

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter
Friday May 6, 2022

Thank you to the families who were able to connect with our staff members in a positive way during this Staff Appreciation Week! Your kind words of gratitude are of high value to the members of our staff who work closely with your children each day. Please join us in celebrating Ms. Byrd and Mrs. Squillario on National School Nurse Day on Wednesday May 11! This has been a challenging year for our School Nurses!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Stress has been prevalent in our lives for for the past two years. Children and adults both experience stress and anxiety. Children show their stress in ways that are different from adults. If you have concerns about your child's mental health, please contact members of our [Student Support staff](#). You can find information about the [HCPSS response to mental health concerns at this link](#).

We are looking forward to the in-person Spring Concert (Band, Strings, Chorus) on Tuesday 10. Thank you to our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students for their incredible effort during the ELA MCAP assessment sessions this week. We look forward to the same time and attention to the assessment next week. Please see below for information.

Best wishes to all members of our school community who are celebrating Mother's Day being with or thinking about a person who has made a difference in their life through kind and nurturing acts. I hope that each of you has a wonderful weekend!

Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information:

Last Day of School for TSES Students: 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.

It's time to order your TSES 2021-2022 Yearbook!!!!

Yearbook order forms are being sent home on Friday May 6, 2022, with your child(ren). The cost for each yearbook is \$27.00. Please make checks or money orders payable to School Pictures, Inc. Orders will only be accepted through May 31, 2022 (firm date), to ensure delivery prior to the end of the school year. ****TSES does NOT order extra yearbooks for later purchase**** We are also offering online ordering please

visit <https://vando.imagequix.com/D9JRT9L> and enter keycode TSESYB22 (additional fees may apply). Please contact Michelle at yearbook@tsespta.org with any questions.

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.

Tuesday May 10 and Wednesday May 11: AM ELA Sessions

Monday May 16 and Tuesday May 17: AM Math Sessions

Tuesday May 24 and Wednesday May 25: AM Math 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.

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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

Join the TSES PTA for a fundraising dinner at Panda Express on Tuesday, 5/10 from 10:00am-8:00pm. Located in the food court at the Mall in Columbia. Look for a flyer in your student's Friday folder & thank you for your support of the TSES PTA!

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.

TSES Calendar Dates:

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)