

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter
Friday October 1, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

I hope that your week was a good one! At TSES, our students are learning in each of their subjects and are showing safe masking and hygiene routines. This year, there are no interim reports, so please check your child's grades in Canvas. Directions for checking grades in Canvas are at this link. Your continued vigilance with assuring that Home Health Screenings are in place each day as part of your morning routine has been very helpful!

For several reasons, including the HCPSS restrictions on visitors attending events during the school day as spectators, we are not holding any Halloween celebrations during the school day. Although some grades may host some fun activities, those activities will involve neither food or costumes. The great news is that the TSES PTA is hosting a Trunk or Treat event for TSES students and their families! I am so thankful to the TSES PTA for arranging this fun after school celebration! Please consider signing up to be a family who is hosting a 'trunk' for the 'trunk or treat! What a great opportunity for your family to have some Halloween fun by decorating your vehicle and passing out treats to other school families! This event can't happen without volunteers! Information at this [link](#).

I am thankful to the families of our students who ride bus 996 as we work with HCPSS through lateness on pick up and return home runs. TSES has sent out messages to the families of students who ride Bus 996 each time that we have received information from HCPSS about late pick up or arrival home. Please be sure that your contact information is updated in Family File (cell phone numbers and email addresses), check to see if the emails are going to your spam and that you have not blocked email and texts from no-reply@hcpss.org.

I hope that you have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend!

Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information:

Please conduct a daily Health Screening with your child! Let's work together to protect our children! [COVID 19 Screening Visual](#)

Free and Reduced Meal Applications: Families may complete the Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) Application for the 2021-2022 school year. Please find the application [at this site](#). If you would like some assistance with completing the FARM application please contact Ms. Hoffman, Ms. Garcia-Gill or Ms. Cristiani by calling 410-313-6915.

Evening School Tutoring: The HCPSS Evening School program offers [virtual grade-level academic support sessions](#) for eligible elementary and middle school students who must quarantine or who are struggling academically. These sessions are an addition to other [supports for students in quarantine](#).

Free Flu Vaccines: HCPSS is partnering with the Howard County Health Department and Maryland Partnership for Prevention to offer [free flu vaccines](#) at HCPSS schools. Parents who elect for their child(ren) to receive the flu vaccination must register and provide consent online before **Friday, October 8**. Parents may also request a paper consent form from the school nurse. Flu Vaccinations will be administered at TSES on Wednesday October 27, 2021.

Parent Empowerment Virtual Conference: October 12-14,2021: The HCPSS Department of Special Education invites parents, guardians and all caregivers to participate in the virtual Parent Empowerment Conference on October 12–14. Sessions will be led by HCPSS Special Education staff and community partner organizations on topics related to supporting your child’s learning and participating in the IEP process. The conference is free and open to anyone interested. Pre-registration is required by October 6. For more information, please visit: <https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2021/09/2021-parent-empowerment-conference/>

The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County welcomes you to join them for an engaging session regarding the numerous web-based and staff resources the Howard County Public School System has to assist families in supporting their children. HCPSS staff will be on hand to review these resources, including the Canvas platform. Additionally, participants will learn effective strategies to maintain communication between home and school. This session is for families of students at elementary, middle, or high and will be held virtually. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/4s2tfj2x>

Super Singers: We are so happy to congratulate these students! Each week one student in each of our 1st Grade through 5th grade music classes is selected as the "Super Singer". Students selected demonstrate consistent excellence in the school RISE expectations and/or the music skills that are being taught. music skills (singing, playing instruments, creating and moving are some of the skills).

Please congratulate the following TSES students for earning Super Singer during the week of September 20-24: Alana W., Maximus P., Edwin M.R., Eunice W., Orlando L.R., Maze P., Juliana L.H., Amir R., Max C., Sofia R., David G., Alissa G., Dylan D., Tara B., Emielin M.J., Nia H., Victoria D., Destiny O., Parker A., Genesis P.A., Autumn H., Pystis P.

Policy Corner: [HCPSS Policy 1060: Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment and Intimidation](#) provides definitions and complete information regarding each of these critical topics. If know of a child who is being bullied as defined in the policy, please contact Ms. Thompson or Dr. Lewis at TSES or please visit www.stopbullying.hcpss.org

TSES PTA News!

Square 1 Art is still going strong! All students are completing their projects in art class. Papers were sent home on Friday, 9/17, and families are encouraged to create at home as well. All projects are due by 10/08/2021. Personalized order packets featuring the child's art will be sent home on 10/26/2021. Happy creating!

Spirit Wear starts today, October 1, 2021! Choose from a variety of TSES gear & show your Eagle pride! Orders will be accepted online through October 17th and orders will be available for pickup at TSES in early November (in plenty of time for the holidays!). Order online @ [TSES Spirit Wear Website](#)

TSES PTA Restaurant Night @ Chipotle will be on Wednesday, October 20th from 5pm-9pm. A flyer will be sent home and available online soon!
Please contact Casey Otten (fundraisers@tsespta.org) with any questions!

TSES Important Dates:

Friday October 8	Kindergarten Firefighters Visit at TSES PTA Square 1 Art fundraising student work is due (please see above) Flu Vaccine Consent due (please see above)
Thursday October 14	TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00
Friday October 15	School Closed for Students
Wednesday October 20	Kindergarten Field Trip to Clarks Elioak Farm 11:00-1:45
Wednesday October 20	TSES PTA Restaurant Night at Chipotle
Thursday October 21	Fall Individual Student Pictures
Wednesday October 27	Flu Vaccine Clinic
Friday October 29	TSES PTA Trunk or Treat 5:00 Set Up 6:00 Start!
Wednesday November 4	Professional Work Day-No School for Students