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On Nov. 1, we recognized our scholars who are leaders in the classroom with a Leadership hoodie and polo shirt with "I am a Leader" on the back. At the end of every quarter, teachers nominate students who exemplify our City Springs Attributes and Habits daily. Congratulations to these students (pictured above) and to their parents for the role you are playing in raising leaders!

Our 1st quarter leaders: Autumn M., Kyler B., Bai'Lei T., Karson M., Fatima R., Kobi S., Nina S. Seven R. Kori F., Harlym V., Johari M., Dhylin W., Victor V., Raidah H., Sincer'e T., Maliejah L., Kamara W., Asma A., Zyionna C., Motammin A., ArieKlle C., Kashmir B., Marquise A., Angel B., Jean Matheu V., Demetrius B., Aiden S., Kae'lyne T., Dominic S., Aiden B., Armani W. Tori D., and Ashley Rojas V.

Thanks for great Parent-Teacher conferences last month. The tools (left) strengthen communication with your child's teachers and the school. PLEASE make sure your child is in uniform, on time, and ready to learn every day! We can't teach a child who is not at school.

We are grateful for the opportunity to educate and positively impact your child at City Springs!

Respectfully yours,
Dr. Rhonda L. Richetta

Class Spotlight: First Grade

By Ms. Lefever and Ms. Finkel

First grade has had an eventful October! We have learned about the human body in Science and made our own skeletal system that is now hanging from the ceiling on the first floor. We are working on partner reading, which has been really fun. Math is exciting with learning different ways to add numbers. Students can use a number line, make number bonds, and add doubles. We are continuing to work on handwriting and perfecting our letters to have the best handwriting at City Springs.



The Purple Pumpkin Patch

This year, the field trip to a pumpkin patch for our PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st grade scholars had a fun purple twist. Mr. Summers went on a mission to find 100 pumpkins, one for each child. A class of 8th graders unloaded his truck and covered our Purple Field with pumpkins. Thanks, Mr. Summers and 8th grade, for helping to make fall magic for our young scholars!



Community School Coordinator Corner

DRUMROLL... We are excited to announce that Ms. Zinia Mohanta and Ms. Shiquita Scott will be serving as co-chairs of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) this school year. We adopted this co-chair structure as we continue to build a foundation for our City Springs PTO. We plan to revisit elections for President, Vice President, and Secretary at a later date. In the meantime, Ms. Mohanta and Ms. Scott (pictured right) will be sharing those responsibilities. We are looking forward to their continued leadership and initiative.

We Need Your Thoughts!

Please take a moment to fill out the PTO communications form using the QR code (right) to stay up-to-date with everything happening in the PTO. Please also provide your feedback about what day/time works best for our monthly meeting.

NEXT PTO MEETING: Friday, Nov. 22, 9:15am, Cafeteria.
Date/time subject to change based on feedback received.

New Partnership with Weekend Backpacks

Weekend Backpacks, a local food assistance program providing food to students and families over the weekend, is a new partnership through Elev8 Baltimore. REGISTER:

- QR code (right) to fill out the form
- Visit **weekendbackpacks.org**
- Or email atrumino@elev8baltimore.org

Holiday Assistance for Families

Thanks to our gracious volunteers and partnership with Saint Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, we will provide Christmas dinner packages to 50 families this year, delivered on Monday, December 16. Scan the QR code (right) and complete the form if you are interested.

NOTE: With a maximum of 50 dinners available, we cannot guarantee that everyone who completes the form will receive one. Packages will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please email atrumino@elev8baltimore.org with questions.



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Please reach out with questions or other student/family needs. Mr. Trumino and City Springs' community partner, Elev8 Baltimore, are here to help.

