

September 16, 2022

Talbott Springs Families,

Thank you to the many families who were able to join us for our Back-to-School Night events! It was great to see you and to share the programming that is in place for your children for the 2022-2023 school year. If you missed Back to School Night, you will find the administrator presentation on the TSES website and the classroom presentations will be shared through each grade level Canvas page.

Please note that per HCPSS, animals in schools or offices, whether leashed or not, present safety, environmental, and liability issues. Students and staff may be exposed to potential physical hazards, such as bites, and/or allergy-related health problems. As a result, animals are prohibited within Howard County Public School (HCPSS) buildings. Animals are also prohibited on school system property during arrival, dismissal, recess, and other HCPSS-sponsored outdoor activities. Please do not walk your dog onto TSES property during arrival or dismissal time. If you bring your dog to our school property beyond the school day, please be responsible for cleaning up after your pet.

Many have asked about whether or not TSES will have climbing equipment for our students. Yes, TSES will have climbing equipment for both our Early Childhood Playground and our K-5 Playgrounds. The tentative date for installation is mid October. Your patience is appreciated as we continue to process through school construction activities!

September 15 through October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month! This is a time when we join together as a school community in recognition of the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements for the United States. At TSES, we will talk about Hispanic Americans during our Social Emotional Learning time, during our morning announcements and through selection of materials of instruction.

We have several events coming up in the weeks ahead and an opportunity to order TSES Spiritwear, so please read through the information and dates below! I hope that you have a wonderful weekend!

Nancy Thompson, Principal

#### **Information:**

**Guest Staff Members Needed!** TSES is currently interviewing guest teachers for a long-term Reading Specialist position split between Stevens Forest Elementary School and Talbott Springs Elementary School. This long-term job begins immediately and ends 12/5/22. We are also looking to hire Temporary Employees to work with our Special Education team to provide individual support to students throughout the school day. If you are interested in learning more or to schedule an interview, please contact Derek Lewis at <[derek\\_lewis@hcpss.org](mailto:derek_lewis@hcpss.org)> or 410-313-6915

**HCPSS Family File: Attention all TSES Families!** (ACTION ITEM!) Please complete your child's Family File found in HCPSS Connect this weekend. **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 117 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/>

**HCPSS Policy 8080: Response use of Technology, Digital Tools and Social Media:** The purpose of this policy is to define expectations for individuals regarding the responsible use of technology, digital tools and social media for HCPSS sponsored programs. This policy has been reviewed with all of our students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 to assure understanding the responsibilities of students. This policy was also addressed during our Back to School Nights. Highlights for students:

- Do not share user names and passwords with other students. If two different students are assigned to the same computer, each will have his or her own unique user name and password.
- Stay on the websites that are part of the instruction. Searches of other sites can be tracked by HCPSS when a child has a pattern of not clicking on non-instructional sites. Most sites are blocked, however, occasionally, one may not be blocked.
- At the elementary school level, student personal cell phones must be off and in backpacks during the school day which includes the bus ride to and from school.
- Parents should monitor their child's use of social media sites. At times, these sites have been used to bully other students by the intentional posting of information to cause social or emotional damage. Policy 8080 crosses Policy 1060 in this area for the purposes of investigating these incidents and following the guidelines of the Student Code of Conduct.

**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/tsefall2022> 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](#).

**From our School Counselor, Mrs. Sansone:** *RISE and Be Kind Question of the Week:*

Did you know that your child(ren) has social emotional learning (SEL) time during their school day? During this scheduled time each day, classroom teachers and their students learn and review skills to help them be the best version of themselves now and in the future! Each week in the TSES Friday Parent Newsletter be on the lookout for a question of the week that you can talk about at home with your child(ren) to build our home and school connection. Your child(ren) would have been learning about the answer to the question all week during SEL time!

