

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter  
Friday March 25, 2022

We have one more week left until the end of Quarter 3 for the 2022-2023 school year! The last day of Quarter 3 is on Friday April 1. That day is an early dismissal day for students at 12:10. Time is moving along quickly and we are planning for end of year events. Please assure that you are checking the dates at the end of this weekly newsletter! Thank you to our families who attended the Pre-School/Pre-Kindergarten Pop Up Library on Thursday evening. The Howard County Library System Pop Up provided a fun experience for our youngest learners. TSES staff are asking that students leave Chromebooks at school each day. We use the Chromebooks each day and assure that they are charged for use at school. Unless otherwise indicated, Chromebooks are not needed for homework. When the Chromebooks are transported between home and the school building there is a greater chance for the devices to break. Be on the lookout for the TSES Bookmobile to be in your neighborhood on either March 31 or April 5! We have books and math materials for our students in our neighborhoods. Please see schedule below. The TSES Replacement School Project remains on target for completion in August 2022. We will have a very busy end of the school year as we prepare to leave our current building and its many memories behind. I hope that each of you has a wonderful weekend!  
Nancy Thompson, Principal

**Information:**

**Health Checks Continue!** Please help our community of staff, students and their families to remain healthy! Families are reminded to follow all [HCPSS health and safety protocols](#) and [conduct daily at-home health checks](#). [Answers to health and safety frequently asked questions](#) are available online. Please also note that per HCPSS and the Howard County Health Department, unvaccinated staff no longer are required to undergo weekly COVID-19 testing, and visitors/volunteers no longer are required to provide proof of vaccination when entering a school building. Please note that public health agencies continue to [recommend vaccines](#) as a primary means of protection against severe COVID-19 symptoms.

**The TSES Spring Bookmobile** will be traveling through the neighborhood for two upcoming evenings in order to spend ample time at each stop for book selections and to provide resources and information. Books and resources distributed will support students with reaching our goals for our School Improvement Plan in both Literacy and Math.

**Join us as we bring the learning into the community!**

- Students may select two books!
- Resources are provided to facilitate learning conversations between parent and child.
- A math session including a demonstration of a few Greg Tang games will happen at each stop. Games will be given to students for “at home” learning.

**The Bookmobile will make the following stops:**

**Thursday, March 31, 2022**

Autumn Crest (Leasing Center) 3:45-4:15

Hopewell Pool 4:30-5:00

Blandair Park (Ninja Challenge Course) 5:15-5:45

Talbott Springs Elementary School (bus loop) 6:00-6:30

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

Wedding Ring Way 4:00-4:30

Sewells Orchard and Loring Drive 4:45-5:15

Malindy Circle and Seedling Lane 5:20-5:50

Talbott Springs Elementary School (bus loop) 6:00-6:30

Contact [Allyson\\_Glassband@hcpss.org](mailto:Allyson_Glassband@hcpss.org) or [Khalilah\\_Braxton@hcpss.org](mailto:Khalilah_Braxton@hcpss.org) if you have questions about this event!

**HCPSS Calendar Adjustment!** At its Feb. 24 meeting, the Howard County Board of Education [approved a modification to the 2021-2022 academic calendar](#) impacting the May schedule. To better align with the Eid al-Fitr holiday, schools now will be closed for students Monday, May 2 and open on Tuesday, May 3.

- Monday, May 2 will be a Professional Learning Day and school is CLOSED for students
- Tuesday, May 3 will be a regular school day for students

The [HCPSS academic calendar](#) may be found online. Answers to [frequently asked questions about the calendar](#) and the HCPSS operating status also are available online.

**Kindergarten Registration is Open!** Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1 in order to enroll in kindergarten. Every child who is 5 years old by September 1 must be enrolled in a kindergarten program this fall or have an [approved waiver](#). [More information about registering a Kindergarten student](#) is at this link.

**TSES Connecting to Kindergarten:** If you know of a family who has a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2022, please share the information about our TSES Connecting to Kindergarten event that will be held on April 28, 2022 from 5:30-7:00. Information flyer is at this [link](#).

