

TSES Friday Newsletter May 21, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

If you have a moment to drive or walk by TSES this weekend, please do so! TSES Replacement Building construction is moving along quickly! The classrooms will be in the two story section in the back of the building. The front of the building has the cafeteria, music rooms, gym and office area. We are working with Dustin Construction Company and HCPSS to assure ways that our students and staff are involved with the building project when our students return to our current building for the 2021-2022 school year. The projected completion date of the TSES Replacement School is the summer of 2022. Our first year in the new building will be the 2022-2023 school year.

A week ago, in a message sent to the HCPSS Community, we learned that the school system will no longer require masks to be worn outdoors while on school property, other than at athletic contests. This includes outdoor recess, eating school meals outdoors, physical education classes, and other times when students, staff and/or visitors are outside on school grounds. Masks may still be worn based on individual discretion, and social distancing during these times continues to be strongly encouraged to the extent possible. Masks will also continue to be required inside schools based on the State's orders.

With only a few weeks left to the school year, we continue to teach students new content in each subject! Please assure that your children log in daily if they are virtual or hybrid students or that they come to school on their assigned days. Please encourage your child to finish the school year **STRONG!**

Thank you to each of our families for your continued effort to assure that TSES students are connected to one another, to the adults at school and to the learning. Have a wonderful weekend!

Nancy Thompson

Principal

### **Information Items:**

**Carpool Loop Safety:** Although we are approaching the end of the school year, we have recently welcomed additional students back to in-person learning at TSES. Many of our students and families are back on school grounds for the first time in several months and are using the new car loop for arrival and dismissal. Use of the car drop off and pick up loop will require patience until the TSES Replacement Building is completed in the summer of 2022. We appreciate your understanding! To ensure the safety of our students and staff, please adhere to the following safety rules for the car loop:

- Please maintain one-way traffic
- Please remain in your car (unless putting child into a car seat)
- Please do not pass another car without staff direction.
- At dismissal, please inform staff of your child(ren)'s name(s). A staff member will escort your child(ren) to your car.
- It is helpful if your child enters and exits your car from the passenger side. We understand that many children are in car seats or booster seats making this a challenge.
- Please follow directions of staff.
- Children not picked up in the car loop by 3:40 (11:40 on Wednesdays) will be brought to the front office and parents will be contacted for pick-up

**From the TSES Technology Department:** Next week, during Technology class, all students will receive instruction on summer Chromebook care. This lesson will include review of basic [Chromebook Care](#), as well as discussion around the [Student Device Agreement](#), and [Policy 8080](#). Please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Stover if you have any questions about how to help your child to maintain his or her Chromebook during the summer. Links:

Chromebook care - <https://www.hcpss.org/devices/chromebook-care/>

Student Device Agreement - <https://www.hcpss.org/student-device-agreement/>  
Policy 8080 - <https://policy.hcpss.org/8000/8080/>

**TSES School Improvement and Family Involvement Survey:** It's that time of year when we want to hear about how our families have felt about this school year. Your feedback is important and is used to write our School Improvement Plan and consider Family Events for the 2021-2022 school year. Please complete the survey to have your voice heard by **May 26th**. A paper survey was sent home with all in person students. Please choose either paper or electronic feedback. If you would prefer to give your feedback over the phone, please call Mrs. Glassband at 410-313-6915.

Survey in English: <https://forms.gle/KnLUquFR1rhRZ5Ej7>

Survey in Spanish: <https://forms.gle/tFnEyd2URxayRLAGA>

**TSES 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting:** Please plan to attend a virtual meeting for 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents on Wednesday May 26, 2021 at 3:30 PM. We will be discussing plans for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion, Puberty Education and answering your questions. If you are unable to attend, please connect with another family for notes. We are unable to record Google Meets. The code for the meeting is **TSESParentMeeting**

**Information for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families 2021-2022 Course Requests:** Families of and students currently in grades 5-7 can view 2021-2022 course requests in HCPSS Connect Synergy through Thursday, May 20. Families of and students in grades 5-11 will be able to view confirmed 2021-2022 courses prior to the end of this school year. Please find more information at this [link](#).

**Returning HCPSS Devices:** Students leaving HCPSS after the current 2020-2021 school year, including those unenrolling or graduating, must return their assigned HCPSS technology devices, including laptops, Chromebooks, etc. Students who will remain in HCPSS schools for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year may continue to borrow HCPSS technology devices over the summer. Please find more information at this [link](#).

**TSES Virtual Spring Concert!** We are so excited to be able to offer this opportunity for TSES Band, Strings and Chorus students! These students have been working hard all year to learn new skills and are looking forward to sharing what they have learned. Please join us virtually on June 2, 2021 at 6:30 for this incredible event. Specific Google Meet information to follow. Thank you to Mrs. Castrillon, Mrs. Knysak, Mr. Lee and Mr. Marsh for creating the opportunity for this to happen!

