

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter
Friday April 29, 2022

Thank you for sharing your children with us this week! We had a very busy week of learning and fun. This week we also celebrated our Administrative Professionals: Ms. Hoffman, Ms. Mercado and Ms. Cristiani. Please join me in thanking them for the work that they do each day including answering the phone and doorbell, answering many questions from staff members and families, and registering and withdraw students while maintaining a very positive office environment! Next week is Staff Appreciation Week! In advance, I am thankful to the TSES PTA for the kindness and treats that will be shared with all of our staff members! Please take a moment to thank one or more of our staff members with an email or a handwritten message. Receiving a note of gratitude from a child or a child's family member is a treasured moment for each of the members of our staff. Please see this [link](#) for a list of our staff members and their school email addresses.

We are grateful to the Oakland Mills Village Board for their donation of funds for a Little Free Library unit for the TSES Replacement School! We love seeing children borrow books from our outdoor library. Our current Little Free Library will close on June 14, 2022.

Please join me in wishing the TSES Battle of the Books teams the best as they compete at Merriweather Post Pavilion tonight!

A last reminder that the HCPSS is closed for students on Monday May 2, 2022 as it is a work day for staff. We look forward to seeing your children on Tuesday May 3! I hope that each of you has a wonderful weekend.

Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information:

Last Day of School for TSES Students: Please see the TSES School Messenger alert from Tuesday April 26, 2022. The last day of school for TSES students will be on Tuesday June 14. We will be closing three days earlier than HCPSS schools due to the construction projects that are planned for this summer. We will start the 2022-2023 school year in the TSES Replacement School which is being built next to our current building.

MCAP: During the month of May, TSES students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be participating in the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP).

What is MCAP? The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) provides information to educators, parents and the public on student progress towards proficiency on the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards. Through a strong assessment system, stakeholders gain an understanding of how schools are performing and where assistance can be directed to support student growth and achievement. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that states administer annual statewide assessments to all students in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics in grades 3-8 and once in high school.

When are Talbott Springs Elementary students in grades 3-5 testing?

Rather than asking our students to sit through long periods of testing, we are administering the assessments in smaller parts during AM and PM sessions each lasting up to an hour.

Wednesday May 4 and Thursday May 5: AM and PM sessions

Tuesday May 10 and Wednesday May 11: AM and PM sessions

Monday May 16 and Tuesday May 17: AM and PM sessions

Tuesday May 24 and Wednesday May 25: AM and PM sessions

How can I assure that my child is prepared for testing? We encourage students to get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast either at home or at school.

If you have any questions regarding testing, please contact Derek Lewis, TSES Assistant Principal.

Pre-Kindergarten is Registration is now open! The HCPSS Pre-Kindergarten curriculum is taught by certified staff, supports early learning and school readiness that foster a child's academic, social, emotional and physical development. Children must be four years old by September 1, 2022 to be considered for enrollment. [Additional information](#) about the pre-K program, eligibility, and the application process is available online. Please note that filling out an application does not guarantee admission to the program. Please read the eligibility requirements carefully. Please contact Mrs. Mercado at Ivette_mercado@hcpss.org with questions.

TSES Pre-School Registration is now open! Talbott Springs Pre School is a 4 day/week 2.5 hour program (AM or PM session) open to families who qualify in the Talbott Springs Elementary and the Stevens Forest Elementary attendance areas. Families must meet the eligibility criteria that is outlined at this [link](#). Please call Talbott Springs Elementary at 410-313-6915 for additional information!

Battle of the Books is on Friday April 29th! Please join me in cheering on the TSES 5th Grade Battle of the Books Teams who will be competing to share their knowledge at Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia next Friday evening. Our students will be in Section 202. We are so proud of each of these students and their volunteer coaches for their efforts to read books that were selected by the Howard County Library System and to work together to create a community of competitive readers! Team 1: The Blooks-Coach: Mr. McMahan; Students: Gabriel M, Juliana B., Megan M., Evie G., Erin F. Merriweather Section: 202. Team 2: The Talbott Tucks: Coach: Mrs. Otten; Students: Tunmise, Brielle, Justin W., Kellan, Owen. Team 3: The Emerald Kids: Coach: Mrs. Glassband; Students: Alice, Alexander, Jolene, Alissa. Team 4: The Reading Society of TSES: Coach: Mrs. Freer; Students: Doris, Yaritza, Jocelyn, Gavin and Alissa.