**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. music skills (singing, playing instruments, creating and moving are some of the skills). Here are the TSES Super Singers for March 11-March 24: Corey M., Brianna A.C., Kevin H., Mark P., Kaiden W., Skylar J.F., Henry Z., Tara B., Lily G., Natalie C., Lesly A.R., Julia D.K., Megan F., Aiden W., Tristen S., David J.A., Matthew G., Amy V., Sofia R., Makayla W., Eunice W., Bendict A., Kiley T., Mikell S., Alaiah W., Maeve C., Kennedy W., Jonathan O.V.

**Spring Clothing Give Away!** Saturday April 2 at the Long Reach High School Gym in Columbia. This event will take place from 9:00-11:00. Line begins at 7:00.

### **TSES PTA News!**

#### **TSES PTA~Yearbook LOVE Notes!**

TSES Yearbook LOVE NOTES ARE BACK and will be printed in the 2021-2022 Yearbook!!! Please see the attached google form (English and Spanish). Please complete a form for each TSES student/child in your household. **Deadline is APRIL 22, 2022.** Contact Michelle at [yearbook@tsespta.org](mailto:yearbook@tsespta.org) with questions.

[English Love Note Link 21-22](#)

[Spanish Love Note Link 21-22](#)

**TSES Yearbook COVER CONTEST!** The TSES PTA would like to use a drawing created by one of our students for the cover of the 2021-2022 yearbook.

Important Details:

- The 2021-2022 Yearbook Cover theme is “We RISE and we are Kind at TSES!”
- The picture must fill an **8.5 x 11** piece of white paper
- The picture must include the words **Talbott Springs Elementary School** and the year **2021-2022**. (**Please be sure to spell all words correctly, no abbreviations**).
- The picture must be **vertically oriented (tall)**
- The picture must be in **color**
- **Do not fold** your picture
- Name of Student, Grade & Teacher’s Name (write on back, please)

If you are interested, please submit a color drawing by **Thursday, March 31, 2022**. Bring the drawing to your homeroom teacher and it will be forwarded to the PTA Good Luck to everyone!  
**Contact Michelle Humphrey at [yearbook@tsespta.org](mailto:yearbook@tsespta.org) with any questions.**

**Attention Parents of TSES 5<sup>th</sup> Graders! 2021-2021 Talbott Springs Elementary Yearbook Baby/Toddler Pictures Needed!!**

We are continuing with the time-honored tradition of including baby/toddler pictures of current 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2021-2022 TSES yearbook. If possible, please supply us with a baby or toddler picture of your child(ren). Photos should be sent to Michelle Humphrey:

If sending your digital photo, please send to [yearbook@tsespta.org](mailto:yearbook@tsespta.org). If you prefer to send in a physical photo, please do not send any pictures that have been folded or that have creases in them. The photos will be returned in your child's Take Home folder after they are scanned.

**PLEASE SUBMIT THE PICTURE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY MARCH 31, 2022.**

**This date is a final due date!** If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Humphrey at [michelle\\_humphrey@hcpss.org](mailto:michelle_humphrey@hcpss.org). Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

**TSES Calendar Dates:**

Thursday March 31	TSES Bookmobile 3:45-6:30 PM (see locations of stops above)
Friday April 1	End Quarter 3-Early Dismissal for Students at 12:10
Tuesday April 5	TSES COVID Vaccine Clinic (see above for information)
Tuesday April 5	TSES Bookmobile 4:00-6:60 (see locations of stops above)
Thursday April 7	Pre-School/Pre-K Field Trip to the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
Friday April 8	Q3 Report Cards Issued
April 11-18	Spring Break
Tuesday April 19	School Re opens following Spring Break
	Registration for Pre-Kindergarten and Pre-School Begins!
Wednesday April 27	Early Dismissal for students at 12:10 pm
Thursday April 28	Connecting to Kindergarten 5:30-7:00 ( <a href="#">link to flyer</a> )
Friday April 29	Battle of the Books at 7:00 at Merriweather Post Pavillion
Tuesday May 10	TSES Spring Concert at OMHS at 6:30
Thursday May 12	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students visit LEMS and OMMS
Thursday May 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Oriole Park at Camden Yard
	K Field Trip to Centennial Park (rain date 5/25)

Friday May 20	Simulated Congressional Hearings –Grade 5-Virtual
Friday May 27	TSES Field Day!
Monday May 30	School Closed for Memorial Day
Friday June 3	Promotion Kindergarten (in person) at 9:00
Friday June 3	TSES Summer Kick off and PTA End of Year Celebration! 5:00
Monday June 13	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion (in person) at 9:00