

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter
Friday December 3, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

It's already December! This school year is moving by quickly! It is wonderful to see your children making steady progress as we assure that skills from the 2020-2021 school year are being lifted while new skills are being taught. I am so proud of the TSES staff for their hard work and for their attention to caring for and teaching each child. Thank you to the many TSES families who were able to join us for Parent Teacher Conferences. If you still wish to meet with your child's teacher to discuss progress, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time. We appreciate the continued vigilance of each of our families with conducting the required health screening each morning prior to sending your child to school. If you are not sure whether or not your child is healthy enough to attend school, please contact our Health Services team. Please welcome a new member of the TSES Health Services Team! Mrs. Lindsey Squillario, Registered Nurse is joining Ms. Antricka Byrd our Health Assistant. Please also welcome our new Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) liaison, Ms. Autumn Joiner. Ms. Joiner is at TSES each morning and can be reached by calling Talbott Springs Elementary! I hope that each of you 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](#).

Outdoor Lunch: Some families have asked whether outdoor seating will remain an option for students who wish to eat lunch outside during the colder months. Outdoor lunch will continue to be an option for any student whose parent has selected this option, as the weather allows. Please note that the decision to allow for outdoor lunch is at the discretion of each school administrator, while considering the following criteria: temperature and humidity, wind chill, heat index and air quality, age of students, length of time outdoors, match of a child's clothing for the weather; condition of the eating area, falling precipitation, thunder and lightning, sufficient staffing and supervision.

If your child plans to eat outside, please encourage him or her to dress appropriately for the temperature, including wearing a coat, hat and/or gloves each day. If your child does not own a coat, please contact TSES. **Parents or guardians may change their preference of eating location at any time by emailing me at nancy_thompson@hcpss.org.**

Inclusive Schools Week: Inclusive Schools Week is an annual event sponsored by the [Inclusive Schools Network \(ISN\)](#) and held each year during the first full week in December. Inclusive Schools Week celebrates the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to a diverse student population, including students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference, and other factors. At TSES, our Special Education team will highlight the contributions of famous Americans with disabilities each day of the week ahead.

[Policy 9050: Student Records](#): The purpose of this policy is to establish standards and procedures for maintenance of confidentiality, disclosure of information, and security of all

records related to students, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. This policy also assures compliance with the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regarding individual student's education records. The Board of Education of Howard County recognizes its responsibility to maintain accurate records related to students, to protect the confidentiality and privacy of all records related to students, and to secure all records related to students except where federal, state, and local laws and regulations provide for disclosure. The Board recognizes the value of parental involvement in all facets of their child's schooling and encourages parents to inspect and review their individual student's education records on a regular basis, especially as their child progresses from one grade level to the next, and toward graduation. The Board also recognizes the right of students and their parents to access their individual student's education records and the right of parents and eligible students to have any specific contents that is determined to be inaccurate or misleading removed from those records.

Concert for Kids at Oakland Mills High School : Please join Oakland Mills High School on Saturday, December 4th at 2:00pm (family matinee) and 7:30pm (evening pops) for the annual Concert for Kids to benefit the WBAL Radio Kids Campaign, a holiday concert which supports our community by raising funds and awareness for the WBAL Radio Kids Campaign. A true community event, the Concert for Kids features professional soloists, choirs, dancers, and students from many Howard County high schools. WBAL Radio On-Air personalities and a visit from Jolly Old Saint Nick himself are also highlights of the annual Concert. For more information please visit: <https://www.concertforkids.net/> To purchase tickets in advance please visit: <https://concertforkids.ticketleap.com/cfk-2021/>

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 11/15-11/19 Justin W., Jostin P., Kinnon H., Natalia A., Jocelyn W., Aracelly G., Samad J., MaLaysha T., Bryce R., Jacinda C., Kai S., Aiden T., Yan Carlos M.G., Tina A.M.

Howard County Office of Children and Families has a monthly publication that may be of interest to you! Please see the [November issue of Parent Pages](#) for some great ideas!

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!

TSES PTA Restaurant Nights:

Texas Roadhouse Night: 12/8

Noodles & Company: 1/11

Please contact Casey Otten (fundraisers@tsespta.org) with any questions!

TSES Important Dates:

December 6-10	Inclusive Schools Week
Wednesday December 8	PTA Restaurant Night at Texas Roadhouse
Friday December 10	2 nd Grade Virtual Field Trip-B&O Railroad Museum 10:50
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
Tuesday January 11	TSES Bumble Bees for Grades 1, 2 and 3
Thursday January 13	TSES Winter Concert (Band, Strings, Chorus) at OMHS at 6:30