

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter  
Friday November 5, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

We have completed Q1 for the 2021-2022 school year! Although this has been a different start to our school year, we have adapted to our 'new normal' and are looking forward to a smooth Quarter 2! Q1 Report Cards will be available for families to access on November 10 at 5:00 PM. Please see below for information about how to access your child's report card. Paper copies are available upon request. The TSES PTA Trunk or Treat event last Saturday evening was a wonderful success. It was great to see so many families spending time in the company of one another. Our staff members have been extremely busy this year planning, assessing, working with children and participating in professional learning. Per an email sent by Dr. Martirano this Wednesday, please allow our staff up to 48 hours to provide a response to phone calls and emails. Although we are typically prompt on returning calls and emails, please note that there may be some delays. Please join me in thanking each of our Veterans for their service to our country. The veterans in our community, representing each of the armed forces, will be honored by our students next week. To our veterans, thank you for your patriotism and for your willingness to serve on behalf of all of us. Please see below for information about how your family can show gratitude to Veterans. Finally, please remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night! Please also remember that this change will mean that the sun will set earlier making it dark outside beginning at around 5:00. 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](#).

Canvas and HCPSS Connect event.

**Accessing Quarter 1 Report Cards:** Report cards will be accessible via HCPSS Connect Synergy on November 10 after 5 p.m. 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.

**Important School Calendar Information! Please read!** In order to provide school-based staff with additional time to address their increased workload and to support employee well-being, the Board of Education approved [updates to the current academic year calendar](#). Three-hour early dismissals now will take place on the following dates: December 15, 2021; January 19, 2022; February 16, 2022; March 16, 2022; April 27, 2022; May 18, 2022. Dismissal at TSES on each of those days will be at 12:10. The [full HCPSS calendar](#) may be viewed online.

**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](mailto:laura_ciarrocchi@hcpss.org) with questions!

**The TSES Fall Bookmobile was a success!** Mrs. Glassband and Miss Braxton travelled through our community on two evenings, offering two books for all students! A retelling comprehension strategy was shared with parents while students created a 5 finger retell hand as a resource to use for at-home learning. Thank you for coming out to join us at the Fall Bookmobile! We will see you again in the spring!



**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.

**TSES is looking for Board Game Donations!** If you have new or lightly used (in good condition with all of the pieces) of any of the following board games or card games, please consider donating to TSES! As always we appreciate your support! Trouble, Sorry, Candy land, Jenga, Don't Break the Ice, Chutes and ladders, Chess, Uno, Playing cards, Checkers, Connect 4, Monopoly, Life. Please bring your donations to the TSES Office! Thank you!

**Connect to Canvas/Connect to Others!** Parents are invited to a virtual event where they will learn to navigate HCPSS Connect to view report cards and the basics of Canvas. Announcements, Modules, Assignments and the Gradebook portions of Canvas will be covered, as well as how to access Canvas on your phone. Parents will also learn about our connections to kindness and belonging at TSES. The event is for parents of students in Pre School thru Grade 5.

**Please RSVP by** Friday, November 12th at this link: <https://forms.gle/uAXXewX2dCG9HcGp8>

Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 Time: 12:00-1:00pm and 6:00-7:00 pm

Google Meet Code: tses-parentevent

**School Counseling Newsletter:** Did you know that November was National Gratitude Month? Please read the [TSES School Counseling Newsletter at this link](#) to read ideas about how to practice gratitude! We can not be more grateful for our School Counselor, Mrs. Lauren Sansone!

**The Book Fair is back at Talbott Springs!** TSES students will be browsing the fair in their classes on Thursday and Friday, November 18th and 19th. Students may purchase books on Monday and Tuesday, November 22nd and 23rd. Please look for information next week!

**Did you know that TSES has a Rainbow Representative?** Rainbow Representatives ensure that schools are allies and advocates for LGBTQIA+ students, staff, and families. The school Rainbow Representative attends quarterly meetings; receives and disseminates information regarding LGBTQIA+ topics of interest to the school community as appropriate and provides instructional support for educators. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Talbott Springs Elementary School Rainbow Representative Brian McMahon at [brian\\_holcombmcmahon@hcpss.org](mailto:brian_holcombmcmahon@hcpss.org).

**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 Thursday November, 11<sup>th</sup>. **Please submit your information using [this link](#), by Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, to allow time for sharing information with classroom teachers to highlight during Social Emotional Learning time on 11/11.** Thank you!

**Super Singers: We are so happy to congratulate these students!** Each week one student in each of our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade through 5<sup>th</sup> 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., Abigail M., Samson S., Daniella F.B., David J.A.

### **TSES PTA News!**

**PTA YEARBOOK COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS!!** The 2021-2022 yearbook is already in the design phase. We know that you have pictures to share! Please send pictures of your child(ren) from any of the following themes. (1) First Day of School; (2)Trunk or Treat; or (3) Field Trips. Send all photos and/or questions to Michelle at [yearbook@tsespta.org](mailto:yearbook@tsespta.org). Please be sure to include the student(s) name and grade. Thank you in advance!

**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](mailto: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

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Canned Green Beans Corn, Carrots and Gravy

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Bisquick® and Cornbread Mix

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Jars of Applesauce and Macaroni and Cheese

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cake Mix & Frosting, Muffin Mix

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thanksgiving Food Box Giveaway!** Friday November 19, 2021 3:00-7:00 PM Columbia Bridgeway Church 9189 Red Branch Road Columbia, MD 21045. Frozen Turkey, rolls, pie and non-perishables. First Come First Served!

**The OM Food Pantry needs your help!** We are now serving an average of 80-85 families (almost 400 people!!) each month, which means our shelves are pretty much emptied each month. If you would like to pick up a few extra items while doing your shopping this weekend, we would be extra grateful. We are in most need of: pasta, mac 'n cheese, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, oatmeal, snacks, jelly, ramen, diapers (sizes 1-6), and baby wipes. **Donations can be brought to the front office of OMHS (9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia, MD) during school hours. If you have a larger donation, please reach out to me so that we can arrange a time for you to drop off and we can come meet you with a cart.** We also happily accept [monetary donations](#), which go towards purchasing fresh produce and bread each month. Also, if you prefer shopping online or have out-of-town folks that would like to help us, check out our [Amazon wish list](#). The food pantry will be open for distribution on Wednesday, November 17 from 3-5pm

**TSES Important Dates:**

Tuesday November 9 MESA begins 3:30 PM

Wednesday November 10 Q1 Report Cards posted in Canvas at 5:00 PM

Tuesday November 16	HCPSS Connect to Canvas/Connect to Others (Virtual your choice of times: 12:00 -1:00 OR 6:00-7:00)
Wednesday November 17	Smile Maryland Mobile Dental Clinic at TSES
Thursday November 18	TSES PTA Meeting~Virtual at 7:00
Monday November 22	Sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences closes at 4:00 PM
Tuesday November 23	Students Dismissed at 12:10 Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday November 24	Students Dismissed at 12:10 Parent Teacher Conferences
November 25-28	School Closed for students-Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday November 29	Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday December 8	School Re-Opens after Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday December 15	PTA Restaurant Night at Texas Roadhouse
Thursday December 16	School Closes for Students at 12:10 PM
December 23-January 2	TSES PTA Meeting (Virtual) at 7:00 PM
Monday January 3	School Closed for Winter Break
	School Re-opens after Winter Break