

March 3, 2023

Talbott Springs Families,

Thank you for the kind words of appreciation and encouragement that were shared with TSES staff this week! Taking a moment to share your gratitude makes a big difference for so many TSES employees! Thank you, family and community members who were able to visit TSES on March 2 for our annual Guest Reader Day! I hope that each of you had a joyful experience reading to our students. Thank you to our partner, St. John Baptist Church, for providing volunteers so we could assure that all our classrooms had a guest reader on this special day. Thank you to the many families who participated in our TSES Cultural Celebration! Your beautiful displays representing culture were both informative and joyful! Your investment in sharing is appreciated! Thank you to the many families in attendance who learn about the cultures that are represented within our school. We hope that you left the event having learned about others, making some new friends, creating crafts, and understanding that we are a community of families who care about one another. Our students earned a school wide dance party for showing kindness to others in the cafeteria. For about 20 minutes this afternoon, there was a lot of dancing and fun! Next week is the start of registration for the 2023-2024 school year! Please see below for more information and please share that information with the families in your neighborhood.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information

Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) The Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) is administered to all students in fifth grade, eighth grade, and high school every spring. MISA will take place for TSES 5th grade students next week on March 6, 7, 8 and 9. MISA measures student achievement on the Maryland Content Standards in Science in Grade 5 (testing content from Grades 3, 4 and 5). Each of the 4 testing sessions is less than one hour. To learn more about MISA, please visit the [HCPSS Testing](#) page. Parents/Guardians do not need to do anything to prepare for this assessment as all preparation will take place at school.

TSES Girls on the Run®-Registration for Girls on the Run's TSES Spring 2023 Season is open! Girls on the Run® inspires girls in grades 3-5 to be joyful, healthy, and confident by using running to teach valuable life skills. Teams of 15-20 girls meet twice weekly after school for 10 weeks. Each season concludes with the girls and their running buddies completing a 5K run. The 10-week season begins March 20, with our celebratory, in-person 5K event scheduled for June 3, 2022. The registration fee is \$175, which includes approximately 20 lessons, all program materials, 5K and program shirts, water bottle, and more. Financial assistance available - no girl turned away!

Visit gotrcentralmd.org for registration information. Please find additional information at [this link \(English\)](#) and [this link \(Spanish\)](#). We look forward to TSES students participating in Girls on the Run! Questions? Please contact Ms. Ambrose at amy_ambrose_contractor@hcpss.org or Mrs. Sanchez at chanel_sanchez@hcpss.org

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](#).

TSES BSAP March Newsletter: Please find the [TSES BSAP Newsletter linked to the TSES webpage!](#) We are thankful for the work that our BSAP Liaison Mrs. Autumn Joiner does on behalf of our students and their families!

Mix It Up Day at TSES: On Friday, March 10th, students in 1st through 5th 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. 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/tsesspring23> 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. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to another amazing year at TSES.

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/70A0D4CADAEE29A1F58-ts2>

2022-2023 Yearbook Love Notes: Right after your child scavenges the yearbook for his or her pictures and those of friends, they will want to read all the wonderful LOVE NOTES from Family Members. Please use this opportunity to write to your child(ren) to show how much they are appreciated and loved, especially during the 2022-2023 school year!

- * Let them know how GREAT they are doing in School!
- * Tell them how PROUD you are of their accomplishments!
- * Let them know you APPRECIATE how they have helped you!

Fill out the form below no later than April 14, 2023. Thank you!

Examples:

(1) Megan, we are so proud of you this year. We love you so much!

(2) Good Luck in Middle School Joe, we are so proud of you!

Please contact Michelle at yearbook@tsespta.org with any questions.

[Spanish Love Note Link 22-23](#)

[English Love Note Link 22-23](#)

Resource for Families: The [CAREAPP](#) website connects our community to free and reduced-cost services for food, health, housing, transportation, and more in multiple languages. Families can search by typing in the family's zip code and identify relevant resources. This resource is brought to you by: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/departments/health>

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.

Monday March 6, 2023	MISA 5 th Grade Assessment (see above)
Tuesday March 7, 2023	MISA 5 th Grade Assessment (see above)
Wednesday March 8, 2023	MISA 5 th Grade Assessment (see above)
Thursday March 9, 2023	MISA 5 th Grade Assessment (see above)
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 Rain date