

TSES Friday Newsletter April 9, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

I hope that your Spring Break provided time for each of you to enjoy the beautiful spring weather. Although this was a short week for learning, it was a productive one for our students. We are grateful to have a stretch of uninterrupted instructional time during the weeks ahead. Next Wednesday, April 14 is the end of the third quarter for the 2020-2021 school year! Report cards will be prepared by teaching staff in the days ahead according to [HCPSS Policy 8010](#) and Report Cards will be available for parents on April 22, 2021.

Please join me in celebrating our Assistant Principal, Dr. Derek Lewis during Assistant Principals' Week! The job of an Assistant Principal is very diverse and requires great flexibility of thinking and a very positive spirit! Dr. Lewis fills the role well and is a joy to have as a member of the TSES Staff! This past week we also celebrated National Library Week! Please take a moment to recognize Mrs. Gageby, our Library/Media Specialist and Mr. Bob Better, our Media Paraeducator. Both of these staff members have shown great strength through the challenges of this past school year!

Please be sure to see information below about TSES Individual School Pictures taking place next week! I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Nancy Thompson

Principal

### **TSES Information:**

**HCPSS Proposed Digital Education Center for the 2021-2022 School Year:** Families who are interested in the option for allowing their children to attend school virtually for the 2021-2022 school year should visit this [link](#) to learn additional information. Interest surveys are due by April 14, 2021.

**Individual School Pictures for both In Person and Virtual Students:** All In-Person and Virtual Students at Talbott Springs Elementary will have individual school pictures taken April 13, 14 and 15, 2021!

April 13, 2021 A Day and E Day Students during the school day (no need to sign up)

April 14, 2021 Virtual Students\* Sessions at 1:30 to 3:30 at TSES (sign up with link below)

April 15, 2021 B Day and E Day students-during the school day (no need to sign up)

\***Virtual Students** may schedule an appointment for their pictures to be taken on 4/14/2021 from 1:30-3:30 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AAEA72AA0F49-virtual>

**Picture Information for ALL Families** (In Person and Virtual) To order your child's school pictures please visit [www.schoolpix.com](http://www.schoolpix.com). When prompted, enter the TSES online code: 7CVR7RLR. Follow prompts to order a package. Please note that it is not necessary to order a package to have your child's picture taken! We would love to be able to include your child's picture in our school year book! School Pictures, Inc® will follow all [recommended safety protocols](#) so that they can assure a comfortable and safe photograph experience for your child(ren).

**2021 Summer Programs Registration Now Open:** [Online enrollment](#) requests for currently enrolled HCPSS students are open for BSAP Summer Institute, Gifted and Talented Summer Institutes for Talent Development, Innovative Pathways High School (Math and Science only) and STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp. More information about the TSES Academic Intervention and Extended School Year Summer School Programs is forthcoming. Summer School will take place this year from x to x dates.

**The TSES Bookmobile** had a very successful ride before Spring Break! It was exciting to see so many families and happy children as they walked away with free books and games. We have plenty of materials so if you were not able to meet up with us but would still like some free books and games, contact Mrs. Glassband. [allyson\\_glassband@hcpss.org](mailto:allyson_glassband@hcpss.org) Everyone who attended the Bookmobile received the book Imagine by Juan Filepe Herrera. Click the link below to find fun family activities to celebrate the book. We will be sharing everyone's work in the schoolwide Canvas announcements.

<https://app.peardeck.com/student/tlpozpnex>

**Kindergarten Registration Now Open:** Children who are 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021 must register for Kindergarten program. Instructions about how to enroll in kindergarten are available at this [link](#). Please also see [FAQs about enrollment](#) (kindergarten and general). Fliers translated in English, Spanish and Korean are also available. [Pre-K Program 2021-22 Kindergarten Registration 2021](#)

**Pre-K Registration:** Families of prospective students have two options for submitting the [Pre-K application](#). More information is available on the [Pre-K program](#) page. TSES has a full day Pre-Kindergarten program available for students who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2021. Please note, MSDE requires that Pre-K be made available first to students who meet first-priority criteria. When space allows, families that meet second priority criteria will be considered. Talbott Springs Elementary will keep a waitlist of these applicants and will be contacted directly by the Office of Early Childhood Programs if accepted into the program. Fliers translated in English, Spanish and Korean are also available. [Pre-K Program 2021-22 Kindergarten Registration 2021](#)

**A Message from the TSES Health Room Staff:** If your child has any of the following, please keep your child home. You are welcome to call the school to talk with one of our nurses at 410-313-6915 if you are unsure of whether or not to send your child to school. We are aware that some of the symptoms in the second category can mimic seasonal allergies or illnesses other than COVID.

