

March 17, 2023

Talbott Springs Families,

We hope that you had a great week! Earlier this week, I sent out a message about completing a survey called the [Indicators of Educational Equity Survey](#). The information collected from this survey is a very important consideration as we plan for the 2023-2024 school year. Please see below for the links to this survey and additional information.

Student activity on personal cell phones beyond the school day can cause a disruption to the educational process during school. At times, students are sharing false information and unkind messages are being spread. Some students are unable to concentrate on their learning because their minds are occupied with exchanges that are taking place through texting, gaming sites, voice chat rooms and social media sites while not at school. Parents can manage and monitor cell phones that have been given to children. Please google 'how to manage a child's cell phone' to find your preferred way to set times of the day when your child can use a device, how many minutes a day can be allowed, how to block 'friends' or apps and how to monitor activity. Next week we are looking forward to our Spring Bookmobile on Tuesday March 21 and Thursday March 23. Please see the schedule below. Please also see information below from the TSES PTA about nominating for PTA officer positions for the 2023-2024 school year and for information about TSES Yearbook Love Notes! I hope that you have a wonderful weekend!

Nancy Thompson, Principal

### Information:

**IEES Survey:** As part of our school improvement process for the remainder of this school year and for the 2023-2024 school year, we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities at our school. Please use the link or the QR code to complete the [HCPSS Indicators of Educational Equity Survey](#) by Friday March 31, 2023. We will use your input, along with other school data, to refine our school improvement plan for next year. As an additional support, please visit the [TSES website highlight 'TSES Equity Framework Core Values-Parent Information'](#). There you will find the HCPSS Equity Framework, the TSES Core Value Statements and questions that have been developed by the TSES PTA as a resource for finding out more information about our Core Values. This survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children attending more than one school within HCPSS, please complete one survey per school.

[English survey](#)

[Spanish survey](#)

[Chinese survey](#)

[Chin survey](#)

[Korean survey](#)



As an alternative, you can use the QR code above to link to the survey. If you have any questions, please contact [nancy\\_thompson@hcpss.org](mailto:nancy_thompson@hcpss.org) or [razia\\_kosi@hcpss.org](mailto:razia_kosi@hcpss.org). Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and we look forward to your responses!

**From the TSES Health Room:** Just a friendly reminder to continue to wash your hands frequently as the stomach bug is here, allergy season is upon us, and we are still seeing cases of COVID/Flu. Please contact our health room, 410-313-6918 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Winter MAP Assessment** report PDFs for the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Winter testing are now available in HCPSS Connect. The assessment was given to students in grades 1-8 in reading and mathematics. Reports can be viewed/downloaded by Parents/guardians by taking the following steps:

1. Log in to [HCPSS Connect Synergy](#)
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Report Cards from the menu
4. Near the top of the page, select MAP\_2023\_Winter

Additional details on MAP testing and how to interpret the report can be found [online](#)

**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 21 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](mailto:Allyson_glassband@hcpss.org)

Tuesday March 21:

- 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, please reach out to Mrs. Sansone, school counselor, [Lauren\\_Sansone@hcpss.org](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents may shop the fair from 3:00 pm-7:30 on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> at Academic Night or online. More info to come!

**MCAP:** On Friday, March 17, 2023, TSES 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 3/2-3/8: Madison H., Emily C., Summer B., Nakyi W., Sofia R., Felicia M., Lukaz Z., Alex A.G., Brian H., Genesis P.A., Julian S., Marissa P., Jafet R.T., Katie L., Silvia H., Rosie A., Bryce R., Hannah T., Farid A., Lily G., Raheem R., Aviola N.

**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.

**The TSES PTA is looking for members to fill positions for the 2023-24 school year.** Do you want to support our school community and plan fun events? Are you interested in connecting with other families and the school staff? We have jobs big and small and there is something for everyone! Please fill out this information form today: <https://tinyurl.com/TSESPTArecruit>

**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](mailto: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>

**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.

Thursday March 23, 2023	Kindergarten Field Trip to the East Columbia Library 11:00-1:00 TSES Bookmobile ( <a href="#">Schedule at this link</a> )
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 ( <a href="#">Information</a> )
Friday April 28, 2023	Field Day Rain date