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HSA HAPPENINGS

Official Newsletter of Cold Spring Elementary HSA

What a great year!



What a year it has been for Cold Spring Jaguars!

We started this school year full of excitement to return to 'normal' and bring back all of the fun events and activities that had been on pause during the pandemic. We had a great plan to fundraise to build our very own outdoor classroom at Cold Spring, and we planned many events to help us reach this goal. Well, we did all of this, and more!

Thanks to the generous support from our families and local community, we exceeded all of our fundraising goals this year. We are thrilled to share that we have raised 75% of the funds that are required to start work on our outdoor classroom project, and applications for planning and surveys will commence in the coming months. The plan is to have the main construction work completed over the summer of 2023. With the support of the school district, we will continue to work towards making this goal a reality over the next year, and we will keep you updated as plans develop.

Since our last edition of this newsletter we have had awesome Father-Daughter and Mother-Son special guest events, many 6th grade social events, a triumphant iRun4Life program and despite the rain, our most successful Spring Fair ever! We also honored and showed appreciation to our Teachers and Support Staff, Nurses, Bus Drivers, Custodians and Administrative Professionals.

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents that supported our events and volunteered throughout the year. We always say it, but we really couldn't do it without you!

Happy Summer everyone!



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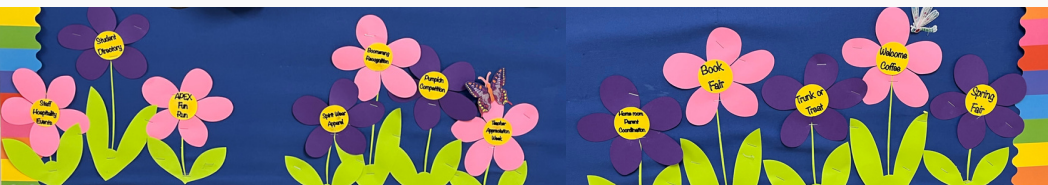
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We bid farewell to outgoing Co-President, Emily Kiernan, and thank her for her valuable contributions to the board, and welcome to Marielba Santana who joins the board as Check-writing Treasurer.

Please feel free to reach out to any of us with questions or to share ideas. We'd love to hear from you!
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Event Highlights

Mother (Someone Special) - Son Event

The boys and their moms or special guests had a fun Sunday morning at Bowlero in March, bowling and enjoying some friendly competition! The event was well attended and a big hit with the boys and their special guests.



6th Grade Social Club

The sixth grade social club was busy this Spring, with events at Sky Zone, Hellericks, Skating at Inline 309, Mini Golf at Freddy Hill Farms and an awesome end of year party at Newtown Athletic Club.

Thank you so much to those sixth grade parents that have planned and organized these fun events and made this such a memorable year for our graduating class.

Congratulations CSE class of 2022 graduates on your promotion to middle school.



Father (Someone Special) - Daughter Dance

Cold Spring was magically turned into Candyland for the annual Father (Someone Special) Daughter dance in February. Almost 200 families registered for this spectacular evening that featured themes from the boardgame like Candy Castle, Chocolate Mountain, Lollipop Woods, Peppermint Pass and Gummi Hills. The girls were so excited to feast on the sweet treats and dance the night away with their friends and special guests led by our DJ & MC. Special thanks to the committee that worked tirelessly on the decorations and planning to make this a night to remember for Cold Spring families

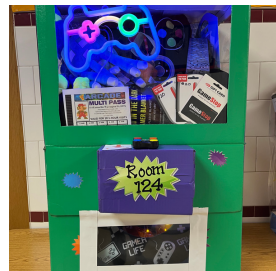




Spring Fair



The annual Spring Fair took place in May and featured an online Silent Auction, Classroom Raffle Baskets, Cake Walk, Dunk the Teacher, Board Breaking, DJ & Dancing, Food Trucks, Jake the Jaguar in the Selfie Station and Family Fun activities. It was SO much fun! Unfortunately, the rain earlier in the afternoon meant we could not have any outdoor inflatables at the event, but the company kindly brought them back for us to use at Beach Day. Yay! Teachers were dunked, cakes were won, raffle tickets were bought and sold, and in total, we raised over \$16,000 for our Outdoor Classroom fund. Go Cold Spring Jaguars!



