

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter

Friday November 19, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

I hope that you had a wonderful week! Last week, on Veterans' Day TSES students created this beautiful thank you to TSES family members who currently serve or who have served in one of the branches of the armed forces of the United States. We are grateful for your service on behalf of our safety!



Next week is Parent Teacher Conference Week! Please see below for information about Parent Teacher Conferences. If you have not yet signed up for a Parent Teacher Conference, please call TSES to work with one of our office staff members to sign up for this valuable meeting. Please also note a change in contact tracing procedures when a child is identified with a positive case of COVID or is identified as a close contact to a positive case of COVID. There has been a recent uptick in cases of COVID in the nation, in the state and in our school. Please continue to take extreme cautions to assure that your child is practicing COVID safety by masking, hand washing and avoiding contact with people who are ill. At TSES we have reviewed our practices

to assure that we are maintaining all possible safety precautions through the day. Thank you so much for working with us to assure that all of our students remain healthy! On behalf of the Talbott Springs Elementary School staff, Dr. Lewis and I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. 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](#).

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE: Winter Break and the holiday season is nearly here. If your family would like to **REQUEST** holiday assistance, please reach out to Lauren Sansone (lauren_sansone@hcpss.org). All assistance requests are kept confidential.

Enrichment Opportunities for All Students: Whether your child just started kindergarten or is in the midst of eighth grade, they have access to programs designed to extend and enrich their educational experience. Learn about these [opportunities to enable your elementary or middle school student to develop new skills and learn about topics they are excited about](#).

Change to HCPSS Contact Tracing Procedures: In an effort to increase efficiency at notifying families, and to ease the burden on school nurses, health assistants and other school staff, [HCPSS has contracted with Ameridial](#) to manage notifying families when a student is identified as a close contact. This change is effective Thursday, Nov. 18.

Calendar Reminder and Meal Service Update: Schools close three hours early Nov. 22-23, and are closed for students Nov. 24. Schools and offices also are closed Nov. 25-26. There is no meal service on days schools are closed. [View the HCPSS calendar](#).

Title I: Talbott Springs Elementary is a Title I Schoolwide Program school. Title I is a federally funded program designed to close achievement gaps and ensure all children have an opportunity to access a high-quality education by providing funding for supplemental academic services and supports. A Family-School Compact & Plan is an agreement between families, students, and teachers that is jointly developed and distributed to all families. It explains how families, students, and teachers will work as a team to make sure all students meet with success and get the support they need to achieve grade level goals. The (insert school name) Family School Compact and Calendar of Events can be found **HERE** (insert link) and on the (insert school name) Title I website (link website). If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher at your upcoming parent teacher conference. If you have any input or feedback, please contact (insert team member name and email).

Reminder! November Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent Teacher 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.

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 to order additional portraits.

TSES Families! Thank you so much for being flexible thus far; we appreciate the support. To maintain our health and safety, a gentle reminder to children about water bottles would be extremely helpful. This way we can limit the spread of germs, increase feelings of safety, and manage the time needed for water breaks during class a bit better.

Thank you, Ms. Parker & Mr. Bonsu"

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 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 with questions!

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!

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). Here are the super singers for the period of November 8-12: Kelly F., Santiago M.Q., Christopher G.O., Mason B., Noah M., Rylan B., Alex F.A., Sophia S., Elder A.R., Alaiah W., Nick C., Jonathan O.V.

Blessings in a Backpack: Giving Tuesday is on November 30, 2021. Please consider making a donation to Blessings in a Backpack on behalf of Talbott Springs Elementary! Your donation will go a long way to helping TSES students who experience food insecurity. Please see the [flyer at this link](#) for information about how to donate.

TSES PTA News!

PTA YEARBOOK COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS!! The 2021-2022 yearbook is already in the design phase. Please send pictures of your child(ren) from any of the following themes. (1) First Day of School; (2) PTA Block Party; (3) Trunk or Treat; or (4) Field Trips. Send all photos and/or questions to Michelle at 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.

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) with any questions!

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!

Union Church Free Food Distribution: Saturday November 20, 2021 12:00-3:00. Union Church 7195 Oakland Mills Road Columbia, MD 21046. Please complete this [sign up form](#) but there is NO prerequisite or requirements to qualify a family to receive food – all are welcome.

TSES Important Dates:

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	School Closed for Winter Break
Monday January 3	School Re-opens after Winter Break