October 28, 2022

Talbott Springs Families,

On Monday of this week, the TSES staff had the opportunity to participate in day long professional learning opportunities that were focused on children and instruction. When we grow together in our knowledge, our teaching practices are even stronger. Dr. Lewis and I are proud of the hard work and enthusiasm that was shown by TSES staff members on this Professional Learning Day! The end of Quarter 1 is Wednesday November 2, 2022. Teachers will be preparing report cards in the upcoming week and preparing for Parent Teacher Conferences to take place November 21-23. Thank you to the TSES PTA for hosting a Halloween Trunk or Treat from 6:00-7:00 this evening from 6:00-7:00. Please remember that we are not hosting Halloween activities at school on Monday October 31. Please read below for information about Parent-Teacher Conferences, plans for inclement weather days, Veterans' Day, and upcoming school events including Trot for Talbott. I hope that each of you has a wonderful weekend. Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information:

How to Show our Gratitude to Veterans

At Talbott Springs Elementary, we would like to thank family members of our students who have previously served or are currently serving in any branch of the United States military. Please click on the link below and share your information so that we can give special recognition to the children, on Friday November 11, 2022. Please submit your information using this link, by Monday, November 7th, to allow time for sharing information with classroom teachers to highlight during Social Emotional Learning time on 11/11. Thank you!

School-wide Pajama Day:(Optional) Staff and Student Spirit Day. On Tuesday 11/1, students and staff are invited to participate in an (optional) Pajama Day

Reset and Reconnect (November 10th 6:30-8 pm) Come join us for our first family event in our new school building! This event will support our School Improvement Plan's "school climate" goals as we explore the art of effective communication to build positive relationships and encourage a growth mindset. Children of all ages are invited to attend with their parent or guardian. Contact Mrs. Healy (sophie_healy@hcpss.org) if you have any questions about this event.

Parent-Teacher Conference Registration Opens Nov. 7

Registration opens at 8 a.m., Nov. 7 for fall conferences, which will be held Nov. 21 in person and Nov. 22-23 virtually. <u>Details and directions on how to register</u> are available online.

Trot for Talbott is BACK! Join us for a morning of health filled activities, November 12th, 2022 at 8:00 am. The event begins with our annual, one mile, Trot for Talbott Fun Walk/Run. Help raise funds for our 2022-23 school year student healthy activities while increasing your awareness of living a healthy lifestyle! Proceeds will support our Healthy Howard initiatives, Green School Certification and Outdoor Garden and Classroom. Please sponsor, donate, and register early.

Registration will also be available the day of the event beginning at 8:00 am. Race begins at 8:30. The sponsor/donation forms should be returned to TSES on or before the event. Everyone must have a signed sponsor/donation form to participate in the event. Sign Up in 3 easy steps:

1) Click this link to see our SignUp: <u>https://signup.com/go/atVgZpS</u>

2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp. Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Ms. Parker and she can sign you up manually. Thank you for supporting our school and students in this healthy family event. Please contact Ms. Parker for additional information at <u>sarah_parker@hcpss.org</u>.

The TSES PTA wants to hear from you! We are once again participating in the National PTA School of Excellence program and we will be requesting feedback from our families at two points during the school year, now and in the spring. Your valuable feedback will help us improve our family-school partnership and achieve excellence together for our school and community. Please take 5-10 minutes to reflect on your experience at our school and complete the survey by indicating the response that most accurately expresses how you feel about your experiences at Talbott Springs Elementary School. This survey is completely anonymous and requires no personal or identifying information. Please complete the online survey or fill out the paper survey sent home with your student by Friday, 11/11/2022.

Please contact Casey Otten (<u>caseypotten@gmail.com</u>) for additional information about the National PTA School of Excellence program at TSES.

