THE PRINCIPAL’S PEN

As the second semester is underway, we encourage families to talk with their students and celebrate successes, as well as discuss those areas which represent areas for focus in the second semester. Part of this supportive conversation is to sit and talk with your student about his/her report card. Report cards are now available with anytime access through ParentVue and StudentVue. Having had the chance to talk with some students about their progress, it is interesting to hear their perspective on goals they have set for themselves and what they see themselves needing to do to take those next steps. This is also a helpful target for any mid-year parent-teacher conferences as well. It is always our intent to be working together as we support students at school and home.

During the period of February 11-28, LCPS will sending via email the Annual Parent Survey. The survey will include survey items within the categories of Academic Support, Communications, Home-School Relationships and Safety. The survey will help us examine areas that we are doing well and those which we can improve in order to help each student in our school be successful. Last year, your feedback helped us examine ways in which we could continue enhancing our PBIS program, grow student ownership of learning, among other areas. Positive comments as well as suggestions are important to us! Thank you in advance for your participation in this year’s survey.

We are looking forward to our first ever talent show—Cool Spring’s Got Talent—coming up on Feb.22! Participating students will be contacted about a rehearsal on Feb. 19. All families are welcome to attend, regardless of participation in the event.

Lastly, we will hold a ‘Seuss Spirit Week from Feb. 25-Mar. 1, which culminates with Dr. Seuss’s birthday and Read Across America Day! Each day will be paired with a Dr. Seuss read aloud for students to enjoy. The schedule is as follows:

25th: Hat Day
26th: Shirt with Words you can Read
27th: Wear Green
28th: Crazy Socks Day
Mar. 1: Stuffed Animal Day/Wear clothing with animals

Fondly,

Chris Cadwell
Principal
WINTER WEATHER

When a winter storm is brewing, be sure to stay informed and watch our local TV stations, check the radio and the LCPS website for up to date information. Please do not call the school for closing and delay information. Families will also receive Connect Ed messages regarding any delayed opening or school closure. The following information may be helpful for CSP families:

School Closings: All school activities and activities held in the building will be canceled.

One Hour Delay: All morning buses will run one hour late.

School will end on time.

Grades K-5: 8:50AM-2:35PM
AM ECSE: 8:50-11:50
PM ECSE: 11:35-2:35

Two Hour Delay: All morning buses will run two hours late. School will end on time.

Grades K-5: 9:50AM-2:35PM
AM ECSE: 9:50-12:50
PM ECSE: 12:35-2:35

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SUPER SPELLERS!

Last month, fifth grade students participated in the classroom portion of the Scripps Spelling Bee. The first round, conducted in the classrooms, quizzed students on a variety of words from all sectors of our language. Each classroom then had two finalists who participated in the school Spelling Bee. The finalists were:

Hope Losty
Thomas Greenough
Lucy Adair
Arya Vargas-Mundey
Olivia Brown
Bryson Dibble
Panas Thapa
Sydney Buhler
Sienna Noel
Edgardo Maldonado

Congratulations to Hope Losty, who won the school Spelling Bee competition! She will represent Cool Spring at the Loudoun County Public Schools Spelling Bee at the end of February.
REGISTRATION 2019-2020

For families who have students age eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year, or students who will be enrolling in another grade level, we wanted to share some information regarding the registration timeline. Please note that students currently enrolled at CSP in grades K-5 do not need to re-register for the following school year.

**February 21, 2019:** Online pre-registration opens for all grades; parents may walk in on March 20 or schedule an appointment for March 21 or onward. A face to face appointment will be required even if families begin the registration process online.

**March 20, 2019:** Kindergarten registration begins! This is the first day to conduct elementary registration appointments for the 2019-20 SY.

As a reminder, if you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2019, he/she will be age eligible to enroll in Kindergarten. Registration forms will be available soon for pick up here at Cool Spring. You can also call our office to have forms mailed home to you.

As of Feb. 21, parents may begin to register Kindergarten and new Grades 1-5 students using the online registration system. Information will be available at: [http://www.lcps.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1012](http://www.lcps.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1012).

Thank you for helping us get the word out by passing this information along to neighbors that do not currently have children at Cool Spring, but will be registering for next year’s Kindergarten class or any other grade level.

FRIENDS AND FUN!

Our next PTA Bingo—Friendship Bingo, has been rescheduled for **February 15 at 6:30PM.** Proceeds benefit classrooms in Grades PK/K/2/4. All grade level families are welcome! There will be food, raffle prizes and lots of fun! Students and families are invited to wear pink or red as we extend our valentine fun one extra day! We hope to see you there!

MEAL SUPPORT

Applications for free/reduced meals are available all year long. If your family is in need of assistance, applications can be filled out and submitted. Contact the school office or the LCPS Food Services office at 571-252-1010.

BASKETBALL!

Save the date for PTA Family Basketball Night—March 21 at 6PM @Heritage HS.

Catch all the action! Don’t miss:
* Student cheerleader team
* Fifth Grade students vs Parents
* Fifth grade students vs Faculty
* Free-throw contest, food and more!