

TSES Friday Newsletter May 7, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

This has been an amazing week! Thank you to the TSES PTA and to all of our families for sharing your resounding appreciation of our staff! The many sweet treats, the messages from our students and the beautifully prepared group messages of gratitude were very much appreciated! Thank you also to Ms. Hoffman and to Dr. Lewis for their time with providing staff appreciation as well!! TSES staff members are proud of the work that they do and the effort that they put forth to assure that each child feels welcome in his or her presence and has access to his or her best learning opportunity. This week we also celebrated National Nurse Appreciation Week honoring Mrs. DeLair and Ms. Byrd and School Lunch Heroes Day honoring Ms. Cindy Crook, Mrs. Dulsá Repesa and Mrs. Alija Nuhanovic.

Thank you to the TSES PTA for a fun virtual BINGO event! I hear that we have some very competitive BINGO players at our school! Thank you to Mrs. Alexa Chestnut for organizing this event and to Mrs. Tricia Blackman, Mrs. Casey Otten and Mrs. Michelle Humphrey for hosting virtual BINGO rooms! I would also like to thank the MacPhee family for their continued work each month to change the letters on our school marquis! This is not an easy job! Ms. MacPhee enjoys sharing this monthly project with her sons as she is following in the footsteps of her mom who changed the letters each month on her elementary school marquis! What a wonderful way to provide service to the community while honoring your mom! On that note, I wish each person who is a mother, who loves a person as a mother or who has a mother or mother figure in their lives a wonderful Mother's Day this weekend.

Please see below for important information about books for students this summer, upcoming Virtual Field Day events and the last round of Math MAP administration.

Nancy Thompson

Principal

Information Items:

Kids Read Now! Because of generous donations from the Oakland Mills Community Association and HCPSS Title I, current TSES students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 4 have the opportunity to receive the following free of charge this summer:

- Six free books at each child's reading level. Books are mailed to the address specified by the family every 2 weeks.
- Each book comes with 4 discussion questions on the inside cover for family discussion
- A free App that includes the discussion questions in multiple languages
- A 7th free book at the end of the summer with illustrations for the students to write their own stories

In order for your children to be able to participate, parents must complete the survey below to opt into receiving these free items and by identifying the summer home mailing address.

TSES parents will receive support at the TSES Summer Kick Off to set up the App and get started.

Please complete the survey at this link ASAP! We are asking for your Opt In to be completed on or before Friday May 14, 2021

[TSES Kids Read Now® Survey in English](#)

[TSES Kids Read Now® Survey in Spanish](#)

Thank you so much for your support! We are so excited at this opportunity for our families =)

Spring MAP Administration: On **May 12, 2021** at **9:30** a.m. we are offering the Map Math test to your child. This test will not affect grades, however, it can provide us with useful information regarding your child's progress. Please be assured that, it is normal to only answer about half the questions correctly. To ensure accurate results, your child should answer the questions independently.

Your child's Reading Google Meet link will be shared by your child's Math teacher through Canvas. Here are some suggestions for a successful MAP experience:

- Minimize distractions for your child as much as possible
- Have scratch paper available for your child to write down Session Name and Password provided in the Google Meet chat
- A link to the test site will be provided in the Google Meet chat (<https://test.mapnwea.org/#/nopopup>)
- Your child will then login using the Session Name and Password
- Once your child has finished testing, he or she should leave the Google Meet and work on other asynchronous learning tasks that are to be completed on Wednesday.

SCHOOL PICTURE Pick Up! If your child had his or her picture taken by School Pictures, Inc® on April 13, 14 or 15, 2021, your child's pictures are available for pick up! Please contact TSES at 410-313-6915 for information about how to pick up your child's photo. If you wish to order additional prints, please see the original photo of your child and use the code on that photo to order from School Pictures, Inc®.

From the TSES PE Teachers: Virtual Field Day! We hope you all are ready for our Virtual Field Days and that everyone is staying safe and healthy. To begin with, we will be releasing 2 videos each week for you all to try between 5/10 and 6/4. It only takes 60 seconds to complete the activities once set up. The first 2 activities for Hybrid Field Week are "Water Bottle Flip" and "Paper Plane Cornhole". Below you will find the equipment needed for each activity. Remember, this will not be graded. It is just for fun! We are hoping to see you all enjoying yourselves through your Canvas submissions. **Check the videos out in your Canvas Monday Announcements for your instructions!**

WATER BOTTLE FLIP

materials: water bottle (that is filled halfway), stopwatch (something to keep time for 1 minute)

