



**Ms. Nancy Thompson**  
Principal

**Mr. Paul Linkins**  
Assistant Principal!

**June 9, 2017**

<b>June 13</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion and Celebration 9:00</b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b>Student Dismissal at 12:10</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Last Day of School; Student Dismissal 12:10</b>
<b>August 31</b>	<b>Open House</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>New Students and Kindergarten 1:30</b></li><li>• <b>Returning students 2:00</b></li></ul>
<b>August 31</b>	<b>Back to School Night for Kindergarten Parents</b>
<b>September 5</b>	<b>First Day of School 2017-2018!</b>
<b>September 18 and 19</b>	<b>Back to School Nights 2017-2018</b>

#### **A Message from the Principal:**

We have had another wonderful week of celebrations at TSES! Congratulations to our 1st graders for a successful Readers' Theater and to our 2nd graders for an impressive Author's Tea! In addition we celebrated the promotion of our Kindergarten students (High School Class of 2029; College Class of 2033) and our Pre-Kindergarten (High School Class of 2030 and College Class of 2034) students! Each of these was a celebration of growth and learning. We are so proud of our students! Our 5th Grade Promotion will be held on Tuesday June 13, 2017. I am so proud of our 5th graders! They have learned so many skills and fostered so many relationships in elementary school! On behalf of the TSES staff, we wish each of our 5th graders the best of luck moving forward. We believe that these children have learned the foundational skills that will move them through their 'secondary' education.

This is the last letter of the 2017-2018 school year! On behalf of Mr. Linkins and the entire TSES staff, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our students and their families for your support of our school. The TSES staff works tirelessly to ensure that children are learning each day in a school where care and concern for the well-being of others is emphasized. During this long summer, please encourage your children to talk with you, to notice things in the world that are unique, to express their feelings, to practice math facts and to read. TSES has lists of activities that were presented at the Summer Kick-Off Reading event on Thursday. Those items are posted to the TSES website for your reference. Student participation in the Howard County Library Summer Reading Program will be recognized, as will the completion of the TSES Summer BINGO board!

**2017-2018 Class Assignments will be available through the Family File account of each child. Please pay attention to email information from HCPSS and TSES this summer to make sure that you are updating your contact information.**

Congratulations to our Girls on the Run! The following students worked very hard to be able to run in a 5K race on Saturday June 3! Thank you to our GOTR coaches-Miss Lavin and Mr. Bishop for leading these young ladies through the program. Great job to Chelsy Aviles, Emily Aviles, Francheska Bonilla, Stephanie Calderon, Taylor Chestnut, Brianna Greene, Erin Gunther, Charlotte Gustafson, Ailin Hernandez, Alexa Hernandez, Isabella Hines, Calista Horton, Karissa Howell, Tilton Koskie, Alanis Molina, Jade Pannuty, Janiah Randall-Kurdock, Sierra Sapp, Bianca Serafini, Brooke West and Camille Wimberly. Thank you also to the TSES staff members who were willing to share their time to be 'buddy runners' for some of our students: Miss Sophie Szarko, Dr. Joel Roth, Ms. Lisa Lassiter, Mrs. Lauren Sansone and Mrs. Allyson Glassband. Thank you to the family members who were brave enough to run with their children!

*The TSES 4th Grade Team is thankful to Days of Taste® and The Roving Radish® for their support of TSES students. Our students were provided with the opportunity to experience varying tastes that combine to make a salad, visit a farm, to create a salad and dressing at school and to take home a bag of fresh vegetables and ingredients to make a salad. We are grateful to both of these organizations for their on-going support!*

#### **TSES~ End of Year Feedback**

If you didn't have a chance to provide us with feedback during the Evening of Excellence, please visit our website at <http://tses.hcpss.org/> and click the link for "Annual Survey". Also, if you visit our building between now and June 7th, there are some posters on the wall that ask a few different questions. We use this feedback to plan our family events for next year, so let your voice be heard. If you'd prefer to give your feedback by phone or with a paper copy, please contact Mrs. Glassband at 410-313-6915.

