

September 2, 2022

Talbott Springs Families,

We had a wonderful week at TSES! We started with our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Sunday, we welcomed our K-5 students on Monday and our Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten students on Thursday! We were so happy to see our returning students and to learn more about our new to TSES students! Thank you to each of our families for assuring that your children are coming to school ready to learn! Thank you to the TSES PTA for their incredible support for both the Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony events!

Your patience is appreciated as we continue to practice and adjust arrival and dismissal routines for better flow and safety. We have made progress, but we are not yet there! Please visit www.tses.hcpss.org for arrival and dismissal information.

Instruction has begun with the important task of establishing relationships between adults and students and between students. Solid relationships within a classroom are key to assuring that each child understands his or her value in that learning space. We have also provided time to establish classroom and school routines and to introduce our RISE and Be Kind information to new students and the changed information to our returning students. At TSES we RISE and Be Kind! R represents RESPECTFUL; I represents INSPIRE; S represents SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER and E represents EFFORT.

Please take a few moments to read the information below and to complete any action items. We hope that you have a wonderful Labor Day weekend as we take a moment to recognize those among us who work! We look forward to seeing your children at TSES on Tuesday September 6, 2022.

Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information:

HCPSS Family File: Attention all TSES Families! (ACTION ITEM!) Please complete your child's Family File found in HCPSS Connect this weekend! The Family File contains critical information that parents/guardians input including Emergency Procedure Cards, contact information and medical considerations. For the safety of your child/children, it is very important that this information remains current. **This information must be updated every year.** To update your Family File, go to [HCPSS Connect](#). Parents who may have forgotten their log-in credentials can request assistance using the help link in the [HCPSS Connect page](#). We do not yet have updated information in Family File for 189 TSES students!

2022-2023 School Meals (ACTION ITEM) The determination of a student's ability to receive free lunch each day is determined through the FARM Application process. Not all students will receive free lunch for the 2022-2023 school year. For families who do not qualify or who do not complete the FARM Application will be charged \$2.80 per lunch Please note that all students at TSES may receive a free breakfast. Families are urged to check their eligibility and complete a FARMS application as soon as possible. Families must submit a new application every school year. Please find information at this site. Scroll down the page to find the FARM application. <https://www.hcpss.org/food-services/>

Student Attendance: HCPSS Board of Education Policy 9010 provides guidelines for student attendance expectations. Policy 9010 is aligned with Maryland State regulations regarding school attendance. Reasons for an excused absence are the following: Illness of the student (please provide a note stating that your child was ill); death in the immediate family; state of emergency as declared by the governor; observance of a religious holiday. Notes for excused absences can be sent via email to your child's teacher; to TSEAbsence@hcpss.org or on a piece of paper. Parents/guardians are provided with 3 'discretionary'

absence days to use as needed during the school year to excuse a child's absence. Please [visit this link](#) to find the forms to complete for a discretionary or religious absence request. Scroll down to Student Services Forms.

Important Information about Outdoor Lunch at TSES: Due to the ongoing construction at TSES, we are currently unable to offer outdoor lunch as an option. An update will be shared once a space is cleared to install the outdoor tent in a safe location for our students. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

TSES Enrichment Clubs: It is time to sign up for Enrichment Clubs! Enrichment Clubs are interest-based, fun learning classes that take place during recess for a few weeks. Enrichment Clubs are open to all students in grades 2-5 and most will begin the week of September 19th. Check the interest form [at this link](#) for more information. Students who are interested in participating, need to fill out an online interest



form: <https://tinyurl.com/tsesfall2022> or use this QR code:

Completed interest forms are due by Friday, September 16th. Space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first enrolled basis. If you have any questions, please contact [Brian McMahon](#) or [Marilyn Lepore](#).

Summer Fun 2022! Last June, all TSES students brought home the Summer Fun 2022 Bingo Board. There were 25 activities and students were asked to cross them off as they completed them. When they do 20 of the 25, bring it to their 2022-2023 teachers for a treat to be given mid-September. Papers are available for new students and anyone else who might have misplaced theirs. While we wanted students engaged all summer, most activities on the page can be completed over the course of the next week. **All papers are due September 9th.** Email Mrs. Glassband allyson_glassband@hcpss.org with any questions or concerns.

FROM THE TSES PTA: Welcome back TSES families! The yearbook committee will be collecting photos throughout the year to help fill our fabulous yearbook with photos of our students (example: field trips, school activities/events, etc). Our first request is all your **1st Day of School** photos. Please email them to Michelle at yearbook@tsespta.org. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to another amazing year at TSES.

Important Dates:

Tuesday September 13, 2022 Back to School Night Grades 1 and 2

Tour 6:15-6:45; Classroom Presentation 6:45-7:30

Wednesday September 14, 2022 Back to School Night Grades 3, 4 and 5

GT Information 5:45-6:15

Building Tour 6:15-6:45

Classroom Presentations 6:45-7:30

Thursday September 22, 2022 TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00

Monday September 26, 2022 Schools and Offices Closed

Wednesday September 28, 2022 TSES bookmobile!

Tuesday October 4, 2022 Vision and Hearing Screening

Wednesday October 5, 2022 Schools and Offices Closed

Thursday October 6, 2022 TSES Bookmobile

Thursday October 13, 2022 Vision and Hearing Rescreening

Thursday October 13, 2022 Individual Student Pictures