

TSES Friday Newsletter June 4, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

There was a lot to keep us busy at TSES this week! Our 4th graders participated in Days of Taste sponsored by Tastewise Kids® and supported by The Roving Radish. Students in school and at home were able to learn from a farmer and a chef to discover about different tastes that can be blended together to create something that is new and different. As a closing activity, our students received the ingredients to create a salad at home. What a terrific learning experience! The TSES Spring Virtual Concert also took place this week! This was an outstanding celebration of strings, band and chorus music. Despite the challenges of teaching and learning this year, Mrs. Knysak, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Castrillon and Mr. Marsh worked hard to create a concert that was an innovative and very exciting experience. In the week ahead, our staff will continue to teach curriculum at each grade level and in Related Arts. We also have our Summer Kick Off and 5th Grade Promotion activities coming up next week. Please see additional information below. There have been many questions about student Chromebook status for the summer. Families are asked to keep their child's HCPSS issued Chromebook at home, safely stored away for learning during the 2021-2022 school year. This applies to families whose child(ren) are moving to middle school or to another HCPSS school. Chromebooks are not to be used for any reason except for school learning. If your child is leaving HCPSS, please find information at this [link](#) about how to return the Chromebook. I hope that you have a wonderful weekend enjoying the early summer weather.

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 a few hours. If you have any questions, please call the school or email Mrs. Glassband at allyson_glassband@hcpss.org

Parents of 5th Grade Students: Please check your Canvas email for messages from Mrs. Kim West. These emails contain details regarding the 5th Grade Virtual Promotion; the Drive Thru certificate and swag bag pick up and the 5th grade in person celebration. The Canvas emails contain dates, times and Google Meet codes.

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.

Attention 4th Families of TSES 4th Graders: Mrs. Knysak or Mr. Lee will email to let you know if you have a student recorder at TSES that needs to be picked up. The recorder pickup hours are from 9:00-3:30 during school days. Each recorder will be labeled with your child's name and will be available for pickup from carts that will be near the entrance to TSES.

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](#).

Family Survey Follow-Up: Thank you to all the TSES families who completed the End of Year Family Survey! We collected close to 100 responses! We learned that almost all of you feel the School Improvement Plan meets the needs of your children and some of you gave us suggestions about how parts of that plan can be worded in a more parent-friendly way. We're thrilled to know that those who responded feel that our school is welcoming and that you have opportunities to participate in your child's education. You gave us some suggestions for improving our teacher-parent communication and we will consider those ideas as we plan for the coming school year. Many of you attended family programs this year and everyone felt they were helpful and a good use of Title I funds. All parents want to see reading and math programs next year in addition to information about social emotional learning. We plan to make these topics a priority. Technology, homework, community justice and restorative practices are also important to many families so we hope to include these in our 2021-2022 programming as well. Thank you again for taking the time for our survey! If you didn't have a chance to complete it but would like to have your voice heard, please call Mrs. Glassband at 410-313-6915 before the end of this school year.

Howard County Public Library Summer Reading Program: Beginning June 1, sign up for Summer Reading. It's open to all ages - from children to adults - and it's FREE! Register and participate [online](#) or download and print a paper copy at hclibrary.org/summer (copies available in English, Chinese, Korean, and Spanish).

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 programming 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 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
Grade 1:	Friday June 11	Virtual Celebration	10:00 all students
Grade 2:	Tuesday June 8	Virtual Celebration	During PM classes
Grade 3:	Monday June 7	In Person Celebration	2:00-3:15
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)	

From OMHS: The OMHS Food Pantry continues to support about 65 families (300+ people!) each month. But in order to keep supporting our cOMMunity, we need your help! We are out of many items, especially dry goods: beans (dry), oatmeal, pasta, rice, mac & cheese, cereal, ramen, lunch snacks, granola bars, shelf-stable milk, juice (bottles or juice boxes). We also, as always, need to restock our supply of canned goods: pasta sauce, protein (tuna, chicken, salmon), fruit, veggies, canned pasta, soup, peanut butter and jelly. In addition, we are out of size 6 diapers and are low on size 5 diapers and baby wipes. When you're out shopping this weekend, please consider picking up a few extra items for the food pantry! We'll be collecting donations in person at OMHS on **Wednesday, June 9 from 3-5pm**. As always, our [Amazon Wish List](#) is available to anyone who prefers shopping online, and [monetary donations](#) are very much welcome and appreciated, as we use those funds to purchase fresh produce and bread each month. Our upcoming distribution days are: June 30, July 28, August 25
Thank you all so very much for your continued support and promotion of the OMHS Food Pantry! We truly could not do this without you.

TSES PTA NEWS AND INFORMATION

TSES Yearbooks: Ordering of TSES 2020-2021 Yearbooks closed on May 27, 2021 so that we could assure that the order would be ready for the end of the school year. Please note that we do not purchase extra yearbooks because the cost of those yearbooks if not sold is absorbed by the school. On line orders will be shipped in the order of receipt of the order, so not all families will receive yearbooks on the same date. Families whose yearbook will be delivered to the school will be notified when those yearbooks arrive.

Talbott Springs Elementary School PTA 2021-2022: Many thanks to our outgoing PGA Officers and Committee Chairpersons! To those of you leaving the TSES nest, we appreciate your many years of service and wish you and your children the best in the years ahead. We are grateful to you for sharing your time with us!

Outgoing

VP Special Events – Alexa Chestnut

Secretary – Tricia Blackman

Treasurer – Matt English

Committee Chairs and other Board of Directors:

Communications – Brandon Cooley

Cultural Arts – Stephanie Reid

Hospitality - Carrie Garbart

Membership - Arlette Garcia Gill

Oakland Mills Education Rep – Alex Reid

PTA Council of Howard County Delegates - Damon Blackman

Incoming

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 – Emily Campbell

Faculty Representative - Lauran Hoffman and Cyndi Freeman

Hispanic Liaison – Lucia Reyna

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

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:

June 7, 2021	3rd Grade In Person End of Year Celebration 2:00-3:15
June 8, 2021	2nd Grade Virtual End of Year Celebration
June 9, 2021	TSES Summer Kick Off and Scholastic Book Fair (at TSES) Event starts at at 12:30-7:00
June 10, 2021	Early Dismissal for all students (12:30 PM) <u>SCHEDULE</u>
June 10, 2021	Pre-Kindergarten Virtual Promotion Celebrations
June 11, 2021	Early Dismissal for all students (12:30 PM) <u>SCHEDULE</u>
June 11, 2021	5th Grade Virtual Promotion at 9:15
June 11, 2021	4th Grade Virtual End of Year Celebration
June 11, 2021	1st Grade Virtual End of Year Celebration at 10:00
June 11, 2021	5th Grade Drive Through and Year Book Pick Up (PM)
June 14, 2021	Early Dismissal for all students (12:30 PM) <u>SCHEDULE</u>
June 14, 2021	5th Grade Celebration Picnic (no rain date)
June 15, 2021	Last Day of School-Early Dismissal for all students (12:30 PM) <u>SCHEDULE</u>
August 27, 2021	New and returning student orientations
August 30, 2021	First Day of School for Students 2021-2022 School Year