

January 20, 2023

Talbott Springs Families,

We had a wonderful week at TSES! We hosted the TSES Spelling Bee on Tuesday, and we are so proud of all of our contestants: Julia S. Hailey C., Jessie K., Joanna S., Grayson L., Sarwath T., Emily C., Mael S., Brandon E., Mason C., Daniel C., Imani L. Our runners up are Summer N. and Nathan Y., and our winner is Eseosa G. Congratulations to all our participants and to our runners up and winner! Thank you to the TSES PTA for an outstanding meeting on Thursday January 19! The group developed some questions for parents to use as part of the parent teacher conference conversations. Those questions will be shared next week! The TSES PTA also agreed to maintaining the 6:15 PM start time for future PTA meetings.

Today is the end of Quarter 2 of the 2022-2023 school year! On Monday, our staff will be working on completing grades and preparing report cards to be viewed on HCPSS Connect and distributed on January 31, 2023. For information about the [HCPSS Elementary School Report Card](#), please visit this link. We are also preparing for our Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled to take place on February 9 and February 10. Please note dates for school events projected for the second semester of the school year have been added below.

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

Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information

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.

- 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.

Summer Programs Registration Opens Feb. 1

[Online enrollment requests](#) for HCPSS' 2023 Summer Programs for currently enrolled HCPSS students will open Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. Enrollment requests can be made via HCPSS Connect Synergy by a parent, guardian, school counselor or school achievement liaison. Enrollment requests do not guarantee placement in courses.

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.

HCPSS/The Council of Elders Academy

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 from 9-10:30 a.m., virtual event

Hosted by The Council of Elders in Howard County, in collaboration with HCPSS, this [virtual event](#) will provide information regarding healthy and unhealthy relationships. Registration is required.

The OMHS Food Pantry is open Wednesday, January 25 from 3:00—5:00 pm. If you or someone you know is experiencing food insecurity, please come to our contact free pickup at 9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia. All you need to bring is a photo ID. Due to school dismissal, please do not arrive before 2:30pm. Visit <https://omhs.hcpss.org/student-services/food-pantry> for more information.

Columbia Community Care is hosting an Essential Resources Day on Saturday February 4th from 10AM-2PM at HCC. and ALL students & families are invited. It is an opportunity to expunge criminal records as well as learn more about both financial freedom and generational wealth. There will also be a free grocery giveaway. Free food, transportation, and childcare will be provided. Please fill out this short survey if you are interested! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLBHLJQ>

Howard Community College's Kids on Campus is a Summer Enrichment Program for ages 6 - 17.

Classes run June 26 - August 17, 2023. Registration opens January 26, 2023.

[Please visit this link for more information!](#)

Howard County Parks and Recreation offers fun after school programs with some of them taking place at TSES. [Please use this link to find additional information.](#)

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:

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

Thursday February 9, 2023	String a Palooza Concert at OMHS
Friday February 10, 2023	School Closes at 12:10-Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday February 16, 2023	School Closes at 12:10-Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday March 2, 2023	TSES PTA Meeting at 6:15
Thursday March 30, 2023	International Night
Thursday April 13, 2023	Eagles' Night Out
Thursday April 20, 2023	Academic Night
Friday April 28, 2023	Field Day
	Field Day Raindate