PAPER PLANE CORNHOLE

materials: 3 paper airplanes, a laundry basket/trash can/ bucket, a stopwatch

Hope you enjoy, you can try as many times as you want to get a higher score. We can't wait to see your submissions!!! Best wishes, Mr. Bonsu & Ms. Parker

HCPSS Meal Distribution Revisions for Week of May 10-14, 2021

With schools being closed for students on Thursday, May 13, adjustments to meals pickups are in effect for next week. There will be no meal service on May 13 and additional meals will be available prior to the closure. <https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2021/05/meal-adjustments-week-of-may-10-2021/>

TSES School Counseling Connection! Please use the link to the [School Counseling Newsletter to find information to assist your child during Mental Health Awareness Month.](#)

Virtual Support for Parents of Young Children: HCPSS parents at Title I schools of children birth-5 and older are invited to a FREE Virtual Parent Cafe. Virtual Parent Cafés are a free, safe space for parents to have meaningful conversations with other parents. The structured conversations give parents an opportunity to talk together about topics that matter to them. Please contact allyson_glassband@hcpss.org for more information. <https://tses.hcpss.org/file/parent-cafe-invitationmay2021pdf>

HoCo Rainbow Conference: High School Students, Staff, Parents (who may bring their middle school aged children) and community members are invited to attend this free virtual conference on Saturday May 15, 2021 from 8:45 am -5:00 pm. The event is designed to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ issues and to provide education and support to the HCPSS community. . [Find more information](#) and [register online](#).

Free Parenting Classes: HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office, partnering with HCPSS and the Health Department, will once again provide evidence-based classes for families to gain skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will engage in risky behaviors including using drugs. This 4-class series for parents of 9-14 year olds will be held on Zoom from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 4, 11 and June 1, 8. Parents/guardians must register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCDrugFreeSpring2021> If you have questions, email Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree's Executive Director at Admin@hcdrugfree.org

OMHS Food Pantry: April was another busy month for the OMHS Food Pantry with over 300 people being served. Please help OMHS restock their shelves. If you're able, please consider picking up an extra item or two for the food pantry when you go shopping this weekend. Donations will be collected in person on Wednesday, May 12 from 3-5 pm at OMHS. As always, if you're an online shopper, you can swing over to our [Amazon Wishlist](#). Items that are needed include: pasta, rice, dry beans, cereal, oatmeal, mac & cheese, snacks (chips, crackers, cookies, granola bars, nuts, fruit snacks, raisins), canned protein (tuna, chicken salmon), canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter & jelly, canned pasta (spaghetti-o/chef Boyardee), pasta sauce, diapers (especially sizes 4, 5 and 6), baby wipes.

Please feel free to spread the word to your friends, families, and communities. Thank you all so very much for your continued support of the OMHS Food Pantry!

TSES PTA Information and Updates!

LOVE NOTES ARE BACK and will be printed in the 2020-2021 Yearbook!!! Please see the attached google form (English and Spanish). Please complete a form for each TSES student/child in your household. **Deadline is MAY 7, 2021** . Contact Michelle at yearbook@tsespta.org with questions.

English Form: <https://forms.gle/xy9E6ZLFtTG231m28>

Spanish Form: <https://forms.gle/FgAGxrCLRjLw69NJ9>

TSES Yearbook Student Photos:

Not able to get a student photo taken by School Pictures Inc.® this week? Not to worry, we have you covered. Please take a photograph (face shot if possible) of your child(ren); preferably with a solid background and forward to Michelle Humphrey at yearbook@tsespta.org. We, unfortunately, cannot order prints of your photograph, but it will be in added to the 2020-2021 Talbott Springs

Yearbook. **Please be sure to include your child's full name, grade, AND homeroom teacher.**

TSES YEARBOOK COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS!! The 2020-2021 yearbook WILL be published 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; (6) Spring photos; (7) Wacky Tacky dress up day. Send all photos and/or questions to Michelle at yearbook@tsespta.org. The yearbook committee is so thankful for all the photos everyone has sent thus far; please keep them coming! 😊

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.

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 for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 12, 2021	Math MAP 9:30 AM (Virtual)
May 13, 2021	Schools Closed for all Students Professional Work Day TSES PTA Virtual Meeting at 7:00
May 19, 2021	TSES PTA Restaurant Night at Red Robin 5:00-9:00
May 25, 2021	5th Grade Parent Meeting (Puberty Education, End of Year Activities)
May 26, 2021	MAP Make Up Sessions
May 31, 2021	Schools and Offices Closed for Memorial Day
June 2, 2021	TSES Virtual Band, Strings and Chorus Concert 6:30