**From the TSES PE Teachers: Virtual Field Day LAST WEEK!** We hope that everyone had a safe and fun week. Mr. Bonsu and Ms. Parker would like to give a shout out to all students who have submitted a picture, video or a sentence to our canvas page. Your submission will help guarantee a movie day for your class.

This will be our final week to participate in our hybrid field day events. Our last 2 activities are “**PAPER BALL TRICK SHOT**” and “**THE SHOE BALANCE CHALLENGE**”. Below you will find the directions to the activities. Remember, these activities will not be graded. It is just for Fun!!

**PAPER BALL TRICK SHOT:** Materials: Ball (sock ball, paper ball, or small ball); Target (trash-can, basket or laundry basket); Stopwatch

Directions –

1. Set up your target at anywhere in your house
2. Make a paper ball

3. Perform a trick shot. For example – you could throw a paper ball behind your back to land inside your target. You could throw it “off a wall” to your target.

**THE SHOE BALANCE CHALLENGE:** Materials: Shoe, Position (the floor, ground, mat)

Directions –

1. Lay down on the ground and put one foot up in the air
2. Balance the shoe on top of your foot.
3. Flip all the way over without letting the shoe drop
4. Set a timer for 1 minute
5. If the shoe falls, please start over

Hope you have fun with Paper Ball Trick Shot and Shoe Balance Challenge. \*\*You can try as many as you can and record your best scores. Thank you all for making it this far, we hoped that you enjoyed our hybrid field day events. Ms. Parker and Mr. Bonsu can't wait to see your submissions on our canvas page!!!

**ORDER YOUR 2020-2021 TSES YEARBOOK!** TSES families have two (2) options for ordering the 2020-2021 Talbott Springs Elementary School Yearbook. You may order online (additional charges) by going to [https://reorders.schoolpix.com/login\\_shoot](https://reorders.schoolpix.com/login_shoot) and use the following "shoot key" BBRK7AAA. If you prefer to bring a check or money order (payable to TSES PTA) to Talbott Springs Elementary School, please use the form at this [link](#). Please drop off your TSES Yearbook order at Talbott Springs Elementary Monday through Friday between 10:00am - 2:00pm. We will provide you with a receipt for your order. TSES Yearbooks will be distributed before the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact Michelle at [yearbook@tsespta.org](mailto:yearbook@tsespta.org) with questions.

**Early Dismissal Schedules for June 10, 11, 14 and 15:** Please see schedules at [this link](#) for both virtual and in person students for the last 4 days of school. Each of these days is a three hour early dismissal day meaning that TSES students will end their school day at 12:30 pm.

**TSES End of Year Celebrations:** Below are dates and times for end of year celebrations for each grade level. Specific information will be sent to families through grade level Canvas email.

Pre-K:	Thursday June 10	Virtual Promotion	9:30 Lauer/Murray; 10:15 Esmond
Kindergarten:	Tuesday June 1	Outdoor Celebration	11:00 A/E and V students who signed up
	Thursday June 3	Outdoor Celebration	11:00 B/E and V students who signed up
Grade 1:	Friday June 11	Virtual Celebration	10:00 all students
Grade 2:			
Grade 3:	Friday May 28	Outdoor Celebration	2:00 All students
Grade 4:	Friday June 11	Virtual Celebration	
Grade 5:	Friday June 11	Virtual Promotion at 9:15	
			Yearbook and T-Shirt Pick Up and Greetings in TSES Bus Loop
	Monday June 14	Outdoor Celebration (all students)	

## **TSES PTA NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### **Talbott Springs Elementary School PTA Elections:**

The TSES PTA Slate of Nominees for the 2021-2022 academic year is listed below. We will vote on these positions during our annual General Membership meeting on June 3, 2021 which will be held at 7pm via Zoom (if this changes to in-person, we will let everyone know).

If you are interested in helping out next year or interested in one of the positions below (we always welcome co-chairs) please submit an email with your interest to [pta@tsespta.org](mailto:pta@tsespta.org) by June 3, 2021. Job Descriptions for the vacant positions are listed at the bottom of this message. We are very excited for the year ahead and appreciate your support and interest in serving the wonderful children, families, and staff at Talbott Springs Elementary!