<u>Welcome Letter</u> <u>Carta de bienvenida</u> <u>Survey 1</u> <u>Encuesta 1</u>

Inclement Weather Days At Home Learning Plan: The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) now allows local school systems to repurpose inclement weather days as asynchronous school days. At the discretion of the superintendent, HCPSS will use up to 3 inclement weather asynchronous days during the 2022-23 school year. This page provides information and resources to prepare for the inclement weather asynchronous days. For more information, visit the <u>HCPSS</u> <u>Inclement Weather page.</u> Your child's teacher has sent a brief message and survey to your Canvas email. Please respond to this message.

TSES is offering assistance for the fall and winter holiday season! Please help TSES to support our school community! During this upcoming holiday season if you would like to assist a family in our school by providing holiday gifts, please email Lauren Sansone, TSES School Counselor, at Lauren_Sansone@hcpss.org, by Wednesday 11/16. There are many ways to support by buying gift cards, purchasing an item from a family's wish list or providing gifts for an entire family's wish list. If possible, when emailing Mrs. Sansone, please let her know your thoughts on how you would like to support.

TSES Dental Clinic: is coming to Talbott Springs on Friday Dec. 2, 2022! Forms to sign up for the dental clinic (held by the Smile Program), were sent home! Please check your child's backpack! The form is also linked to the TSES website. Please return the forms by Monday Nov. 7. If you have any questions, please call the health room at 410-313-6918.

Young Authors' Contest: Students in grades 1-5 may submit a short story and/or a poem for the Young Authors' Contest. The deadline is December 10, 2022, please email laura_ciarrocchi@hcpss.org with questions! <u>Please find the information flyer and the required coversheet information at this link.</u>

Oakland Mills High School Craft Fair! Start your holiday shopping early! Join us for the 33rd annual OMHS Craft Fair, sponsored by the OMHS PTSA Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 10 AM - 3 PM Oakland Mills High School located at 9410 Kilimanjaro Road Close to 100 vendors selling unique crafts & gifts -- we even have a face painter this year!

Howard County Office of Children and Families Parent Pages: Click <u>here</u> for information! Upcoming Workshops from the Howard County Office of Children and Families:

Nothing I Do Works: A Parent's Guide to Challenging Behaviors

The Pyramid Model is a comprehensive, research based approach that considers all of the factors that impact a child, family and a child's behavior. Learn how to help decrease negative behaviors from happening and/ or what to do when they do occur. Ask questions and leave with skills and resources that you can use immediately to help you feel more confident in your parenting. For children ages two to eight.

Tuesday November 1, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Click here for registration to virtual workshop

HCPSS Community News! Approved materials will be published on the <u>HCPSS Community News</u> and <u>Programs website (Links to an external site.)</u> which is user-friendly and searchable.

Important Dates:

Friday October 28, 2022 Monday October 31, 2022 Tuesday November 1, 2022 Wednesday November 2, 2022 Monday November 7, 2022 Tuesday November 8, 2022 Thursday November 10, 2022 Saturday November 12, 2022 Thursday November 17, 2022

Monday November 21, 2022

PTA-Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:00 Flu Vaccine Clinic at TSES School Spirit Day~Wear your Pajamas to School! Early Dismissal for students at 12:10 End of Quarter 1 Synergy opens for November Conference Sign Up Schools Closed for Election Day Reset and Reconnect at TSES 6:30-8:00 Trot for Talbott at TSES! Registration at 8:00; Walk/Run at 8:30 TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00 4th Grade In School Field Trip 2nd Grade In School Field Trip Student Dismissal at 12:10 PM-Parent Teacher Conferences Scholastic Book Fair In Person 1:00-7:30

Tuesday November 22, 2022 Student Dismissal at 12:10 PM-Parent Teacher Conferences Wednesday November 23, 2022 School Closed for Parent Teacher Conferences Tuesday November 29, 2022 Student Individual Picture Re-Take Day Friday December 2, 2022 **Dental Clinic at TSES** December 5-9, 2022 Inclusive Schools Week Wednesday December 14, 2022 Early Dismissal for Students at 12:10 Thursday December 15, 2022 TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00 Friday December 16, 2022 **TSES in School Winter Concerts** Tuesday December 20, 2022 TSES Winter Concert at OMHS at 6:30