



December 23, 2016

January 2, 2017	School re-opens following Winter Break
January 9, 2017	Rising 6 th Grade OMMS Parent Orientation at OMMS at 6:30
January 11	TSES STEM Night starting at 6:30
January 12	TSES Bumble Bees (Media Center)
	Grade 1: 9:00-9:45 Grade 2: 10:00-10:45 Grade 3: 1:45-3:00
January 16	Schools Closed~Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 17-20	TSES Change Matters! Campaign
January 17	JA (Junior Achievement) in a Day Parent Training 8:30 am OR 5:30 pm
January 17	Rising 6 th Grade LEMS Parent Orientation at LEMS at 6:30
January 19	Spelling Bee (Cafeteria) 1:45-3:00
January 19	TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00
January 24	Fit 2 Order Family FIT Night 6:00-8:00
January 26	Q2 Ends
January 27	Schools Closed~Professional Work Day
January 31	JA (Junior Achievement) in a Day at TSES!
February 24	PTA Bingo Night

A Message from the Principal:

Thank you to our many families who participated in the TSES Winter Concert! It was such a delight to listen to the progress that your children have made in Chorus, Strings and Band in a short period of time! We are also thrilled about the mosaic that our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have created during the past week! With the guidance of Mrs. Lennon and our artist in residence, Ms. Susan Stockman, the children have designed and created mosaics representing the children's books, Pete the Cat and Where the Wild Things Are. I am looking forward to the time that the mosaics are on display in our Media Center. Thank you to the TSES PTA for sponsoring our Artist-in-Residence.

I am pleased to share with you that beginning on January 2, 2017, Mr. Paul Linkins will be the Talbott Springs Elementary Acting Assistant Principal. Mr. Linkins has served the Howard County Public School System as a Pupil Personnel Worker and has also been a substitute school administrator at another HCPSS elementary school. Please welcome Mr. Linkins to Talbott Springs Elementary!

TSES Students in Grades 1-5 will be taking the Winter MAP in January! Please know that we continue to look for incremental progress with each MAP administration. This standardized test is one indicator of growth on the instructional standards that are taught in your child's grade. January 4th Grade 1 Math MAP; January 5th Grades 4 and 5 GT Math MAP; January 6th Grades 4 and 5 Math MAP; January 10th Grade 2 Math MAP; January 11th Grade 1 Reading MAP; January 12th Grades 4 and 5 Reading MAP; January 13th Grade 3 Math MAP; January 18th Grade 3 Reading MAP.

On behalf of the Talbott Springs Elementary School staff, I would like to wish you each a wonderful winter holiday! I hope that you enjoy the gift of time with your families! I am looking forward to a calm, healthy and productive 2017!

School Start Time Changes for 2017-2018~ HCPSS is interested in your thoughts about the models that are being considered for school start times to be implemented during the next school year! This is an important debate and your input is valued! Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/opening-and-closing-times/committee/> to find out more information regarding the proposed models and to access the on-line feedback form.

From Oakland Mills Middle School: Oakland Mills Middle School looks forward to welcoming our new 6th graders in the 2017-2018 school year! Please join us in the OMMS Cafeteria on January 9th, at 6:30 p.m., for our initial parent orientation. We will share information about the transition to middle school, the schedule and scheduling process, our PTSA, and upcoming events. Please contact us with any questions!

TSES Families~ Do you have an old computer keyboard that is collecting dust? Donate it Talbott Springs so the kindergarten students can use it to practice their letter identification and keyboarding skills. Please send any donations with a note to the attention of Mrs. Lubelczyk or Mr. McDonald.

STEM Night~January 11, 2017: Our second annual STEM Night is coming up after Winter Break, and we are excited to have kids and parents work on challenges and activities based around the Engineering Design Process. The event will be held on Wednesday, January 11th from 6:30 to 8:00. Registration forms went home this week, so ask your child about the form and send it in after break to let us know you will be able to attend.

PE News! SAVE THE DATE! TSES will be hosting a Fit 2 Order Family Fitness Night on January 24th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy a night of wellness, fitness, and fun. Stay

tuned for information on registration. We need parent volunteers for the event, please visit <http://signup.com/go/UvWg7e> to sign up to volunteer.

JA in a Day: Many More Volunteers Needed

Attention Parents, Grandparents and Family Friends...we still need many more volunteers to spend the day teaching our children about financial literacy on Tuesday, January 31st. All materials will be provided by Junior Achievement (JA), as will scripted lessons. Parents, if you can't make it, consider asking your child's grandparent(s) to come in to lead a class. There is a brief, mandatory training for all volunteers on Tuesday, January 17th (8:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.). If you are able to volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Glassband at allyson_glassband@hcpss.org as soon as possible. Thank you!



Super Singers! Please join us in congratulating the following students for following the TSES SOAR agreements and for persevering during music class for the week of 12-12-16. Moyinoluwa Kasumu, Lakchmi Rivas, Briana Chacon, Karsyn Cotton, Lillian Sengamalay, Tyler Cromwell, Taylor Green, Rashad Fields, Aliyah Plater, Rohaan Qaiser, Alyssa Ball, Orlando Castelan-Cortez, Eleanor Loeffler, Reily Do, Natalie Getz

TSES Pocket Moments of the Week

Each week we will highlight some of the Pocket Moment shared by our students. Use these to help start HOPEFUL conversations with your own children at home.

Ayden H. (1st grade) *is excited about his future because he is going to Disney World!*

Reily D. (3rd grade) *started with a goal in mind when he decided to read 2 books this week.*

Aiden A. (3rd grade) *had a positive experience when he decorated his tree.*

Box Tops for Education! Please save your Box Tops! The TSES PTA collects Box Tops for Education and turns them in for money that is used to support our school. In the past, we have been able to buy a great deal of recess equipment for our students. This is very helpful because jump ropes, balls and hula hoops wear out over time and need to be replaced. Visit the TSES PTA website to find printable sheets that your child can use to attach Box Tops. If you would prefer, BoxTops for Education may also be turned in in plastic baggies.

STUDENT STRENGTHS! GROWING STRONG AT TSES!
Achieving~Confidence~Discoverer~Organizer~Relating~Caring
Competing~Dependability~Future Thinker~Presence