

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter

Friday December 10, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

Happy Friday! I hope that each of you had a great week. Dr. Lewis and I are so impressed with the energy that our staff and students are investing in Quarter 2 learning! Next week we will reach the halfway point of Q2 with the marking period ending on January 21, 2022. You can track your child's grades in Canvas. Directions for how to find your child's grades in Canvas can be found [here](#). Please remember that we are not providing mid quarter interim reports this school year. If you have had the opportunity to drive near our school lately, you can see that construction progress for the TSES Replacement School is moving along steadily. We are looking forward to the day that we can enter the facility! We are still on schedule to start the 2022-2023 school year in our new building. More information will be shared as it is available. Many thanks to those families and community members who generously donated funds to support the TSES PTA Blessings in a Backpack! We are fully funded to support 25 students through the year! Please remember that Wednesday December 15, 2021 is an early dismissal day for all HCPSS students and school based staff. Please have a plan in place for your child for Wednesday afternoon as we will dismiss at 12:10. 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.**

Proof of COVID 19 Vaccination for 5 through 11-year-old students: HCPSS Health Services is asking that families whose elementary school aged students who have completed the COVID 19 protocol (2 shots Pfizer at this moment) send a copy of the completed immunization to the TSES Health Services staff: Ms. Antricka Byrd, CNA or Mrs. Lindsey Squillario, RN. This will assist with record keeping and tracking of our response when a child is identified as a close contact with a person with a + COVID 19 test. Thank you for your help!

(Optional) Spirit Week 12/20-12/22: During the week of 12/20, as a way to spread some winter and holiday cheer before the start of winter break, students may participate in 3 optional spirit days, as voted on by the TSES students. Please email Mrs. Sansone, Lauren_Sansone@hcpss.org with questions.

Monday 12/20- Favorite Shirt Day: Students (and staff) may wear their favorite shirt to school.

Tuesday 12/21-Winter Color Day-Students (and staff) may wear winter colors of blue, white and silver to school.

Wednesday 12/22-Pajama Day- Students (and staff) may wear pajamas to school.

*On any of these spirit days if your child has PE please ensure they still wear proper foot wear to participate in class.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics: The Howard County Health Department is hosting weekly vaccination clinics. [Find clinic dates and locations](#) online.

HCPSS Emergency Closing Notifications: In times of emergency or weather school closings or delays, information is shared through the HCPSS website, email, text, Twitter and the HCPSS weather hotline. The school system's operating status can be found on the [HCPSS Status website](#).

Virtual Academy on Social Emotional Well-Being, Dec. 11, 2021: Participants in this [virtual community academy](#), being held Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9-10:30 a.m., will learn how to identify behaviors that affect your child's social emotional well-being and strategies to openly discuss suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Register online to receive the meeting link.

Early Dismissal for All Students on Dec. 15: To provide staff with additional time to address their increased workload and to support employee well-being, the Board of Education approved several 3-hour early dismissal days during the remainder of the school year. The first of these early dismissal days is Wednesday, Dec. 15. [View the HCPSS calendar](#).

The Council of Elders of the Black Community in Howard County (TCOE) in collaboration with the Howard County Public School System will host a TCOE Community Academy on Social Emotional Well-Being on **December 11 from 9-10:30 a.m.** The session will identify behaviors that affect a child's social emotional well-being and strategies to openly discuss suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Please share this information with your school communities. Registration is required at: <https://tinyurl.com/52kyt6d3>. See flyer [at this link](#) for more information.

Howard County Library System's Project Literacy offers FREE virtual and in-person English classes! The winter semester free English classes run 01/10/2022 – 04/01/2022 with classes:

--Monday-Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and

--Monday-Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Information sessions are happening virtually and in-person Dec 9th and 13th.

Please see [this link](#) for the flyer.

TSES 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 11/22-12/9 Riyan N., Henry

Z., Tara B., Kellan O., Abigail M., Montse C.S., Michael L.H., Snayder M.M., Amaia K., Summer N., Aaron R., Maeve C., Jaylynn C.V., Lindsay Z.S.

TSES PTA News!

The December TSES PTA Meeting has been cancelled! Please enjoy the extra time! WE will meet again on Thursday January 20. Have a wonderful winter break from the TSES PTA!

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 Night:

Noodles & Company: 1/11/2022

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

TSES Important Dates:

Wednesday December 15	School Closes for Students at 12:10 PM
Thursday December 16	TSES PTA Meeting (Virtual) at 7:00 PM
Monday December 20	School Spirit Day! Favorite Shirt Day
Tuesday December 21	School Spirit Day! Winter Colors Day
Wednesday December 22	School Spirit Day! Pajama Day
December 23-January 2	School Closed for Winter Break
Monday January 3	School Re-opens after Winter Break
Friday January 7	5 th Grade Field Trip to Robinson Nature Center Planetarium
Monday January 10	Rising 6 th Grade Parent Orientation for LEMS Students
Tuesday January 11	TSES Bumble Bees for Grades 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday January 11	TSES PTA Restaurant Night at Noodles & Company
Thursday January 13	TSES Winter Concert (Band, Strings, Chorus) at OMHS at 6:30
Thursday January 20	TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00 (virtual)