

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter

Friday November 12, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

We had a wonderful time recognizing veterans who are related to TSES students on Veteran's Day! Thank you to the 30 families who shared the names of their loved ones who have represented our country by serving in a branch of the United States Armed Forces!

Report Cards were made available this week in HCPSS Connect. Please see directions below to access your child's report card. If you need a printed copy, please contact TSES and we would be happy to print your child's report card and place it in his or her backpack to bring home.

HCPSS Connect is open for families to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences! Parent Teacher conferences will take place virtually unless a parent requests an in-person conference. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for after dismissal on Monday November 22 and Tuesday November 23 and on Wednesday November 24. Information about how to schedule a parent teacher conference through HCPSS Connect is listed below. If you have tried to schedule a conference but were unable to do so, please contact TSES! We look forward to hearing your thoughts and questions as they relate to your child's educational progress. Please also see below for information about the TSES Kindness 'Care'avan visits to a few of our neighborhoods on Monday November 15 and for our virtual Connect to Canvas/Connect to Each Other event on Tuesday November 16. We've got a busy week ahead! I hope that you have a wonderful weekend enjoying our beautiful fall weather.

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](#).

**Connect to Canvas/Connect to Each Other:** 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 through Grade 5. **Please RSVP at this link:** <https://forms.gle/uAXXewX2dCG9HcGp8>

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

Google Meet Code: tses-parentevent

**TSES Care-avan:** The TSES Care a van will be visiting the following locations between 3:30 and 3:45 on Monday November 15. A couple of staff members will be present at each site below to greet students and families to spread kindness, have sidewalk chalk that students and families could use to write messages of kindness on sidewalks and share information about our "Connect to Canvas/Connect To Each other", to be held on Tuesday 11/16

**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.

### **Talbott Springs Elementary is scheduling our November Parent Teacher**

**Conferences!** Conferences will take place virtually however, parents/guardians may ask for an in person conference if that is the preferred way to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s).. Parent Teacher Conferences are a great opportunity for staff and parents to partner together to share information. Conferences will be scheduled with your child's English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher. Families may also schedule conferences with our Related Arts staff (Art, Music, Physical Education, Library/Media and Technology). If you have concerns about your child's progress in Math, please contact the math teacher to find out when he or she is available to meet.

Log into [HCPSS Connect](#) to view and select from the time slots provided by your child's ELA teacher for the conference. Attached is a direction sheet for your reference - [Parent Conferences Directions.docx](#)

#### **Dates and Times for Parent Conferences**

- Monday, Nov. 22nd from 1:00-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 23rd from 1:00-7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 24th 8:20 a.m.-3:40 p.m.
  - *Please note that not all teachers may be available for all dates and times*

If you need support scheduling a conference after following the directions above, please call the school at 410-313-6915, or email Ms. Cristiani, Mrs. Mercado or Ms. Hoffman.

#### **TSES Individual Student Picture Absentees and Re-Take Day! Wednesday**

**December 1, 2021:** Individual pictures will be taken for students who were absent on 'picture day' Thursday October 21. In addition, you may select to have your child's portraits retaken on this day. If your child's picture is being retaken, please return the **entire portrait package** on December 1 when the portrait is re taken. Parents of students who were absent should click on this [link](#) or contact the school office for an order envelope if they wish to order portraits. Please visit us at: [www.schoolpix.com](http://www.schoolpix.com) to order additional portraits.

**Important School HCPSS 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.

**Attention TSES Families:** During this holiday season if you would like to assist a family in our school by providing holiday gifts, or gift cards please contact Ms. Lauren Sansone by email [Lauren\\_Sansone@hcpss.org](mailto:Lauren_Sansone@hcpss.org) by November 17th.

**The Book Fair is back at Talbott Springs!** The Book Fair is back at TSES! On November 22nd and 23rd students can shop at school. Parents, shop online <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/talbottspringselemschool1> or send your order form and money to school with your student. Contact [laura\\_ciarrocchi@hcpss.org](mailto:laura_ciarrocchi@hcpss.org) with questions!

**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 cannot be more grateful for our School Counselor, Mrs. Lauren Sansone!

**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!

**[Maryland STEM Festival](#):** All elementary and middle school HCPSS students and families are invited to attend Howard Community College's celebration of the annual Maryland STEM Festival THIS Saturday, 11/13, 2-4 PM. A range of hands-on STEM activities will be available on HCC's campus in the Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) building. The Maryland STEM Festival encourages all students, regardless of background or experience, to take a greater interest in STEM, with the hope they will pursue a related career. The theme for this year's festival is "Health and Wellness". For more information, including a listing of all events, visit <https://marylandstemfestival.org/>.

**Oakland Mills Food Pantry dates for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:** November 17; December 15; January 19; February 16; March 16; April 27; May 18. The OMHS Food Pantry is open next week for our final distribution before Thanksgiving (Wednesday, November 17) from 3-5pm at Oakland Mills High School.

**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). Here are the super singers for the period of 10/29-11/5. Misha S., Ailinn D., Nakyi W., Genesis A.C., Rakiya S., Juandiego Q.R., Kourtney F., Thaddeus K., Jesse A., Holly O., Elliot J., Maeve C., Lukas Z.D.S., Axel M.

#### **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 products will be delivered to TSES around 12/3/2021.** Stickers and student's individual artwork will be sent home next week.

**Spirit Wear sale has been extended through 11/14/2021! There is still time to order your favorite Eagle's Pride gear and have it delivered in time for the holidays!**  
Order online @ [TSES Spirit Wear Website](#)

**TSES PTA Restaurant Nights:**

**Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Sale: 11/15-11/30**

[TSES Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Orders](#)

**Texas Roadhouse Night: 12/8**

**Noodles & Company: 1/11**

**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!

**Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway:** If you or someone you know is in need of a Thanksgiving Basket text Longreach to 443-234-0801. Please register by November 17, 2021. St. John Baptist is located on 9055 Tamar Drive Columbia, MD. 410-992-6977

**TSES Important Dates:**

Tuesday November 16	<a href="#">HCPSS Connect to Canvas/Connect to Each Other</a> (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 Sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences closes at 4:00 PM
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
Monday November 29	School Re-Opens after Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday December 8	PTA Restaurant Night at Texas Roadhouse
Wednesday December 15	School Closes for Students at 12:10 PM
Thursday December 16	TSES PTA Meeting (Virtual) at 7:00 PM

December 23-January 2  
Monday January 3

School Closed for Winter Break  
School Re-opens after Winter Break