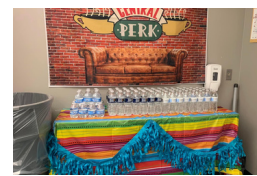
iRun4Life

The iRun4Life program started in March, and over 130 kids signed up to run every Tuesday after school to focus on healthy habits and to train for the Kids Only 3k Race at Kids Castle in May. As well as running each week, kids were able to earn rewards for training miles and good deeds each week. It was a lot of fun, and all of those laps and miles paid off as Cold Spring was well represented in the race. Special thanks to the committee for running this program, and to all of the volunteers that helped each week.



Hospitality

The hospitality committee planned a delicious mini sandwich lunch during conferences for Teachers, plus a Friends-themed coffee bar and Taco lunch during Teacher Appreciation week. Teachers and staff loved the fun themes and felt the love!



Garden Club

The Garden Club has been busy this Spring, weeding and preparing all of the flower beds for the seedlings that were grown over the winter. The spring bulbs that bloomed earlier in spring have now given way for new growth which is looking awesome. A special event on Earth Day invited families to a clean up day to promote working together for a greener planet. Families weeded, chalked the walk and were rewarded with pretzels. But mostly, they weeded! Garden Club members supported the kids on Bucket Day as they spread mulch on the flower beds. You can help keep our gardens beautiful at Cold Spring. Watch out for a sign up for weeding days during the summer.



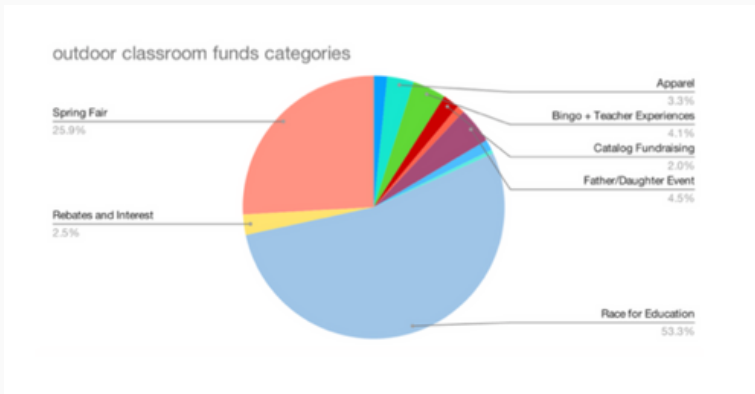
Fundraising Update

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. The 2021/22 school year was a busy year for fundraising as we worked towards our goal to raise funds over the next two years to build our very own multi purpose outdoor classroom at Cold Spring.

Our calendar included a mix of events, which kicked off with a fun run and leadership program in partnership with Apex Leadership, our annual Bingo and Spring Fair events plus many other smaller fundraisers. All funds raised went directly towards supporting HSA funded activities and initiatives at our school, with surplus funds for the year going into our Outdoor Classroom fund.

We are so thrilled that at the end of the 2021/22 school year, we are in a position to make a deposit payment of almost \$60,000 to start this project. Planning and permits will begin in the fall, and work will hopefully be scheduled to commence over the summer of 2023. Reaching this goal has taken a tremendous effort on the part of the HSA along with the support of Mr. Finger, teachers and our families.

The graphic below shows a breakdown of the events and fundraisers, and how each of them contributed to the achievement of this goal.

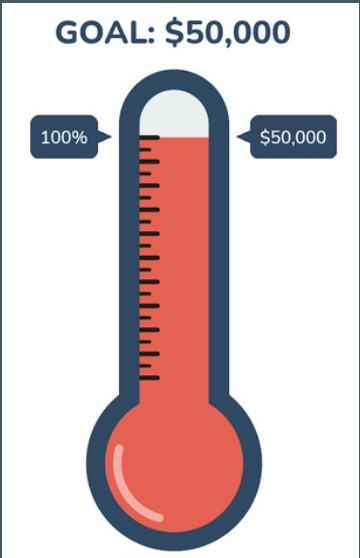


In response to a survey of parents earlier this year, our fundraising plan for 2022/23 will comprise mainly smaller school led fundraisers along with some favorite annual events, Bingo and Spring Fair. We will be introducing regular Pretzel days and a new Art Smart fundraiser just in time for the Holidays. Stay tuned for more information.

We are always looking for new fundraising opportunities. If you have an idea that you would like to share, please email coldspringhsa@gmail.com



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FUND



Our goal for our Outdoor Classroom was to raise \$50,000 over two years in order to start the project. We are fortunate to have been able to achieve this in one year.

We will continue to raise funds to support this project through the construction stage, and into the design and fit out of the structure.

A portion of proceeds from all fundraisers will go towards the fund for the outdoor classroom but a portion will also go towards the operating costs of the HSA and funding the activities we support.

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