#### **The Elementary School Model (ESM) will be changing for the 2017-2018 school year.**

HCPSS has a [Community News and Programs](#) webpage! This site has valuable announcements for non-profit organizations. If you would like your organization to be part of this site, please contact HCPSS the Public Information Office ([publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org) or 410-313-6682).

- **Strengths Development will no longer be funded by HCPSS. However, we will continue to focus on the 5 Principles of 'Grow Strong'.**
- **Departmentalization will be adjusted as follows:**
  - **Departmentalized instruction will no longer take place in Grade 1 at ESM or any other HCPSS schools.**
  - **Decisions about departmentalized instruction in grades 2-5 are school-based decisions. At TSES, we will have departmentalized instruction in grades 2-5.**

**The other parts of the model will remain in their current form. If you are seeking information regarding the Elementary School Model, please visit this [link](#). I am looking forward to our continued work on this initiative. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.**

### **On-Line Resource of the Week!**

Give your child a head start towards success by helping them learn to use a computer keyboard. While it may seem to be an obsolete skill in the days of text messaging and video chats, it is still one of the top 10 skills children should master by 5th grade. There is some keyboarding practice at school, but as they say, practice makes improvement. Consider having your child spend 15 - 20 minutes a day three days a week visiting one of the keyboarding sites in this section. Even our youngest students will benefit from learning the placement of the keys on a keyboard. Type To Learn is the instructional keyboarding program used at school. To login your child needs to use their school log-in information. You will need to download the program, <http://ttl4.sunburst.com/downloads/> The access code is 113048. Please ensure your child is keeping their fingers on the Home Row keys so they learn keyboarding properly. We also like to use Dance Mat Typing from the BBC. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>. The Typing Club is another free keyboarding program that helps your child see their progress as they work. <https://www.typingclub.com/>. This next link will take you to a list of typing games and activities. <http://www.humbleisd.net/page/26888>. We hope you will take advantage of these keyboarding opportunities and challenges to help you child improve their keyboarding skills.

***Information from the TSES PTA: We are so proud to announce the TSES PTA Officers and Committee Chairpersons for the 2017-2018 school year! Thank you to the 2016-2017 officers and committee chairpersons, including our outgoing PTA President Michelle Humphrey, outgoing OM Education Committee Representative and our outgoing Treasurer Elizabeth McConaghy for their service to this wonderful organization. We are looking forward to another successful PTA in the upcoming year!***

***President -- Katherine (Casey) Otten***

***VP Fundraising - Adrien Harrison***

***VP Special Events: April Wilde***

***Secretary -- Mollie Nelson***

***Treasurer - Michelle Humphrey***

***Communications -- Mark Sengamalay and Brian Otten; Community Outreach -- Doni Ernst and Heather Merson; Cultural Arts -- Stephanie Reid; Faculty Representative -- Eric Bishop; Hispanic Liaison -- Jana Barrett; Hospitality -- Carrie Garbart; Membership -- Adebisi Davies***

***Oakland Mills Educational Rep -- Alex Reid; PTA Council of Howard County Delegates --Vacant (need 2) Volunteer Coordinator -- Kasia Modzel O'Donnell; Yearbook -- Michelle Humphrey, Kim West, and Carrie Garbart***

**On June 15, the Howard County Police will hold a Bike With a Cop in Oakland Mills for kids ages 5 to 11. All kids must have a helmet and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There will be a bike safety lesson before the ride. Everyone should meet at the police trailer in the Village Center at 5:30.**

***Summer Meal Program 2017~Dates: June 26 – August 4, 2017 at the following locations:***

- *Harper's Choice Middle School, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.*
- *Murray Hill Middle School, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.*
- *Thomas Viaduct Middle School, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.*
- *Stevens Forest Elementary School, 12:30–2 p.m.*

*Meals will be provided to children 18 and under without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Parents or guardians do not need to apply to get free summer meals for their children. They can simply bring their child to one of the summer meal sites. All meals will be served on a first-come, first-served basis and all meals must be eaten on site. No portion of the meal may be taken out of the meal serving area(s) and adults may not eat any portion of a child's meal. Small children must have adult supervision.*

*For more information, contact the HCPSS Food and Nutrition Services at 410-313-6736.*

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