

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter
Friday October 29, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

We have had a wonderful week at TSES! Your children have been very busy learning across each of their school subjects as we progress towards the end of the first grading period for the 2021-2022 school year. Please note that the end of Quarter 1 is on Wednesday November 3. School is closed for students on Thursday November 4 for a staff Professional Work/Professional Learning Day. Information on how to access your child's grades in Canvas can be found at this [link](#). Please see below for information about accessing your child's Quarter 1 Report Card via HCPSS Connect in Synergy. Because of today's soggy and windy weather, the TSES PTA Trunk or Treat event is rescheduled for Saturday October 30, 2021. Please see information below. Finally, a huge thank you to the two gentlemen who stopped to help Dr. Lewis and me move a very large tree branch that was blocking the sidewalk on Whiteacre Road this morning! Your help assured that our students or parents would not have to walk in the street to get past the site. We could not have moved that tree branch without you! I hope that everyone 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](#).

Accessing Quarter 1 Report Cards

Report cards will be issued Wednesday, Nov. 10 and accessible via HCPSS Connect Synergy. Parents/guardians may access them following the [instructions for accessing report cards online](#). Answers to [frequently asked questions on grades and testing](#) can be found online.

MAP Assessments: TSES Students in Grades 1-5 will be taking the MAP Assessments on the following schedule: Tuesday, November 2-MAP Grades 1 through 5 ELA

Trunk or Treat! The TSES PTA Trunk or Treat has been rescheduled for Saturday October 30! Due to rain and wind conditions, Trunk-or-Treat has been **rescheduled for Saturday, October 30th** from 6 PM to 7 PM. Candy donations may be sent to the main office at school.

Reminder: Based on information released from HCPSS, please note that although not required, mask wearing for unvaccinated individuals (adults and children) is recommended during outdoor events taking place on school property. [Click here for the event flier](#).

The temperatures are cooling, so please assure that you are dressing your child for outdoor recess! Next week, the temperatures are forecasted to be in the 50's which is cooler than the previous weeks. Please be sure your child is dressed warm enough for outdoor recess and outdoor lunch if your child eats lunch outdoors. Please contact Ms. Thompson if you wish to change your child's lunch location from outdoors to indoors. Each child has an assigned seat for indoor lunch and each seat is separated by plexiglass. Please be sure

you label your child's jackets, sweatshirts, mittens and hats. We have many items in the lost and found.

HCPSS Hiring Fair, November 4, 2021: HCPSS is hosting a hiring fair to address current staff shortages in multiple areas. No registration is needed to attend the event. [More information is available online.](#) **Please share the [online link](#) or attached flyer with your school communities.**

Parent Teacher Conferences-November 22, 23 and 24: Sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences takes place through HCPSS Connect in Synergy. These meetings can take place either in a virtual format or in person based on the preference of each family. Please visit this [link](#) for information on how to sign up beginning on November 11, 2021. Please stay tuned for additional information about Parent Teacher Conferences!

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 platform will ask each user to upload a photo of him or herself 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 10/22-10/28: Emilie C., Gregory S., Angela S.C., Skylar J.F., Bryan F.B., Ryan G., Bralyn F., Lily G., Xavier A., Siaha F., Doris T.R., Abigal M., Samson S., Daniella F.B., David J.A.

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 were 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 has been extended! 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.

TSES Important Dates:

October 25-November 5	MAP Assessments Grades 1-5
Saturday October 30	TSES PTA Trunk or Treat 5:00 Set Up 6:00 Start!
Wednesday November 3	Quarter 1 Ends
Wednesday November 4	Professional Work Day/Learning Day-No School for Students
Wednesday November 10	Q1 Report Cards posted in Canvas
Thursday November 11	Sign Up for Parent Teacher Conferences Begins
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 Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday November 23	Students Dismissed at 12:10 Parent Teacher Conferences Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday November 24	School Closed for students-Parent Teacher Conferences
November 25-28	Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Break
December 8	TSES PTA Restaurant Night at Texas Roadhouse
December 16	TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00 (Virtual)