TALBOTT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

August 11, 2015

Dear Parents of Talbott Springs Elementary School Students,

I am extending a warm welcome back to the families of Talbott Springs Elementary students who are continuing at our school and to the families who are new to the Talbott Springs Elementary school community.

We are less than two weeks away from the start of the 2015-2016 school year! Mrs. Anderson and I are working together with staff to plan for instruction and activities to ensure that we are ready for a year filled with joyful learning for your child(ren).

Please note this information that is important to our school:
Elementary School Model- This initiative supports the HCPSS Vision 2018 and consists of 5 components as outlined below:

- Student Schedule for Grades 1 through 5/Departmentalization
    - Each student will have an AM teacher and a PM teacher. Either AM or PM will be English Language Arts/Social Studies or Math/Science/Health. An example of the schedule is available on the TSES website. Please note that this schedule remains as a draft. Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten students will remain with the same teacher all day.
    - November parent conferences will be with the AM teacher; February conferences with the PM teacher.
- School Based Telehealth®-In cooperation with the Howard County Health Department, medical support is available for students who become ill during the school day. Available through parent enrollment ONLY. Packets will be available soon.
- World Language Instruction for grades PK-5
- Gallup Strengths Development: Strengths theme patterns noted for staff and students with goal setting to promote successful application of strengths to learning.
- Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten for income qualified families of children who are 4 years old on or before 9/1/2015.

School Messenger/HCPSS News accounts are set up for all TSES families with email addresses. This allows families to receive HCPSS and TSES information via email and to receive emergency alerts via texts. IT IS CRITICAL THAT FAMILIES UPDATE INFORMATION IN HCPSS CONNECT. Find the 'Family File' at www.hcpss.org/connect -this is the location to complete the emergency cards for all of the children in your family attending a school in HCPSS.

The TSES PTA needs you! The PTA will be seeking your support in the form of membership and participation. The work of many participants eases the overall commitment of each person. Please consider supporting your child's school as the PTA is supporting your child's education through planned activities and fundraising. http://www.tsespta.org/

Please note the following upcoming dates:

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- August 19, 2015 Pre-Kindergarten Orientation at 1:00
- August 20, 2015 6:00 Kindergarten Back-to-School Night (parent only event)
- August 20, 2015 4:00 Class Lists posted on front doors of school building
- August 21, 2015 Open House Event
  - 1:00-1:30 Practice Bus Ride for Kindergarten Students only
  - 1:30-2:00 Kindergarten and New Students in Grades 1-5
  - 2:30-3:00 Practice Bus Ride for Students in Grades 1-5
  - 2:00-3:00 All Students
- August 24, 2015 First Day of School!
  Students enter building at 8:30 from blacktop
- August 26, 2015 Form Filling for Hispanic Families 3:00-5:30
- September 2, 2015 Back to School Night-Grades 1 and 2
- September 3, 2015 Back to School Night-Grades 3, 4 and 5
- September 17, 2015 PTA Meeting-Discussion Topic-Telehealth®
- September 26, 2015 Green Apple Day of Service at TSES!
- October 1, 2015 PTA Back to School Picnic

Thank you for taking the time to read this information! After referencing the various websites mentioned above, if you have additional questions regarding this information, please contact either Mrs. Anderson or me at school.
Enjoy the rest of this beautiful summer.
Sincerely,

Nancy Thompson
Principal