

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter
Friday October 15, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

We are so grateful to our TSES families for conducting health checks each day for each of their children and for calling us for advice as to whether or not to send a child to school. We want to see your children at school, but working together we can assure a healthy environment for all. Please contact our Health Services staff with your questions. Beginning on October 25, 2021 all HCPSS students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 will participate in a short assessment screener to identify potential reading difficulties. The DIBELS 8th Edition screener has been chosen by HCPSS as the tool to be given to our students. Performance on this screener is helpful as a quick indicator of whether a child is on track for grade level reading success and whether or not a child needs extra help to assure that success. Parents/guardians will receive a home report with their child's scores. This screener will be given three times during the 2021-2022 school year. Please find more information at this link.

Thursday October 21 is Individual student picture day at TSES! We love seeing your children come to school all ready for their pictures! Please see below for information about ordering picture packages for yourself or as gifts. It is not required that a child order a picture package to have his or her picture taken.

Thank you to the many families who visited the TSES Bookmobile this week! I hope that each of you has a wonderful 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

TSES Student Individual Pictures: Picture Day at TSES is on Thursday October 21, 2021!

Flier and Ordering Envelope

Pre-order on line: (1) log into www.schoolpix.com (2) enter code TSESF21 and order your pictures!

Urgent! Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed!! In order for the TSES PTA to host a Trunk or Treat event on October 29 for our school, we need the help of the families in our school community! We are seeking additional families to bring a car, and to decorate it for the trick or treaters! No trunk? No problem! You can host a table for trick or treaters! Please sign up using this form: Link to host a trunk or table... <https://tinyurl.com/TSESTrunkorTreat> or sign up to volunteer to help with games or activities... <https://tinyurl.com/TSESTrunkorTreatVolunteer>
Contact Tricia Blackman at tndblackman@gmail.com with questions. Thank you!

[Trunk or Treat \(English\)](#)

[Trunk or Treat \(Spanish\)](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TSES VOLUNTEERS; FIELD TRIP CHAPERONES AND ANY ADULT ENTERING OUR BUILDING TO INTERACT WITH STUDENTS: Updated Volunteer/Observer Vaccine Requirements: Effective Monday, October 25, all volunteers and chaperones who interact with students, and parents/guardians who are conducting classroom observations will be required to use the

PinPoint platform to show proof of full vaccination at least five school days in advance. The requirement also applies to students who volunteer or mentor at another HCPSS school during the school day, but not to students who go to the ARL or another school as part of their class schedule. The platform will ask users to upload a photo of themselves and provide the opportunity to download a digital vaccine card. These are optional and not required by HCPSS. [Learn how to access and use the PinPoint VaccineCheck platform.](#)

Calling all authors! The Young Authors Contest is a great way to showcase your talents - students in grades 1-5 may participate by writing a short story and/or poem and submit by email with signed coversheet no later than January 17th. More details including instructions and the student cover sheet for entering a story or poem are on grade level canvas pages or at [this link](#). Please contact laura_ciarrocchi@hcpss.org with questions!

Did you know that October is National Bullying Prevention Month? Mrs. Sansone, our school counselor, will be reviewing this topic with students in grades 1-5 during the month of October. Below is some information for parents/caregivers.

How can I tell if it's bullying?

While bullying is a serious issue often the word bullying is used to describe behavior that is actually bothering or bossing. The main difference is that bullying continues to occur over a long period of time and causes your child to feel unsafe.

Parent Conversation Starters

If you think your child may be being bullied, use the questions below to have a dialogue with your child.

- 1) Has the issue **happened over and over again (more than 2 times)?**
- 2) Have the **same people been involved?**
- 3) Was what happened **on purpose?**
- 4) Did the actions make you **feel unsafe?**

If all 4 questions are answered with a yes, then the situation may have been bullying rather than just bothering or bossing.

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 October 7-13: Megan M., Hailey C., Xander M., Imani L., Ayesha J., Subhan M., Zoe A., Evie G., Spencer M., Kimberly V., Natalie C., Leah R., Felicia M., Israel V.F.

Free Clothing Give Away! There is a clothing give away on Saturday October 30 from 9:00-11:00 at Long Reach High School in Columbia. [Please see the flyer at this link.](#)

Policy Corner: [HCPSS Policy 8080: Student Use of Technology](#): The Board of Education of Howard County is committed to providing equitable access to technology and digital tools to further the strategic goals of the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS). The Board believes that technology should be leveraged to improve instruction, business

operations and communications. The Board acknowledges that social media can be used to enhance student and stakeholder engagement, facilitate collaborative communications, and increase global connections. The Board expects that all individuals will act in a responsible, civil, ethical, and appropriate manner when using technology, digital tools, and social media. This outlines very important information about student responsibility while using any HCPSS technology device or platform. This information is taught in school during Technology class.

TSES PTA News!

Square 1 Art personalized order packets featuring the child's art will be sent home on 10/26/2021. Online orders will be accepted through 11/10/2021 & products will be delivered to TSES on 12/3/2021.

TSES Spirit Wear ends 10/17! Choose from a variety of TSES gear & show your Eagle pride! 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 Nights:

Chipotle: Wednesday, 10/20 from 5pm-9pm. Flyers were sent home & can be accessed online ([English/Spanish](#)).

Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Sale: 11/3-11/30

Texas Roadhouse Night: 12/8

Noodles & Company: 1/11

Please contact Casey Otten (fundraisers@tsespta.org) with any questions!

The TSES PTA November Food and New Hats, Gloves, Coats and Scarves collection starts on Monday November 1! Please see the flyer at this [link](#).

PreSchool and Pre-K: Boxes of dry cereal (no bulk packages)

Kindergarten: Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes

1st Grade: Canned Green Beans Corn, Carrots and Gravy

2nd Grade: Bisquick® and Cornbread Mix

3rd Grade: Jars of Applesauce and Macaroni and Cheese

4th Grade: Cake Mix & Frosting, Muffin Mix

5th Grade: Chicken Broth and Bottled Juice

Donated items may be dropped off at Talbott Springs Elementary school. There will be a bin to place your donations by the front door of the school, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please donate individual size containers and boxes, please no bulk items .

TSES Important Dates:

Thursday October 14 TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00

Friday October 15 School Closed for Students-Professional Work Day

Sunday October 17 TSES Spirit Wear ordering CLOSES!

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
October 25-November 5	MAP Assessments Grades 1-5
Wednesday October 27	Flu Vaccine Clinic at TSES
Friday October 29	TSES PTA Trunk or Treat 5:00 Set Up 6:00 Start!
Wednesday November 3	Quarter 1 Ends
Wednesday November 4	Professional Work Day-No School for Students
Wednesday November 10	Q1 Report Cards posted in Canvas
Wednesday November 17	Smile Maryland Mobile Dental Clinic at TSES
Thursday November 18	TSES PTA Meeting~Virtual at 7:00
Monday November 22	Students Dismissed at 12:10 Parent Teacher Conferences
Tuesday November 23	Students Dismissed at 12:10 Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday November 24	School Closed for students-Parent Teacher Conferences
November 25-28	Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Break