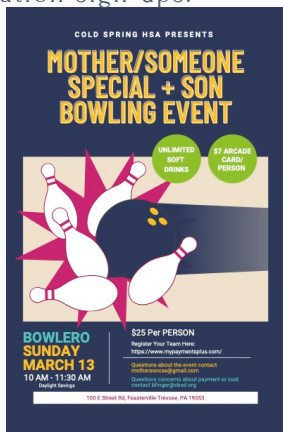
Upcoming Events

Father/Someone Special-Daughter Dance

This year's dance will take place on Saturday, February 26 from 6.30-9pm at Cold Spring and will have a Candyland theme.

The committee are working hard to plan a fabulous evening for the girls and their special guests.

Tickets are currently on sale through MyPayments Plus, one ticket per family. We will need lots of help on the night, so please watch out for volunteer and food donation sign-ups.



Mother/Someone Special-Son Event

The boys and their special guests will head to Bowlero in Feasterville on Sunday, March 13 from 10-11.30am for some bowling and fun games. More information coming soon.

Spring Fair - Friday, May 20

The Spring Fair committee is already planning this family favorite event that will take place at Cold Spring at the end of the school year. It's going to be so much fun, we really can't wait!

This year's fair will feature

- Inflatable Attractions
- DJ & MC
- Dunk the Teacher
- Cake Walk
- Raffle Baskets
- Silent Auction

If you have a business that you would like to showcase at the event, please let us know. We have lots of sponsorship opportunities.

We also need lots of help! If you would like to join the committee, please email coldspringhsa@gmail.com for more information.



Mark your calendar!

Upcoming events and important dates to remember:

Saturday, Feb 26
Father/Someone Special - Daughter Dance at Cold Spring
6.30-9pm

Sunday, March 13
Mother/Someone Special-Son Event at Bowlero
10-11.30am

2-6 May 2022
Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday, May 20
Spring Fair at Cold Spring
5.30-8.30pm





Fundraising Update

The HSA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that funds the activities we support at our school through a variety of fundraising events and initiatives. In addition to funding the many fun activities that help foster a vibrant school community at Cold Spring, we also help finance many educational resources such as library, assemblies, magazines and periodicals, classroom enhancements and equipment, class projects, playground accessories, garden club and staff appreciation initiatives. We cannot do this without the funds we raise during the school year, and we are thankful for the support of our generous families.

This year, we have set ourselves an ambitious goal to raise \$50,000 over the next two years to help fund the building of an Outdoor Classroom on our school grounds to benefit every student for many years to come. Our fundraising campaign has got off to a great start this school year, with a mix of fundraisers that contribute to both the outdoor classroom fund and HSA activities.

Sept - Apparel Sale \$1,385
Sept - Book Fair \$3,000
Oct - Apex Fun Run \$33,377
Nov - Jules/Lovebird Dine & Donate \$250
Nov - Pampered Chef Sale \$575 (plus sponsored prizes for Spring Fair)
Jan - Teacher Experience Auction \$2,423



We are looking forward to some other great fundraisers planned for the rest of this year.

Feb - Apparel Sale
Mar - Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Sale
May - Spring Fair

Fundraising Survey

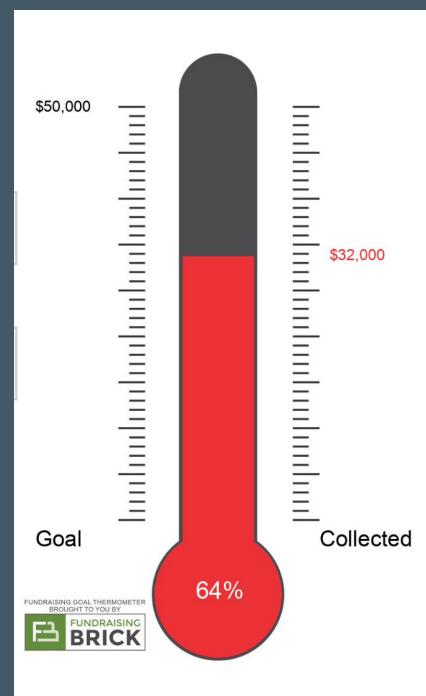
In December, the HSA conducted a survey that asked parents for feedback on fundraising at Cold Spring, the types of fundraisers that we provide, and what kinds of fundraisers people would like to see at our school.

Thank you to all of the families that responded and provided honest, valuable feedback. We have evaluated all of the results and comments, and will take these into account when planning our fundraising calendar for the next school year. A summary of the data analysis can be viewed on the Home and School page of the school website under the fundraising section.

As always, we welcome ideas for fundraising initiatives and we appreciate those parents that volunteer their time and efforts to make these events possible and successful for our school. We truly could not do what we do without your support. Thank you!



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FUND



Our goal for our Outdoor Classroom fund is to raise \$50,000 over the next two years.

A portion of proceeds from all fundraisers will go towards this fund, but a portion is also allocated to meet the operating costs of the HSA and funding the activities we support.

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