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. Please sign up to volunteer at this [link](#)! Also, be sure have your child turn in any paper copies of Parent Volunteer forms to his or her PE teacher by April 29, 2022

TSES PTA Information

TSES Replacement School-Buy a Brick! Leave Your Love at TSES with an Engraved Brick We invite you and the entire Talbott Springs Community (family members, friends, neighbors, and alumni) to purchase a commemorative brick to honor a child, recognize your family, or remember a loved one and show your support of Talbott Springs Elementary School and the PTA. The bricks will be installed around the new school's flagpole as a lasting commemoration. Any net proceeds from the sales will be to support our staff, students, and

community through the PTA. Please help us get the word out for brick sales as we would love for the entire community to have the opportunity to participate and commemorate their time at Talbott Springs Elementary School! **4x8 brick - \$40.00 each**

<https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/tsesbricks>

If you have any questions, please email Michelle Humphrey at treasurer@tsespta.org

TSES PTA Meeting: The next TSES PTA Meeting will be held on Thursday May 19 at 7:00.

Community Information:

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): Children's Mental Health Awareness Week is May 1-7, 2022! Join the Oakland Mills Community and the Jacaranda Center as we kick off the week with a screening and discussion of the movie: RESILIENCE: The Biology of Stress and The Science of Hope". This one-hour documentary delves into the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the birth of a movement to treat and prevent toxic stress. ACEs are traumatic experiences faced in home and community environments that affect children and youth's ability to learn and thrive. They can have can have lasting effects into adulthood. Join us as we educate ourselves and dialogue with experts. April 29, 2022 from 6:30pm – 9:00pm, at The Barn, 5853 Robert Oliver Pl, Columbia, MD 21045. Registration is required; Space is limited. Dinner will be served. The Jacaranda Center is committed to engaging, supporting and equipping parents, guardians and other caring adults, so that children and youth are launched on the best pathway to success in school, work and life. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in discussions with experts. For more information, contact info@thejacarandacenter.org or (410) 978-1859. Please see the flyer at this [link](#).

TSES Calendar Dates:

Friday April 29	Battle of the Books at 7:00 at Merriweather Post Pavilion
May 2 through May 6	Staff Appreciation Week
Monday May 2	<i>School Closed for Students-Professional Learning Day</i>
Tuesday May 3	School OPEN for students
Wednesday May 4	MCAP-Students in Grades 3 through 5 (see above)
Thursday May 5	MCAP-Students in Grades 3 through 5 (see above)
Tuesday May 10	TSES Spring Concert at OMHS at 6:30
Tuesday May 10	MCAP-Students in Grades 3 through 5 (see above)
Wednesday May 11	MCAP-Students in Grades 3 through 5 (see above)
Thursday May 12	5 th Grade Students visit LEMS and OMMS 10:00-11:30
Monday May 16	MCAP-Students in Grades 3 through 5 (see above)
Tuesday May 17	MCAP-Students in Grades 3 through 5 (see above)
Wednesday May 18	<i>Early Dismissal for Students at 12:10 PM</i>
Thursday May 19	3 rd 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
Monday May 23	All Media Books are due back to TSES
Monday May 23	5 th Grade Panorama Picture at 1:30
Tuesday May 24	2 nd Grade Field Trip to the Howard County Conservancy
Tuesday May 24	MCAP-Students in Grades 3 through 5 (see above)

Wednesday May 25	MCAP-Students in Grades 3 through 5 (see above)
Thursday May 26	1 st Grade Field Trip to the B & O Railroad Museum
Friday May 27	TSES Field Day!
Monday May 30	School Closed for Memorial Day
Wednesday June 1	5 th Grade Field Trip to Ft. McHenry
Wednesday June 1	4 th Grade Field Trip to Mary's Land Farm (Days of Taste)
Thursday June 2	Field Day Rain Date
Friday June 3	Promotion Kindergarten (in person) at 9:00
Friday June 3	Pre-Kindergarten Celebration and Picnic
Friday June 3	TSES Summer Kick off and PTA End of Year Celebration! 5:00
Wednesday June 8	<i>Early Dismissal for Students at 12:10</i>
Monday June 13	5 th Grade Promotion (in person) at 9:00
Tuesday June 14	Last Day of School for TSES students (full day of school)