**Officers:**

President - Brandon Cooley  
VP of Fundraising - Casey Otten  
VP Special Events - Tricia Blackman  
Secretary - Melanie Dorsey  
Treasurer – Michelle Humphrey

**Committee Chairs and other Board of Directors:**

Communications - Melissa Jakes  
Community Outreach - Doni Ernst, Shari Grue, and Heather Merson  
Cultural Arts - Vacant  
Faculty Representative - Lauran Hoffman and Cyndi Freeman  
Hispanic Liaison - Arlette Garcia Gill  
Hospitality - Carrie Garbart  
Membership - Arlette Garcia Gill  
Oakland Mills Education Rep - Damon Blackman  
PTA Council of Howard County Delegates - Melrose Benka-Coker & 1 Vacant  
Yearbook - Michelle Humphrey

**Cultural Arts Representative**

This position is responsible for efforts to bring cultural art opportunities to the TSES students and community. Some examples of previous Cultural Arts Representative efforts include:

- Writing the grant for the Artist-in-Residence program for each school year. Then, support the school with facilitating the weeklong Artist-in-Residence activities by volunteering during the week and coordinating events with administration.
- Facilitating a Square 1 Art Fundraiser (in conjunction with the art teacher and Fundraising Chair).
- Leading the National Reflections Arts contest at TSES.

**PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) Representative Delegate**

PTACHC Delegates (2 per school PTA) participate as representatives for the school to the greater Howard County PTA Council. Delegates have the following responsibilities:

- Attend all PTACHC regular meetings or see that an alternate attends instead.

- Represent the TSES PTA as a voting member of the PTACHC body.
- Participate in all PTACHC discussions and deliberations. Each delegate (or alternate, if the delegate is not in attendance) is entitled to make motions, debate and vote at each PTACHC meeting.
- Take careful notes of announcements and the program at the PTACHC meeting.
- Vote on PTACHC motions as directed by TSES PTA unless authorized by TSES PTA to use your own judgment. It is preferable for delegates to ascertain TSES PTA opinion prior to voting. However, when time does not permit or consultation, a delegate must vote their conscience utilizing their own experience and good judgment.
- Post announcements of PTACHC activities in the TSES PTA's bulletin or newsletter.

**Hello from OMHS Junior Class (the Class of 2022)!** We are excited to tell you that the Mike's Gelato food truck is coming to Oakland Mills High School! The food truck will be located in the OMHS front parking lot on Thursday, May 27th, from 3pm to 6pm. Part of the proceeds will be donated to OMHS Class of '22. We hope to see you there!

**OMHS Food Pantry:** The OMHS Food Pantry will be open for distribution on WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 from 3:00-5:00 pm. If you or someone you know is experiencing food insecurity, please come to our contact free pickup at 9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia, 21045. All you need to bring is a photo ID. Our next distribution dates are scheduled for Wednesday, June 30 and Wednesday, July 28 from 3:00-5:00 pm.

### **Special Education Compensatory Conversations Workshop**

*Wednesday, May 26; Wednesday, June 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m., virtual workshops*

During this free information session, staff will provide a brief overview of the process of determining if a child with an individual education plan (IEP) requires compensatory education/recovery services for special education. Register online. Note: the June 2 workshop will be offered in Spanish language.

**Vaccine Clinic:** Please see the flyers below for information about vaccine clinics happening at at Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center on 5/22. This event is are open to the community.  
5/22 Grassroots Emergency Shelter English & Spanish

**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 26, 2021** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Virtual Parent Meeting at 3:30 GM Code:  
TSESParentMeeting  
(Puberty Education, End of Year Activities, Questions)
- May 31, 2021** Schools and Offices Closed for Memorial Day
- June 1, 2021** Kindergarten End of Year Celebration A/E and 1/2 V at 11:00  
(rain date 6/8)
- June 2, 2021** TSES Virtual Band, Strings and Chorus Concert 6:30
- June 3, 2021** Kindergarten End of Year Celebration B/E and 1/2 V at 11:00  
(rain date 6/4)
- June 3, 2021** TSES Virtual PTA Meeting at 7:00
- June 9, 2021** TSES Summer Kick Off and Scholastic Book Fair (at TSES)  
Event starts at at 4:00
- June 10, 2021** Early Dismissal for all students (12:30 PM) SCHEDULE
- June 10, 2021** Pre-Kindergarten Virtual Promotion Celebrations
- June 11, 2021** Early Dismissal for all students (12:30 PM) SCHEDULE
- June 11, 2021** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Virtual Promotion at 9:15
- June 11, 2021** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Virtual End of Year Celebration
- June 11, 2021** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Virtual End of Year Celebration at 10:00
- June 11, 2021** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Drive Through and Year Book Pick Up (PM)
- June 14, 2021** Early Dismissal for all students (12:30 PM) SCHEDULE
- June 14, 2021** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Picnic (no rain date)
- June 15, 2021** Last Day of School-Early Dismissal for all students (12:30 PM)  
SCHEDULE
- August 27, 2021** New and returning student orientations
- August 30, 2021** First Day of School for Students 2021-2022 School Year