

September 9, 2022

Talbott Springs Families,

Happy Friday to each of our TSES families! We hope that your children had a week at school that was filled with stories of connections with other students and with the adults who work in our beautiful building! Although we recognize that not every day is a perfect day, each day has many positive moments that are worth celebrating.

TSES Back to School Nights for our Kindergarten through Grade 5 students will take place 'in person' on Tuesday September 13 and Wednesday September 14. The schedule is as follows.

Tuesday September 13, 2022

Back to School Night Grades K, 1 and 2

Meeting in Cafeteria with School Administrators 6:15-6:45

Tour and Classroom Presentation 6:45-7:30

Wednesday September 14, 2022

Back to School Night Grades 3, 4 and 5

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We look forward to seeing you and to assuring that you understand where your child(ren) spend their days.

I can not emphasize the importance of families filling out the [Free and Reduced Meal Application](#). The free lunch benefit that was extended to all HCPSS students last school year is no longer available. Please see this as an opportunity for your family and for our school. There are multiple benefits for those who qualify and qualifying is easier this year than in previous years. By filling out this application, you are not taking away from the opportunities of others, you are providing your family and our school family with benefits. Please call TSES at 410-313-6915 with questions or for assistance with completing the application.

I hope that all of our students and their families have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing our K-5 families on September 13 and 14 for Back to School Night!!

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 FARM 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/>

POLICY 9200 and HCPSS Code of Conduct: The Howard County Public School System is committed to providing a safe, engaging and supportive learning environment where all policies are enforced fairly and consistently. HCPSS Policies and regulations emphasize instruction and rehabilitation rather than punishment and are designed to foster and reward appropriate behavior and keep students connected to school. [The HCPSS Code of Conduct \(linked\)](#) reflects the commitments of HCPSS to students and families and outlines the responsibilities of students, staff members and families. The HCPSS Code of Conduct is supported by [HCPSS Policy 9200 \(linked\)](#).

From the TSES Health Room: COVID and Health Room Information for Talbott Springs

- Please keep your child at home if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID or any other communicable disease. This includes a cough, fever (100.4 and above), vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, severe headache, loss of taste or smell.
- If your child is exhibiting symptoms of COVID, please test them. We have rapid tests here at school if you need one to test your child.
- If your child tests positive for COVID, please let the Health Room know either via email or calling directly. (lindsey_squillario@hcpss.org, antricka_byrd@hcpss.org, 410-313-6918)
- If your child tests positive for COVID, regardless of their vaccination status, they must stay home for at least 5 full days from the date of their symptom onset. Day 0 (Zero) is considered the day the symptoms started. After isolating for 5 days, your child can return to school on day 6 if they are fever free, symptoms have improved, and they are able to wear a mask for the following 5 days.
- Howard County Public Schools are not conducting any contact tracing.
- Anyone who tests positive with an at home test should report their result at this website: <https://onestop.md.gov/forms/maryland-covid-at-home-test-self-report-61dc801b819e860001f1037a>

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey Squillario or Antricka Byrd in the Health Room.

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](#).

TSES Fall Bookmobile

Save the date for this exciting event to be held on September 28 and October 6. TSES will be coming to a neighborhood near you, delivering free books, activities and information to help you and your child start the year off right. Information with exact times and locations will be posted soon. Email Mrs. Glassband at allyson_glassband@hcpss.org with any questions.

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.

HCPSS Community News! Approved materials will be published on the [HCPSS Community News and Programs website \(Links to an external site.\)](#) which is user-friendly and searchable.

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Wednesday September 21, 2022

Hispanic Family Back to School Night 5:00-6:00

Monday September 26, 2022

Schools and Offices Closed

Wednesday September 28, 2022

TSES bookmobile!

Thursday September 29, 2022

TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00

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

Friday October 21, 2022

Schools Closed for Students

Monday October 24, 2022

Schools Closed for Students