Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter Friday May 13, 2022

As we enter the last month of the school year, it is important that TSES students attend school daily and that they arrive on time for school. The learning that is taking place is critical for readiness in the next grade level that your child will enter. We also have many activities for our students in the weeks ahead! Each of these events fosters learning and cooperative skills. Although we have been working with students all year on social and emotional health as they relate to working with others, we still have work to do!

On June 3, TSES and the TSES PTA will host an evening full of incredible events! Please see below for the events and the times that they will take place. Of note is that from 6:30 to 7:30 on June 3, we are welcoming current and former students, families and staff members the opportunity to walk through our current Talbott Springs building for one last visit before the building is demolished as part of the construction project for the TSES Replacement School. We will not be touring the new school building on this date because we will not have occupancy permits.

Please continue to look at the dates at the end of this newsletter! Have 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.

**Q4 Mid Quarter Instructional Level Notification:** This school year HCPSS is not issuing mid quarter interim reports. At times, 'instructional levels' for our students in Grades 1-5 change based on a child's progress with grade level concepts. If your child's instructional level for Math or Reading is being adjusted (below grade level to on grade level; on grade level to above; on grade level to below grade level or above grade level to on grade level), you will receive a Canvas email from your child's Reading or Math teacher early next week. Please reach out to your child's teacher(s) with questions.

# SAVE THE DATES: Upcoming (optional) Student Spirit Days:

*May 18th-Dress as a Grown Up-* Students may dress like a grown-up who they admire or who inspires them (i.e. parents, grandparents, teachers, famous athlete, artist, etc...) *June 8th-Sports Day-*Students may wear clothing that represents their favorite sport, or team.

# SAVE the DATE! June 3, 2022

- 4:30-6:30 TSES Summer Kick Off Event: Stop by for free summer learning activites and purchase books at the TSES Scholastic Book Fair
  5:00-6:30 TSES PTA Spring Family Event: Enjoy some end of year time with TSES Families! Bring your dinner or purchase food from one of the food trucks that will be on our premises!
  6:30-7:30 The current TSES Building will be open for current and former staff members,
- students and families to tour as we get ready to say goodbye! <u>Please find more</u> <u>information at this link.</u>

**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. 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 sessions each lasting up to an hour.

Monday May 16 and Tuesday May 17: AM Math Sessions

Tuesday May 24 and Wednesday May 25: AM Math Sessions

**TSES 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 <u>link</u>!

# **HCPSS and Community Information**

**Free Summer Meals:** HCPSS will continue providing free meals to all HCPSS students and any children aged 18 and under, weekdays from June 27-Aug. 12, with the exception of July 4 and 19. <u>Full details</u>, including site locations, can be found online.

**The Howard County Health Department is offering FREE vaccine clinics in the upcoming weeks.** All these events will offer Tdap, MCV4, MenB, HPV, and varicella for FREE (regardless of insurance status). Patients must be the appropriate age to receive the vaccine and must be 18 or younger. Parent or legal guardian required to give consent for anyone younger than 18. No advance registration needed, we'll just do paper consent and admin forms on-site. Bringing immunization history is helpful but not required. Here are the dates for walk-up back-to-school clinics.

- Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Glen Mar Church (4701 New Cut Rd, Ellicott City 21043), link w/ more info <u>https://glenmarumc.org/events/health-fair-2022/</u> (This event offers multiple services and has registration links that apply to those such as a blood drive and COVID shots, no need to register for back-to-school shots.)
- Friday, May 27, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at HCHD (8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia 21045), link w/ more info <u>https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/childhood-immunization</u>
- Thursday, June 16, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at HCHD (8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia 21045), same link as above
- Friday, July 22, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at HCHD (8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia 21045), same link as above

# **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. Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81976579897?pwd=TnpaYU1GSUMvU2k3S3AvYnpQb0owdz09 Meeting ID: 819 7657 9897 Passcode: 356368

#### **TSES Calendar Dates:**

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	Spirit Day (optional): Dress Like a Grown Up!
Wednesday May 18	Early Dismissal for Students at 12:10 PM
Thursday May 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Oriole Park at Camden Yard
Thursday May 19	K Field Trip to Centennial Park (rain date 5/25)
Thursday May 19	TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00 (Virtual)
Friday May 20	Simulated Congressional Hearings – Grade 5-Virtual
Monday May 23	All Media Books are due back to TSES
Monday May 23	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Panorama Picture at 1:30
Tuesday May 24	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	1st 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Ft. McHenry
Wednesday June 1	4th 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	Spirit Day (Optional) Sports Day: Wear clothing to represent a sport
Wednesday June 8	Early Dismissal for Students at 12:10
Monday June 13	5th Grade Promotion (in person) at 9:00
Tuesday June 14	Last Day of School for TSES students (full day of school)