Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter Friday April 1, 2022

Happy April! Today marks the end of Q3 for the 2022-2023 school year. This afternoon, our educators will be preparing report cards. Those report cards will be sent home and available in your child's Family File by the end of the day on Friday April 8, 2022. Information about the HCPSS Elementary School report card can be found at this link. If you have questions about your child's grades, please reach out to your child's teacher(s). We are looking forward our planned activities for the 4th Quarter!

This year, TSES hosted a MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) Club. We are grateful to Mrs. Arlette Garcia-Gill for leading this fun after school program. The students planned, created, tested and re-created a product intended to solve a real-world problem. Each of the projects was amazing! The following projects are moving forward to the Howard County competition. We wish these students the best at the HCPSS competition!

Mobile App- Healthy Foods and Schedule: Matias G, Ameyah B., Evie G., Erin F. Wearable Technology: CMST BBM (Baby Breathing Monitor): Maya S., Giuliana T., Emily C., Angel M. Storybook Theme Ride: The Cat in the Hat: Sebastian M., Justin W., Kellan O., Bryce R.

Please continue to track the dates that are listed below

I hope that each of you has a wonderful weekend!

Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information:

Information for Parents of Students Participating in Evening School: Please note that the last day of Evening School is April 7, 2022.

Scholastic Book Fair: The book fair will be at TSES next week – Monday April 4 through Friday April 8. Students will have time to browse and purchase books during their scheduled Library/Media class time. The Book Fair also be open for student purchases on Thursday (from 9:45-11:00 and 1:30-2:45 as well as Friday from 9:45-12:30 and 1:30-2:30. If your child is purchasing books on-line or if you wish to add money to your child's ewallet, please use this link: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/talbottsprings

Howard County Public School's Title I Office receives Title I funds to provide additional support and resources to Title I Schools. The Title I Office supports family engagement through the implementation of its Parent, Family, and Community Involvement Plan and by providing schools with funds to support family engagement. Please take a moment to complete the HCPSS Title I Parent, Family, and Community Involvement Input Survey, providing feedback on the district's Parent, Family, and Community Involvement Plan and parent involvement funds.

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 <u>math session</u> 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: 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 <u>Allyson_Glassband@hcpss.org</u> or <u>Khalilah_Braxton@hcpss.org</u> if you have questions about this event!

Donations Needed! TSES wants to shower our wonderful staff with treats! Please help us show our appreciation by donating some drinks and/or snacks(individually wrapped). Please drop off your donations 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 made 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.

Field Day is May 27, 2022! Greetings TSES Families! We are proud to announce that we will be hosting an in-person Field Day this year on May 27, 2022. Our rain date is scheduled for June 2nd. Mr. Bonsu and Ms. Parker have put together indoor and outdoor activities for participation for all grade levels. Students should plan to bring a (labeled) water bottle, hat, sunscreen, and wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothing. Come and enjoy a social, fun, and healthy day for our community. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these exciting activities focused on health and wellness. We are looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying themselves. Also, be sure have your child turn in any Parent Volunteer forms to his or her PE teacher by April 29, 2022.

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.

MSDE School Climate Survey – Information for parents of students in Grade 5: Maryland requires that all public schools survey students about school climate. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of each school's learning environment so that schools can promote a climate that supports student learning.

Students will take the survey during regular school hours between April 4th and April 22nd. The survey will take about 30 minutes and will ask students about topics such as student engagement, interactions with adults and with other students in the school, the school environment, bullying, and safety. The survey will not ask about a student's personal experiences and students will not be asked to provide any information that might violate his or her privacy. The survey is confidential and school personnel will not have access to the responses of specific students. The

responses your child provides will be combined with the responses from other students in the school, and results will be reported for each school and district.

We are eager to receive this very important information about your child's school and about schools across the state. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact the Survey Administrator at the Maryland State Department of Education by emailing to: survey.msde@maryland.gov

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!

The Talbott Springs Elementary School's PTA (Parent Teacher Association) promotes and supports enrichment opportunities for the education, health, and safety of students, staff, and parents. We encourage family involvement in the PTA, Talbott Springs Elementary, and community activities. We strengthen involvement and outreach with other schools and the larger community. And we need YOU...

Please consider joining our PTA AND volunteering for one of the following important roles.

This year we are recruiting for:

- President- Runs PTA meetings and provides oversight for the actions of the PTA
- Fundraising- Coordinates and schedules a variety of fundraising activities throughout the year
- Special Events- Plans and coordinates activities for students and the community throughout the year
- Cultural Arts Representative- Works with school staff to bring cultural art programs to TSES students each year
- Oakland Mills Educational Committee Representative- Represents TSES at the OM Educational Committee monthly meetings and reports back to the TSES PTA

Simply visit this link https://forms.gle/qUcNBMsu3YKguZW38 for more information! We can't wait to partner with you!

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 with questions.

English Love Note Link 21-22
Spanish Love Note Link 21-22

Attention Parents of TSES 5th 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 5th 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. 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. 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

Spring Break April 11-18

Tuesday April 19 School Re opens following Spring Break

Registration for Pre-Kindergarten and Pre-School Begins!

Early Dismissal for students at 12:10 pm Wednesday April 27

Connecting to Kindergarten 5:30-7:00 (link to flyer) Thursday April 28

Battle of the Books at 7:00 at Merriweather Post Pavillion Friday April 29

Tuesday May 10 TSES Spring Concert at OMHS at 6:30 Thursday May 12 5th Grade Students visit LEMS and OMMS

3rd Grade Field Trip to Oriole Park at Camden Yard Thursday May 19

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!

School Closed for Memorial Day Monday May 30

Promotion Kindergarten (in person) at 9:00 Friday June 3

TSES Summer Kick off and PTA End of Year Celebration! 5:00 Friday June 3

Monday June 13 5th Grade Promotion (in person) at 9:00