

March 10, 2023

Talbott Springs Families,

Today we celebrated Mix it Up Maryland! Day at TSES. This is an opportunity for students to meet different students in their grade level beyond their typical social group and to learn more about others with the goal of understanding the perspectives and positive qualities of others. We have so many events coming up in the weeks ahead! Next week, on Tuesday, we have our Spring Individual Pictures and Class pictures, and the first of two days of our Spring Bookmobile! Wednesday is an Early Dismissal Day (12:10) and Thursday is our March PTA meeting at 6:15. Congratulations to our 5th graders on completion of the MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment) this week. TSES students worked hard through each of the 45-minute testing sessions. Please remember to turn your clock back by one hour this weekend for Daylight Savings Time.

Enjoy your weekend!

Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information:

Student Cell Phones: Please remind your elementary school aged children that cell phones are to be off and in your child's backpack during the course of the school day. That includes on the bus both on the way to school and the way home from school. This request is supported by [HCPSS Policy 8080](#). In some cases, the phones are being used as a tool to bully other students through social media sites and texting. In other cases, students with cell phones are mocking students who do not have cell phones. If you have asked your child to call/text you after school to check in, they should do so once they step off the bus.

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](#).

Connecting to Kindergarten: Registration for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten for 2023-2024 has begun! Please share this information in your neighborhood! Families can register on line or in person at TSES between 9:00 and 2:30. Please find [registration information at this link](#). In addition, we are so excited to offer an evening of fun and information for our 2023-2024 Kindergarten families on Wednesday April 26, 2023. Please be sure to look through the [flyer at this link](#) and share with the families in your neighborhood.

TSES Spring Bookmobile: TSES is so excited to present our Spring Bookmobile! Please see [the flyer at this link](#) for specific information. Here are some of the details: The TSES Spring Bookmobile (minivan with an orange cone on top!) will visit the locations listed below over the course of two afternoons-March 14 and March 23. Please figure out which location is close to your home and join us to receive books, math resources, information and to talk with family members in your neighborhood. Join us as we bring the learning to you! Questions: email Allyson_glassband@hcpss.org

Tuesday March 14:

- Autumn Crest Leasing Center 3:45-4:15
- Hopewell Pool 4:30-5:00
- Wedding Ring Way 5:15-5:45
- Talbott Springs Elementary School Bus loop 6:00-6:30

Thursday March 23:

- Sewell's Orchard Tot Lot 4:00-4:30
- Quilting Way and Malindy Circle: 4:45-5:15
- The Other Barn 5:30-6:00
- Talbott Springs Elementary School Bus Loop 6:00-6:30

It's back! Eagles Night Out, formerly known as Girls and Boys Night Out, is once again happening at TSES just with a new name. Click [here](#) to view the flyer or check your child(ren)'s backpack for a paper copy. To help us plan, please let us know if you will join us for Eagles Night Out by returning the slip on the bottom of the paper version of the flyer to your child's teacher or completing the [form at this link](#) by Thursday, **March 23** 2023. **Any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mrs. Sansone, school counselor, Lauren_Sansone@hcpss.org**

TSES Scholastic Book Fair is Coming! Save the date for the TSES Book Fair! Browsing will occur during Media Classes the week before and after Spring Break. Students may shop the fair during the school day on April 13th and 14th. Parents may shop the fair from 3:00 pm-7:30 on Thursday April 13th at Academic Night or online. More info to come!

MCAP: On Friday, March 17, 2023, TSES 4th and 5th grade students will be bringing home student reports from the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP). Results are for the spring 2022 mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) assessments in Grades 3 and 4. This was the first full administration of the MCAP assessments that have replaced the previous Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) program. Results were delayed due to the federal standard setting process that new assessments are required to complete. The assessments use a four-point score scale, with students performing at levels 3 and 4 considered proficient for their grade level or course content. The second full administration of the MCAP assessments will occur this spring. Please watch for the dates for 2023 MCAP for TSES students in grades 3, 4 and 5 to take place after Spring Break!

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!

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 Here are the super singers from 2/23-3/1 are: Jaylynn C.V.,

John A., Damien P.V., Karly D., Javier T.A., Douglas H., Kayla G., Isamar C.D., Jaylen W., Grayson L., Taylor C., Matthew C., Evie L., Jefferson V.E., Alex F.A., Chase S., Julian T., Subhan M., Rory A., Santiago M., Megan F., Bailey B., Lala A., Jonathan B.

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.

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](https://www.howardcountymd.gov/departments/health) 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 Harlem Wizards Game is coming to the Oakland Mills community on **Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023!** This event is a fundraising event to benefit the Stevens Forest Elementary School PTA. This action-packed family-oriented game features tricks, dunks, music/comedy/dancing, audience participation, AND includes your favorite Oakland Mills teachers and administrators! **Tickets are on sale NOW!** Due to the intimate size of the gym, this event is expected to sell out; as it has in the past. So don't miss out on grabbing Harlem Wizards tickets for your family at the **reduced advance price!** Ticket prices will increase at the door. [Here's how to order tickets online:](#)

Go to: <https://harlemwizards.com/>

Click "Schedule & Tickets" on the top banner

Scroll down to the calendar near the middle of the page

Go to our game date: March 22, 2023

Click on "Buy Tickets" under Columbia, MD

Select ticket type!

If you'd like to make a CASH payment -OR- make a donation of tickets for other families, contact SFESFundraisers@gmail.com

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.

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! TSES Bookmobile (Schedule at this link)
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 TSES Bookmobile (Schedule at this link)
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
Wednesday April 26, 2023	Connecting to Kindergarten 5:30-7:00 (Information)
Friday April 28, 2023	Field Day Rain date