

September 23, 2022

Talbott Springs Families,

We hope that you had a wonderful week! Dr. Lewis and I are so happy to share that as we visit classrooms across the school, students are engaged and excited learners. Our teaching staff continues to work hard to assure that your children can learn throughout the day and that they are showing effort and responsibility for their participation.

Installation of the playground climbing equipment started today and will be fully complete in a little over 3 weeks. During this time, arrival and dismissal for our PreSchool, MINC and Pre-Kindergarten programs will be from the lower gate of the early childhood playground area. These plans may change as we have a better understanding of the scope of the construction. . Students will be able to play in the stenciled area, but the construction area for the equipment will be fenced off. It is hoped that the Early Childhood playground equipment will be installed in a two week window. The K-5 climbing equipment will be installed simultaneously. This installation will not create any disruption to arrival, dismissal or recess. We continue to be thankful for the patience that is being given to all during our ongoing construction.

We are grateful to the families who are following the process of drop off and pick up on the car pool loop. Please do not park your vehicle in the car pool loop because you are blocking others from being able to move through this area safely.

Please remember that schools and offices are closed on Monday September 26. We wish our families who are celebrating Rosh Hashanah a healthy and happy new year! I hope that you have an enjoyable first weekend of fall!

Nancy Thompson, Principal

#### **Information:**

##### **BSAP Saturday Math Academy**

[Online registration](#) for the Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) Fall Saturday Math Academy will begin Saturday, Sept. 24, at 9 a.m. until capacity is reached. The program is open to HCPSS students in grades 3-12 in all levels of math. Sessions will take place in-person (previously communicated as virtual) on Saturdays in October and November from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

**Student Meal Costs:** For the 2022-2023 school year, students whose families do not qualify for free or reduced lunch will be required to pay the [daily meal price](#). Families can [apply for free and reduced meals](#) online. A new application is required every year to be eligible for free and reduced meals.

**Fall Student Individual Pictures:** Save the date! TSES Student Fall Individual Pictures are scheduled for Thursday October 13, 2022. Please find information about [picture packages at this link](#).

**Guest Staff Members Needed!** TSES is 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

**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 time each week, 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 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 9/19-9/23 was: Question: What makes taking a PAUSE (stopping and thinking) powerful?

Answer: Taking a pause allows people to stop and think before they make their next choice. If someone is having very big feelings, stopping for even 5 seconds can help them with making a better decision. To see the resources your child viewed during SEL time this past week, [click here](#).

**Student Use of Technology and Social Media** HCPSS asks families to [remind students of the importance of appropriate use of technology and social media](#). The school system has a number of policies in place to support student safety and security online, and has taken a strong position against all acts of discrimination, bullying, and cyberbullying

**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 PTA Meeting: Thursday September 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM.** This will be a hybrid meeting to be held simultaneously at the TSES Media Center and virtually. Meeting code for virtual participation will be shared closer to the meeting date.

**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.

**The Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity and the Howard County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission** is sponsoring student contests including a Poster Contest, Essay Contest and Oratory Contest for ages K through 12. Contestants must generate original artwork, essays, and speeches that highlight Dr. King's visionary track record of service to human rights. The "Living the Dream Award" celebrates a student, individual and an organization whose outreach efforts are in alignment with Dr. King's message and vision. The theme is "Promoting Peace: Within Yourself, Your Community and the World!"

**OMHS Food Pantry:**

The OMHS Food Pantry is open Wednesday, September 28 from 3:00—5:00 pm. If you or someone you know is experiencing food insecurity, please come to our contact free pickup at 9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia. All you need to bring is a photo ID.

Due to school dismissal, please do not arrive before 2:30pm. Visit <https://omhs.hcpss.org/student-services/food-pantry> for more information.

**Hispanic Heritage Month:** In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, HCPSS' Hispanic Achievement Program will host a countywide [Resource Fair](#) Thursday, Oct. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at Deep Run Elementary School.

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