- 1 of the following symptoms:
  - New onset cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
  - New loss of taste or smell

**OR**

- 2 of the following:
  - Fever over 100.4 or chills within the past 24 hours
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Chills or shaking chills;
  - Nausea or vomiting;
  - Diarrhea

**Technology Support Centers:** Technology support sites are located at Old Bushy Park Elementary School and at the Old Cedar Lane Building in Columbia. If your child's Chromebook needs to be exchanged, these are the locations that families will need to visit. Please find more details at this [link](#).

**Family Fun Book Club!** The Howard County Library and Oakland Mills Online offers a book club the second Monday of each month to discuss a chapter book and to do activities related to that story. The book group is for kids (ages 5-9) and their adult(s) to enjoy together. The next meeting is on Monday April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The book that we are reading is Odd Weird and Little by Patrick Jennings.

### **TSES PTA Information and Updates!**

**Staff Appreciation Week!** The TSES PTA is asking for your help in honoring the TSES teachers and staff for the upcoming Staff Appreciation Week! (May 3-7, 2021)

Individuals and families may use the linked Google form to share a few kind words/words of appreciation for any, and/or all, staff and teachers at TSES. Submit as many encouraging and appreciative thoughts as you wish! You may complete as many forms as you want! Let's work together to thank our TSES Staff in a memorable way!

Some of these quotes will be printed as posters and displayed in the hallways of TSES. Submissions due by April 23, 2021!! <https://forms.gle/5huz3sAuxSbXQzNL8>

**PTA 2020-2021 Board Nominations!** The TSES PTA is seeking candidates to nominate for a few positions on the TSES PTA Board for the 2020-2021 School Year. The qualification for this job is a desire to be of support to our school as we move towards each exciting moment ahead, including the opening of our replacement school for the 2022-2023 school year! Please see the linked [PTA Flyer](#).

**Please support the TSES PTA by joining us for a restaurant night.**

**Tuesday, April 20th from 5pm-9pm:** Chipotle, 6181 Old Dobbin Rd, (410)872-8688, Flyer Required. We also have a PTA Restaurant Night scheduled for Wednesday May 19, 2021 from 5:00-9:00 pm at Red Robin in Columbia.

**TSES PTA Spring Bulb Fundraiser 3/20/2021 through 4/26/2021:** Beginning on Saturday 3/20/2021 please order your spring bulbs from the Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Company. Online Catalog: <https://ThreeRiversFundraising.com/fund/tsespta-spring21>. Your purchase and that of your families and friends will benefit the TSES PTA! Thank you for your participation in this fundraiser!

**TSES PTA YEARBOOK COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS!!** The 2020-2021 yearbook WILL happen this year, but we need help filling those pages. Please send pictures of your child(ren) from any of the following themes. (1) First Day of Virtual School; (2) Fun Fall pictures (leaves, fall, etc); (3) Holiday celebrations; (4) Snow Days; (5) Virtual Learning (reading, working, etc); (6) Student artwork completed for Art Class or class projects. Send all photos and/or questions to Michelle at [yearbook@tsespta.org](mailto:yearbook@tsespta.org) Thank you in advance for helping the Yearbook Committee making this another great yearbook.

**Student and Family Technology Support Request Form:** If your child's HCPSS Chromebook is not working, please fill out the [TSES Technology Support Form](#). In addition, it is helpful if you call the school to explain the problem so that we can code your child's absence from class appropriately.

**Mobile Testing Sites:** Howard County is dedicated to expanding COVID-19 testing to residents in our community who many not have adequate access. First Call Urgent Care and Centennial Medical Group are implementing four mobile testing units in the following locations:

- Long Reach Village Center (Monday, 3pm-7pm)
- North Laurel Community Center (Tuesday, 3pm-7pm)
- Recreation and Parks Headquarters (Thursday, 3pm-7pm)
- The Elkridge 50+ Center (Friday, 3pm-7pm)

Rapid testing and PCR testing will be available to residents at no cost. These new testing sites will help us promote more equitable healthcare and ensuring our most vulnerable populations have access to COVID-19 testing.

*New HCPSS Community News and Programs Site: In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS' new [Community News and Programs](#) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations." Community organizations requesting their announcements be shared in school newsletters should visit [community-programs.hcpss.org](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org).*

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- April 13, 2021      Student Individual Pictures for A and E students**
- April 14, 2021      End Q3 School closes at 11:30**
- April 14, 2021      Student Individual Pictures for Virtual Students**
- April 15, 2021      Student Individual Pictures for A and E students**
- April 15, 2021      TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00 (virtual)**
- April 16, 2021      Battle of the Books**
- April 20, 2021      PTA Restaurant Night: Chipotle**
- April 22, 2021      Q3 Report Cards Issued**
- May3-7,2021        TSES Staff Appreciation Week!**