

February 24, 2023

During the week ahead, we are asking families to join us in celebrating all of the TSES Staff! Please visit this [link to find a google form](#) in which family members can share kind words of support for those who work with your children. Each expression of gratitude will be shared with the staff member for whom it is intended. You may complete the google form more than one time as a way to show gratitude for more than one staff member! The full list of staff members including non-instructional staff (custodian staff, office staff, liaisons, nursing staff, cafeteria staff) can be found on the TSES website [at this link](#). Thank you for taking a moment to share your appreciation for the work that is done at Talbott Springs Elementary in support of your children!

Please wish Savannah, Santiago and Nathan the best on Saturday February 25 as they present their Unheard Perspectives Projects at Hammond Middle School! Unheard Perspectives is an opportunity for students to learn about African Americans who were or are leaders representing our country. Savannah's project is on Mae Jemison who is known for her work as an astronaut, engineer, and physician. Santiago and Nathan will present information on Jacob Lawrence an artist who represented both historic and current African American experience through his paintings.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Nancy Thompson, Principal

### Information

**TSES is excited to welcome guest readers for "National Read Across America Day"** on Thursday, March 2nd, 2023. Please check your child's take-home folder for a flier to sign up or contact Mrs. Freer at [penny\\_freer@hcpss.org](mailto:penny_freer@hcpss.org) or Mrs. Mizia at [Christina\\_mizia@hcpss.org](mailto:Christina_mizia@hcpss.org) Hope to see you there.

**TSES Cultural Celebration (International Night):** Please find information about the TSES Cultural Celebration scheduled for March 2, 2023 from 6:00-7:30 PM [at this link](#). Please also let us know if you would like to share a cultural display during this event! We look forward to this night with great anticipation!

**From the TSES PTA:** Please look for your child's Square One Art! Get a head start and start ordering keepsakes and gifts featuring your child's art online NOW! Simply search for your child's art using [Art Search](#), and enter state, school name, and your student's name. Your student's art and code will appear, and you may order! **Please be sure to order by: Tuesday 2/28/2023**

An option exists to upload additional/different art if you like, using [Art Upload](#)! If you have questions, contact [customer care online](#). Thank you for supporting our school! Opal Keys-Cabrea; Square 1 Art fundraiser coordinator [square1art.com/shop](https://square1art.com/shop)

**From Mrs. Sansone, our School Counselor:** THANK YOU to each person who took time to write me a kind note of appreciation during National School Counseling Week. I received each message, and my "bucket" was filled by reading them. As the messages did not have names of who wrote them attached, I can't personally thank each person, but wanted to share my gratitude with the school community. I love our school and working with the fabulous students, families and staff of TSES.

**Spring Class Pictures and Individual Pictures: March 14, 2023. Save the date!** TSES Class Pictures and student individual pictures will be taken on March 14, 2023. Please see information from School Pictures at this [link](#).

**Mix It Up Day at TSES:** On Friday, March 10th, students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in Mix It Up Day at lunch. Mix It Up at Lunch Day is an international campaign that promotes tolerance. Mix It Up Day also supports our RISE behaviors at TSES by encouraging our students to appreciate and celebrate differences and similarities about each other. At lunch on March 10th, students will sit in randomly assigned seats in the cafeteria in an effort to help them get to know and appreciate someone in their grade that they may not know as well. Mrs. Sansone is seeking parent/caregiver volunteers who would be willing to help during one or more of the lunch shifts with assisting students with finding their seats and encouraging conversations between students. If you would be willing to help, please reach out to Mrs. Sansone, school counselor, [Lauren\\_Sansone@hcpss.org](mailto:Lauren_Sansone@hcpss.org). Thank you for any assistance that you can provide!

**Times when help would be appreciated:**

10:00-10:30 Decorating/Organizing Cafeteria Space

10:45-11:15 2nd grade lunch

11:15-11:45 1st grade lunch

11:45-12:15 3rd grade lunch

12:15-12:45 5th grade lunch

12:45-1:15 4th grade lunch

**TSES Enrichment Clubs**

It's time to sign up for Enrichment Clubs! Enrichment Clubs are interest-based classes that take place at recess. They are open to all students in grades 2-5 and most will begin the week of March 13th. Check the online interest form for specific dates and times.

Students, who are interested in participating, need to fill out an online interest



form: <https://tinyurl.com/tsessspring23> or use this QR code:

Completed interest forms are due by Friday, March 10th. If you have any questions, please contact [Brian McMahon](#) or [Marilyn Lepore](#).

**Registration Dates for 2023-2024 School Year: Please share this information with families who might be new in your neighborhood or who may have a young child who will need to register for school soon.**

- March 6-Kindergarten and 1st Grade registration officially begins!
  - Please note: families of kindergarten and new 1st grade students will be able to begin the enrollment process when Synergy opens February 1. However, official registration does not begin until March 6, as is advertised within the community,

the [HCPSS website Links to an external site.](#) and the [HCPSS calendar Links to an external site.](#)

- PreK registration officially begins the week of March 13.

**TSES PTA Information:** The TSES PTA yearbook committee is working hard on creating your 2022-2023 TSES Yearbook. We are still collecting photos to help fill our fabulous yearbook with photos of our students (example: field trips, school activities/events, etc). Please email them to Michelle at [yearbook@tsespta.org](mailto:yearbook@tsespta.org). We appreciate your continued support and look forward to another amazing year at TSES.

**TSES Super Singers: We are so happy to congratulate these students!** Each week one student in each of our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Here are the super singers from 2/8-2/22: Christopher C., Parker A., Jolie O., Daxton T., Adrianna R., Daxton T., John O., Sophia S., Aiden W., Abigail M., Daniella F., Jalaina C., D'aja H., Eunice W., Alaiah W., Dimitri P., Maya B., Destiny O., Victoria D., Mikayla H., Jon W., Tremon B., Tia F., Alexander T., Ella S., Daniel C., Allison K., Rebecca G., Tawhid T.

**The Essence of Us" Workshop Series** The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County and the HCPSS Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have [partnered to present](#) The Essence of Us: Chronicling the African American Experience, a workshop series geared toward middle and high school students that will provide a better understanding of African American history and how it is written. Workshops will be held both virtually and in-person from 10-11 a.m. on March 11, April 15 and May 13.

**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:**

Thursday March 2, 2023	TSES International Night 6:00-7:30
	TSES Guest Reader Day
Friday March 10, 2023	Completed forms for Enrichment Clubs Due! (see above)
	Mix it Up Day at TSES!
Tuesday March 14, 2023	Class Picture and Spring Individual Picture Day!
Wednesday March 15, 2023	Schools Close at 12:10 for students
Thursday March 16, 2023	TSES PTA Meeting 6:15
Thursday March 23, 2023	Kindergarten Field Trip to the East Columbia Library 11:00-1:00
Thursday March 30, 2023	TSES Eagles' Night Out
Friday March 31, 2023	End Quarter 3 Student Dismissal at 12:10 PM
April 3-April 10	HCPSS Spring Break
Tuesday April 11	School Re-opens following Spring Break
Thursday April 13, 2023	TSES Academic Night
Thursday April 20, 2023	TSES Field Day

Friday April 28, 2023

Field Day Raindate