PTO Co-Chairs



Ms. Mohanta



Ms. Scott

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Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
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Weekend Backpacks



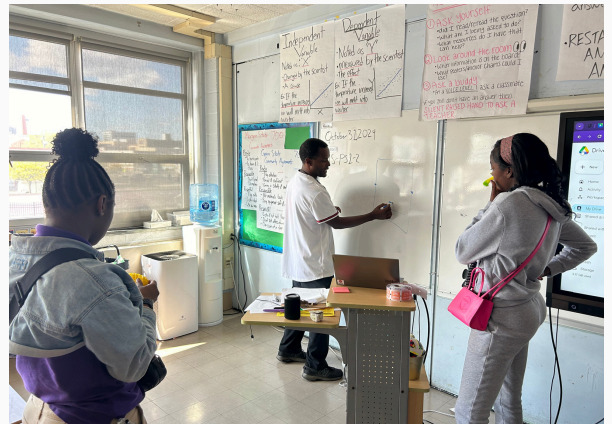
Christmas Dinner Packages



Eagles Fall Sports

Athletics are a big part of our enrichment program at City Springs. This fall, we added a girls flag football team to our fall offerings. The Lady Eagles are 5-3 in their first season! Pictured is Coach Harleston giving a pre-playoffs “chalk talk” to the flag football team.

The boys’ football team is 3-2, soccer teams are practicing, and the Girls on the Run running club is training hard. Please come cheer on our athletes. Game schedules at citysprings.school/events.



Fall Field Trips

Our scholars are enjoying fun, fascinating field trips this fall, exploring some of the best that Baltimore has to offer. The 6th grade had a Field Day at the University of Maryland, College Park and will sail on the Chesapeake Bay with Living Classrooms on Nov. 12. The 5th grade visits Junior Achievement's Biztown program on Nov. 19, a hands-on program where they will be matched to different jobs. Last month, the 8th grade attended *Macbeth* at Chesapeake Shakespeare Company and met with the actors afterwards. The class will study the play this spring. All students were very excited to see the play, an experience made possible through a grant by the Mayor’s Office of Recovery Programs.



What’s the Secret to Your Child’s Success in School?

Making sure that your child is at school every day is the most important thing that parents can do to ensure their child's success, now and well into their future. Every school day, please have your child at City Springs, in uniform, and ready to learn and be an enthusiastic part of our spirited community.

Our goal as a community is zero or one day absent per month. If your child is absent two days each month, they are chronically absent. We understand that there may be issues that create attendance challenges for your family. Every educator at City Springs is here to help! Please contact me directly, and you have my promise that I will do everything within my ability to address and remove any challenges. Together, we can tackle our absenteeism issues!

Spooky Springs: Annual Halloween Costume Parade

Our Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First-Grade classes celebrated Halloween with a Halloween costume parade through the halls of the school where they showed off their costumes and homemade Halloween projects. Shout out to our students, their families, and teachers for bringing the Halloween spirit. There were so many unique and creative costumes!

City Spring's Anti-bullying Focus



At City Springs, we are committed to fostering a school community that promotes inclusion, connection, and belonging of all students and families. We strive to empower our students and families to be leaders on and off the Purple Field.

We utilize Restorative Practices to resolve conflicts and mitigate interpersonal conflict as barriers to our students' learning and achievement. There is no space for bullying at City Springs. This is a non-negotiable.

We expect our students and families to model our City Springs Attributes of Respect, Resilience, Focus, Cooperation, Empathy, Integrity, and Pride. While we continue to teach and reinforce these attributes and values at school, we ask that our families do the same at home for their students to ensure that our students are showing up to school each day and practicing the habits and attitude for success, teamwork, and accountability.



Upcoming Events

Friday, 11/8: Friday Assembly; Early Release Day

Wednesday, 11/13: Picture Day for Individual Students

Friday, 11/15: Friday Assembly; Early Release Day

Friday, 11/22: PTO Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria

Friday, 11/22: Friday Assembly; Early Release Day

Wednesday, 11/27: Wellness Day/Thanksgiving Holiday–Schools and Offices Closed

Thursday, 11/28 & Friday, 11/29: Schools and Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Baltimore Curriculum Project



Community partners and volunteers help Baltimore Curriculum Program (BCP) schools provide fun activities and important services like food, school supplies, and after-school programs. Each school has a Community School Coordinator to meet the needs of students and families.

For City Springs, Mr. Trumino is our Community Coordinator with the school’s lead agency, Elev8 Baltimore. Would you like to partner with us? We are always looking for new supporters. If interested, please contact Brianna Kaufman at bkaufman@baltimorecp.org or visit baltimorecp.org/get-involved.

Math and Science Fun in 4th and 5th Grade

Hands-on lessons in science and math make learning stick!