**The Be Kind and RISE Question(s) of the Week for the week of 9/12-9/16 was:**

*Question: Tell about a time the size of the problem matched the size of your reaction.*

*Answer: Click [Here](#) to Learn About Choosing the Size of your Reactions with Mrs. Sansone*

*Question: Who are two people at school you have a connection with (at least one adult?)*

*Answer: will vary depending on child*

*To see the resources your child viewed during SEL time this past week, [click here](#).*

**From the TSES Health Room and School Based Wellness Center:** We are excited to announce that we have our School Based Wellness Center (SBWC) up and running at Talbott Springs Elementary!

- Here is some information that you might not know:
- School-Based Wellness Centers (Nurse Practitioners) will bill Medical Assistance only for in-person visits. There are **NO** copays or bills for uncovered charges.
- Telemedicine Visits are **NOT** billed unless a student sees their own medical provider via Telemedicine. Klebanow & Associates and Columbia Medical Practice use the Telemedicine platform to see their own patients and bill these visits the same as an office visit. If your child has a different medical provider, your child will see a Columbia Medical Practice provider, but you will **NOT** be charged any co-pays or fees. If your child has health insurance and the insurer only pays part of the bill, you will **NOT** be responsible for any unpaid balance.
- For more information on the program (SBWC and Telemedicine), please visit the Howard County Health Department website: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/school-based-wellness-centers>

### **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](mailto:allyson_glassband@hcpss.org) with any questions.

### **FROM THE TSES PTA:**

**TSES Spirit wear!** It's time to place your Talbott Springs Elementary School spirit wear order! Act now and order your spirit wear at this link: [https://spirithero.com/collections/talbott?sort\\_by=price-ascending](https://spirithero.com/collections/talbott?sort_by=price-ascending) .Place your spirit wear order by 10/06/2022 at MIDNIGHT. Don't miss the deadline! Please note: This is a group order. We will begin printing your order the day after the flash sale ends.

**TSES PTA Charleston Wrap Fundraiser:** Now more than ever, YOU can make a difference! Today we are kicking off our largest annual fundraiser and we are counting on your support! Visit [charlestonwrap.com/fall-kickoff-videos/daily-prizes-incentives/](http://charlestonwrap.com/fall-kickoff-videos/daily-prizes-incentives/) to watch our kick off video! Helping us reach our goal is QUICK, EASY, and only takes about 5 minutes. We have partnered with Charleston Wrap® to make it happen! With over 2,500 gift ideas, including UltraHeavy™ gift wrap, gourmet kitchen essentials, personalized gifts & more, friends and family can help us reach our goal by checking off their holiday shopping list! But first, you'll need to invite them to support our fundraiser! Complete the three (3) steps below and we'll be on our way to reaching our goals! Here's how to help:

- 1) Please visit [registercw.com](http://registercw.com) to register today! Use our ORGANIZATION ID 24845 to register! One registration per family.
- 2) Send 10 unique and valid shopping email invites to your friends & family using our invite tool at registration.
- 3) Shop! With over 2,500 gift ideas, you can check-off your holiday gift-list and support our important cause, too.

PRO TIP: The more email invites you send, the more supporters we'll get! So, break out your email contact list, share on social media, and help spread the word! Will you take a few minutes and register now? Thank you so much for your support! Questions about registration? Call CW Customer Support at 1-866-395-2926

**TSES Yearbook Committee:** 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](mailto:yearbook@tsespta.org). We appreciate your continued support and look forward to another amazing year at TSES.

**From Harris Teeter Grocery Stores!** Beginning August 1, Talbott Springs Elementary School proudly joins Harris Teeter’s Together in Education program to help raise funds for our school. It’s easy and it’s FREE. Simply give the cashier our code, **1130**, and your VIC card when you check out and your card will be linked for the entire school year. That’s it! You only have to link your VIC card once each school year. Once your card is linked, Talbott Springs Elementary will receive a percentage of your Harris Teeter brand (Harris Teeter, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Organics, HT Farmers Market and purchases in the HT Pharmacy) purchases credited back to our account. This program does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost you any money! Don’t forget to link your VIC card to our account code next time you are shopping at Harris Teeter’s.

**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.

**Important Dates:**

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 Teacher Work Day
Monday October 24, 2022	Schools Closed for Students Professional Learning Day

