

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter
Friday October 22, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

I hope that each of you has had a moment during the week to enjoy this beautiful fall weather! This week has been a busy one at TSES as we move towards the end of Q1. Next week, we will start the process of DIBELS screening will begin. In accordance with Maryland's Ready to Read Act and in compliance with the request from the HCPSS Board of Education each student in grades K-5 will be assessed using the Amplify mClass with DIBELS screener to identify potential reading difficulties. Monday October 25 begins the first of three screening windows for the 2021-2022 school year. Results of this screener will be shared with families. Students requiring additional support after the screener is given will receive intervention. Please [use this link](#) to find out more information.

This is a reminder that we will not be hosting a Parade of Words or Halloween celebrations during the school day this school year. I understand that this may cause some children to feel disappointed, however, there are reasons for this change. Halloween is not a holiday that is celebrated by all cultures and can be upsetting to students who are uncomfortable with the celebration and need to be excluded. In addition, we are limiting student interaction with visitors because of COVID concerns. Per HCPSS: *To limit interaction with students in the school building, visitors are not permitted to attend events that occur indoors or outdoors during the school day, such as spelling bees, assemblies, activities associated with American Education Week, and field days. This will go into effect on Monday, October 11.* Each of our grade levels will be having classroom activities during part of the day on October 29 in lieu of the typical Parade of Words. If your family celebrates Halloween, please be sure to attend the TSES PTA Trunk or Treat event on Friday October 29! Please see below for more information. Have 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.

Planning for Vaccinations for Eligible 5-11 Year-Olds: In anticipation of upcoming COVID-19 vaccination opportunities for children ages 5-11, HCPSS and the Howard County Health Department ask that families of eligible students [complete a brief vaccination interest survey](#) by Friday, October 22. This is for informational and planning purposes only; it is not a commitment or a guarantee of vaccination availability.

MAP Assessments: TSES Students in Grades 1-5 will be taking the MAP Assessments on the following schedule:

Tuesday, October 26

- MAP Grade 4 Math - 8:45
- MAP Grade 5 Math - 10:30
- MAP Grade 1 Math - 12:00
- MAP Grades 2-3 Math - 1:00

Tuesday, November 2

- MAP Grades 1-2-3 ELA

-MAP Grades 4-5 ELA

Trunk or Treat Volunteers still welcome!! 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!

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.](#)

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:

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

Texas Roadhouse Night: 12/8/2021

Noodles & Company: 1/11/2022

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.

Food Distribution Event: Salvation Army is sponsoring a food distribution on Friday October 25, 2021 in the Ellicott City Community. [Flier here](#).

TSES Important Dates:

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

