

TSES Friday Newsletter May 28, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

I hope that this was a great week for each of our families! At TSES we continue to move forward with teaching your children during these waning weeks of the 2020-2021 school year! In addition to new instruction, there are many grade level events in the days ahead. For the end of Q4, your child will receive grades in each subject, including Related Arts. Parents of fully virtual students, please take a moment to double check your child's assignments in Canvas for completion. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

We look forward to our TSES Spirit Day on June 1, our Virtual Spring Concert on June 2 and our PTA Elections on June 3. Please see below for more information about each of these events! Please also see below for individual grade level celebrations. Google Meet codes for grade level events will be shared by grade level teachers through Canvas.

The TSES staff wishes our families who have OMHS seniors the best on June 1 as they graduate from our cluster high school, OMHS!

On behalf of the TSES school community I wish each of our families a wonderful and safe Memorial Day weekend. Let's not forget that Memorial Day-the last Monday in May- is set aside for us to pause to honor and to express gratitude for the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Nancy Thompson  
Principal

### **Information Items:**

**TSES/Title I presents: Happy, Healthy Mind: Tools for the Summer:** Let's get the summer started right! We hope all TSES families will join us at this **OUTDOOR** event on Wednesday June 9, 2021 from 12:30-7:00 p.m. There are many reasons to join us, but here are the TOP 3...

1. **Visit the Book Fair:** That's right, it's been over a year since TSES has hosted a book fair so we are very excited about this! Like everything in 2021, things will look different. This year we will only have books for purchase and everything will be set up outside on the blacktop.
2. **Receive information about Kids Read Now®:** Families who have signed up their child(ren) for Kids Read Now will receive additional information about this program. Your child will receive 6 books in the mail this summer and the Kids Read Now® has some ideas about how to help your children gain the most from this experience.
3. **GRAB YOUR "TOOLS FOR THE SUMMER" BAG:** All students will be given their own bag full of materials and activities to keep their minds happy, healthy and active all summer. The bags will be comprehensive, but teachers will be at the event to talk to you about how to maximize "at home learning" over the summer.

This event will be Open House style so it's up to you whether you come for 5 minutes or 2 hours. If you have any questions, please call the school or email Mrs. Glassband at [allyson\\_glassband@hcpss.org](mailto:allyson_glassband@hcpss.org)

**SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY on TUESDAY JUNE 1, 2021!** The 140 votes are counted, and results are in...**Staff and Student (Optional) Spirit Day on Tuesday 6/1 will be.....Favorite Character Day** Staff and Students may dress up as or wear clothing that shows their favorite character from a book, tv show, or movie. Please ensure that students dress appropriately for school and do NOT bring or show (virtually) any play or toy weapons as part of their attire. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Sansone.

**HCPSS End of Year Parent Survey:** Thank you to so many parents who completed our School Improvement/Family Involvement Survey! We are looking carefully at all the data to ensure that our practices and programing meet the needs of our families. HCPSS is also looking for feedback on the ways they support families in all the Title I funded schools. Please complete their survey to help create change at the county level. The survey is found at the [link](#) to the TSES Title I Information page on the TSES website. Thank you!

**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!

**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

**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](#).

**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:	Tuesday June 8	Virtual Celebration	During PM classes
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	
	Monday June 14	Yearbook and T-Shirt Pick Up and Greetings in TSES Bus Loop	
		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.

## **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.

**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:**

<b>May 31, 2021</b>	<b>Schools and Offices Closed for Memorial Day</b>
<b>June 1, 2021</b>	<b>Kindergarten End of Year Celebration A/E and ½ V at 11:00 (rain date 6/8)</b>
<b>June 2, 2021</b>	<b>TSES Virtual Band, Strings and Chorus Concert 6:30</b>
<b>June 3, 2021</b>	<b>Kindergarten End of Year Celebration B/E and ½ V at 11:00 (rain date 6/4)</b>
<b>June 3, 2021</b>	<b>TSES Virtual PTA Meeting at 7:00</b>
<b>June 8, 2021</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Virtual End of Year Celebration</b>
<b>June 9, 2021</b>	<b>TSES Summer Kick Off and Scholastic Book Fair (at TSES) Event starts at at 4:00</b>
<b>June 10, 2021</b>	<b>Early Dismissal for all students (12:30 PM) <u>SCHEDULE</u></b>

**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**  
**Jun1 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**