

January 13, 2023

Talbott Springs Families,

We are ending the week on a high note even though it is the 13th of the month on a Friday! Your children have had a great week of school and a lot of learning was accomplished. Dr. Lewis and I are so proud of our students and staff members for their focus and engagement. Our Bumble Bees for grades 1, 2 and 3 took place on Tuesday. Congratulations to our winners and runners up: Grade 1: Champion: Jannat C; Runners Up: Evelyn R., and Madelyn C. Fellow Contestants: Douglas H, Kai E, Adrianna R., Jese R., Aviola N., Max C. Grade 2: Champion: Brian H. Runner Up: Kai A. Fellow Contestants: Monse Cs., Callen F., Dylan C., Maeve C., Jonathan O., Genesis PA., Austin F., David JA., Kyrie G., Tristen S. Grade 3: Champion-Tara B., Runners Up: Skylar J and Santiago MQ. Fellow Contestants: Jesse U., Ryan H., Harley F., Austin T., Gabriella L., Saujanya B., Xavier A., Henry Z., Archer T. We look forward to our Grades 4 and 5 Spelling Bee next week! Thank you to the many families who were able to join us for the Maryland Science Center Family Event at TSES on Thursday evening. This was a very informative and exciting evening!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is celebrated on Monday January 16, 2023. This is a federal holiday celebrating the birthday (January 15) of a leader who modeled activism through nonviolent protests during in the Civil Rights Movement. For many, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a day of service and engagement in projects to help others. School is closed on Monday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Please note that school is also a half day on Wednesday January 18 with dismissal at 12:10 PM.

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing your children on Tuesday!

Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information:

Important Recess Update: The Office of School Safety and Security and Risk Management, in collaboration with School Management and Instructional Leadership, reviewed county wide practices regarding school visits and it has been determined that parents are no longer able to attend recess. Parents can continue to eat lunch with their child(ren) if they complete the following:

Go to the [HCPSS Web site](#) to review information about the school system volunteer process.

- Review the "Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Procedures Online Training" PowerPoint.
- Sign the Certificate of Completion for the "Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Procedures Online Training" form and provide it to the school when signing in.
- Review the "Confidentiality Training for Volunteers" PowerPoint
- Sign the Confidentiality Agreement and provide it to the school when signing in.
- Sign in at the front office using the Lobby Guard sign-in system (a valid photo I.D. must be provided).

Important Information for Parents of 2023-2024 Lake Elkhorn Middle School 6th graders:

If your child is attending Lake Elkhorn Middle School for 6th grade during the 2023-2024 school year, please note that the LEMS Parent Information Night will occur on Thursday, January 19th at 6 PM in

the Lake Elkhorn Middle School Cafeteria. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be postponed until Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6 PM. Not sure which HCPSS Middle School your child will attend based on attendance area? [Use this link](#) to access the HCPSS School Locator.

Important Information for Parents of 2023-2024 Oakland Mills Middle School 6th graders:

If your child is attending Oakland Mills Middle School for 6th grade during the 2023-2024 school year, please note that the OMMS Parent Information Night/New Student Orientation will occur on Tuesday January 17, 2023 at 6:00 in the OMMS Cafeteria. Families are invited to attend to learn about the middle school schedule and opportunities at OMMS. Not sure which HCPSS Middle School your child will attend based on attendance area? [Use this link](#) to access the HCPSS School Locator.

The **Road to Kindergarten** information sessions will be held for families of children who will begin kindergarten in Fall 2023. Sessions are 6:30-7:30 and are offered on the following dates. Please share this information with any of your neighbors who might have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in August 2023.

- Thursday, January 19 (Centennial High School)
- Tuesday, January 24 (Wilde Lake High School)
- Thursday, January 26 (Oakland Mills High School)
- SNOW DATE: Thursday, February 2 (Oakland Mills High School)

LOST AND FOUND at TSES: Looking for a lost item? A Lost and Found tote is located in the TSES cafeteria. Items include water bottles, lunch boxes, jackets, sweatshirts, and other items of clothing. Students are reminded at all lunches to look for their lost items. Please talk to your student about visiting our Lost and Found area for any missing items.

TSES Super Singers: We are so happy to congratulate these students! Each week one student in each of our 1st Grade through 5th grade music classes is selected as the "Super Singer". Students selected demonstrate consistent excellence in the school RISE expectations and/or the music skills that are being taught (singing, playing instruments, creating, and moving are some of the skills). Here are the super singers for the period 1/3-1/6 Marcos M., Cristel R., Lindsay Z., Jason Q., Sozu B., Luke W., Ryder B., Averly P., John A., Troy W., Arun S., Muhammed C., Brian H., Brandon E., Daxton T., Rebecca G., Paul V. and Isha K

News from the TSES PTA: Thank you to our TSES families for supporting the TSES PTA! Our next meeting will take place on Thursday January 19 at 6:15 PM (please note the change in time).

TSES Sunshine Snack Cart Request: The TSES Sunshine Committee wants to shower our wonderful staff with treats! Please help us show our appreciation by donating some drinks and/or snacks (individually wrapped). You can drop your donations off to our front office staff so we can stock our giving thanks cart. No time to shop, no problem. Please send in a monetary donation (checks or money orders payable to Talbott Springs Elementary School) in a sealed envelope marked

Attention Sunshine Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Humphrey at michelle_humphrey@hcpss.org. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4CADA29A1F58-tses>

Apply Now for Prekindergarten for the Current 2022-23 School Year

HCPSS is currently accepting [applications](#) for enrollment in its half-day and full-day prekindergarten programs for the current school year. Children must have turned four by Sept. 1, 2022, to be considered for enrollment. All families who meet first-priority criteria (outlined in the application) will be granted enrollment. As space allows, families with household incomes up to [300% of the Federal Poverty Level](#) or who meet other second priority criteria may be enrolled. Pre-K applications for the 2023-2024 school year will be available in March.

2023 Summer Programs Preview Available Online

Parents/guardians and students can now view the [2023 Summer Programs Preview](#), which includes descriptions of HCPSS' four summer programs and enrollment information. Online enrollment requests for current HCPSS students will open Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m.

HCPSS Community News! Approved materials will be published on the [HCPSS Community News and Programs website](#) ([Links to an external site.](#)) which is user-friendly and searchable.

Important Dates:

Tuesday January 10, 2023	Bumble Bees Grades 1, 2 and 3 9:00-9:45 Grade 3 10:00-10:45 Grade 1 12:15-1:00 Grade 2
Thursday January 12, 2023	TSES Family Science Center Night 5:30-7:30
Monday January 16, 2023	Schools Closed-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday January 17, 2023	TSES Spelling Bee (Grades 4 and 5) OMMS rising 6 th Grade Family Information Night at 6:00
Wednesday January 18, 2023	Early Dismissal for Students at 12:10
Thursday January 19, 2023	TSES PTA Meeting at 6:15 (in person and virtual) LEMS Rising 6 th Grade Parent Orientation at 6:00 at LEMS
Friday January 20, 2023	End of Q2-No Half Day Programs-School as usual for all other students
Monday January 23, 2023	School Closed for Students-Professional Work Day
Monday January 31, 2023	Q2 Report Cards Issued (Change of Date!)
Tuesday January 31, 2023	String a Palooza field Trip to OMHS String a Palooza Concert at OMHS
Thursday February 9, 2023	School Closes at 12:10-Parent Teacher Conferences
Friday February 10, 2023	School Closes at 12:10-Parent Teacher Conferences