

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter

Friday January 7, 2022

Talbott Springs Families,

Happy 2022 to the TSES community! It was a joy to see your children return to school on Wednesday after two snow days! Although this has been a short week of school due to snow, we were quickly able to re-establish routines for learning. Thank you for assuring that your children are arriving at school with a securely fitting face mask and a water bottle. In addition, we appreciate your performing health checks with your children prior to their leaving the house. Please be aware that our planned Winter Band, Strings and Chorus concerts will be postponed from January 13 to February 3. More information to come!

Great news! TSES student Ameyah was selected as a winner for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission Poster Contest! Ameyah's visual representation of 'Equality for All' was based on the Martin Luther King, Jr. quote: "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly". Thank you to Ameyah and her family for having the courage to enter this contest and for representing our school so well! I hope that each of you has a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information:

Please conduct a daily Health Screening with your child! Let's work together to protect our children! [COVID 19 Screening Visual](#).

Vaccine Clinics: Through a partnership with the Howard County Health Department and several local pharmacies, HCPSS is pleased that students and staff have multiple opportunities to get vaccinated and/or receive a booster, including at some clinics hosted in HCPSS schools. [Information about upcoming clinics](#), including one being held this Saturday, Jan. 8, can be found online and will be updated as new clinics become available.

Worth another look! HCPSS sent a [message to the community](#) with several updates related to health mitigation efforts in place in HCPSS schools. Please take a few minutes to review the following information that HCPSS shared. Again, your efforts to keep our staff and students healthy is appreciated!

- [Quarantining and contact tracing](#)
- [Face masks](#)
- [COVID testing](#)
- [Health mitigation efforts in cafeterias](#)
- [Virtual instruction](#)

TSES Young Author's Contest: Calling all authors! The Young Authors Contest is a great way to showcase your talents - students in grades 1-5 may participate by writing a short story and/or poem and submit by email with signed coversheet no later than January 18th. More details are on grade level canvas pages, at this [link](#) or contact laura_ciarrocchi@hcpss.org with questions!

Lake Elkhorn Middle School Rising 6th Grade Parent Information Night: If you have a child who will attend Lake Elkhorn Middle School for 6th Grade (use this link to the HCPSS School Locator to confirm your child's middle school), please see the [flyer at this link](#) for the LEMS Parent Information Night. This VIRTUAL event will be held on Monday January 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Google Meet Code: LEMS-Rising6.

Oakland Mills Middle School Rising 6th Grade Parent Information Night: If you have a child who will attend Oakland Mills Middle School for 6th grade (use this link to the HCPSS school Locator to confirm your child's middle school) please plan to attend the OMMS Parent Information Night on Wednesday January 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM. (Snow Date 1/18/2022) from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Please join using Google Meet Code: OMMS-orientation6. Please log on using your child's HCPSS username and password.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics: The Howard County Health Department is hosting weekly vaccination clinics. [Find clinic dates and locations](#) online.

BSAP Saturday Math Academy Virtual Spring Program Registration

Registration opens Saturday, Jan. 8, 9 a.m. until capacity is reached: Families of students in grades 3-12 are invited to register online for this virtual enrichment program, which will be held Saturdays, Jan. 29 through March 12, 2022. Families can request enrollment by registering their child(ren) for the program in HCPSS Connect. Space is limited, and notification will be emailed to families whose registration request was accepted. [Additional program and registration information](#) is available online.

HCPSS Hiring Fair

HCPSS Hiring Fair: HCPSS is hosting a [hiring fair](#) on Monday, Jan. 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Wilde Lake High School for anyone interested in employment as a bus driver, custodian, food services worker, lunch and recess monitor, or paraeducator. Attendees wishing to be interviewed should complete an online application prior to the event; prospective bus drivers may apply on site. No registration is needed to attend the event. Masking is required.

Community Food Pantry: Together with the Harriet Tubman Foundation of Howard County, the Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission will be hosting a Pop-Up Food Pantry. For questions and/or more information, call 443-386-0405 or 443-280-1935. Ridgely Run Community Center | Mon, Jan 10 | 10 - 11:30 am

Howard County Library System's Project Literacy offers FREE virtual and in-person English classes! The winter semester free English classes run 01/10/2022 – 04/01/2022 with classes:

--Monday-Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and

--Monday-Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Information sessions are happening virtually and in-person Dec 9th and 13th.

Please see [this link](#) for the flyer.

TSES PTA News!

PTA YEARBOOK COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS!! The 2021-2022 yearbook is already in the design phase. Please send pictures of your child(ren) from any of the following themes. (1) First Day of School; (2) PTA Block Party; (3) Trunk or Treat; or (4) Field Trips. Send all photos and/or questions to Michelle at yearbook@tsespta.org. Please be sure to include the student(s) name and grade. Thank you in advance!

TSES PTA Restaurant Night:

Noodles & Company: 1/11/2022

Please contact Casey Otten (fundraisers@tsespta.org) with any questions!

TSES Important Dates:

Monday January 10	Rising 6 th Grade Parent Orientation for LEMS Students (Virtual)
Tuesday January 11	TSES Bumble Bees for Grades 1, 2 and 3 TDL Meeting at 3:30 PM
Tuesday January 11	TSES PTA Restaurant Night at Noodles & Company
Wednesday January 12	Rising 6 th grade Parent Orientation for OMMS students (Virtual)
Wednesday January 19	Early Dismissal for Students at 12:10
Thursday January 20	TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00 (virtual)
Thursday January 21	End Quarter 2
Monday January 24	School Closed for Students-Professional Work Day
Wednesday January 26	5 th Grade Field Trip to Robinson Planetarium (TENTATIVE)
Monday January 31	Q2 Report Cards Issued
Tuesday February 1	Professional Learning Day
Thursday February 3	TSES Band, Strings and Chorus Concert (virtual)