

December 16, 2022

Talbott Springs Families,

We are halfway through Q2 of the 2022-2023 school year! Students are in a great position to learn right now and are persevering when a task requires their attention to details and best problem solving skills. Please continue to ask your child(ren) questions about what they learned in a particular subject, how they felt when they persevered through something that seemed to be hard at first and ways they were kind to others or to themselves. HCPSS provides information for families about how to help your child at home [at this link](#). On the left navigation bar of the webpage, you can select your child's grade for more specific information.

Please join me in congratulating the following TSES students for being acknowledged by the Council of Elders of the Black Community and HCPSS for their academic achievements during the past school year: John A., Nicholas A., Ameyah B., Summer G., Daniel C., Taylor C., Ava H., Journee H., Naomi Ismael., Aidan J., Jessie K., Peyton L., Imani L., Bryce R., Vanessa S., Iyassu T., Kiley T., Giuliana T., Sarwath T., Jaylen W., Jeremiah W., and Nathan Y.

Two of our TSES staff members will be leaving our school at the end of the calendar year! Please join me in thanking both Ms. Sarah Isacoff and Ms. Laura Ciarrocchi for their service to our students. Ms. Isacoff will be moving out of state to join her husband at the location of his military placement and Ms. Ciarrocchi has accepted a position with HCPSS in the Elementary ELA Office.

I hope that each of you has a wonderful weekend in the company of family and friends.

Nancy Thompson, Principal

### **Information:**

#### **Before Winter Break, we have a Spirit Week!**

*The votes are counted and the students have spoken...*

*During the last week before Winter Break, 12/19-12/23, students may participate in an optional spirit week to spread some holiday cheer. Students voted in their classrooms on which spirit days they wanted to have for the week. Take a look at the results:*

**Monday, December 19th- Favorite Shirt Day**

**Tuesday December 20th- New Year's Eve Attire-Dress to Impress**

**Wednesday, December 21st- Candy Cane Day-Wear red and white**

**Thursday, December 22nd- Winter Wonderland Day-wear shades of blue, white or dress like a snowperson (snowman/snowwoman)**

**Friday, December 23rd-Long Winter's Night-wear your pajamas**

### **Asynchronous Instruction Plan Inclement Weather Days**

With the ongoing potential of wintry weather, families are encouraged to review the [HCPSS Inclement Weather Asynchronous Instruction Plan](#). Families will be notified about the asynchronous instruction day the same as all other [inclement weather notifications](#). Asynchronous instruction day [materials for elementary school students](#) are posted on the HCPSS website. Middle and high school students have been provided an HCPSS-issued device and will [access assignments via Canvas](#). All students will have up to 10 days following the asynchronous day of instruction to

complete this work. The task charts for Elementary School students for January will be sent home during the week of December 19, 2022.

**TSES SEL Question of the Week of the week:** -This week's question of the week is: How can we share the power of kindness? During our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) time and throughout the school day, we will be focusing on building at least 5 kind words and/or 5 kind acts into our day while emphasizing the fact that acts of kindness can spread. When others see kind acts, they are inspired to share kindness with others. Talk with your child about how they can start a ripple of kindness in your family, in our school and in the community. Thank you for your support!

**Family Science Night** Talbott Springs is thrilled to host an evening with the Maryland Science Center on Thursday, January 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Details will be sent the day we return from winter break so for now, please save the date. Contact Mrs. Glassband if you have questions at [allyson\\_glassband@hcpss.org](mailto:allyson_glassband@hcpss.org)

**TSES 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 (singing, playing instruments, creating, and moving are some of the skills). Here are the super singers for the period Here are our super singers for the week Here are the super singers for the week of 12/9-12/15: Alana W., Jeremiah W., Kiley T., Jesse U., Tommy C., Kyrie G., Valerie F.B., Daniel O., Madelyn C., Evelyn R., Amir H., Leah R., Nathan Y., Aaron R., Eliza R., Jannat C.

**News from the TSES PTA:** Thank you to our TSES families for supporting the TSES PTA! Our next meeting will take place on Thursday January 19 at 6:15 PM (please note the change in time).

**HCPSS is seeking Crossing Guards to help students safely cross the road to get to school!** School crossing guard is a part-time, contingent, non-benefitted position that works 10-20 hours per week. The position pays \$16 an hour. No experience needed. Uniforms provided. HCPSS is currently hiring for the 2022 - 2023 school year. For more information, contact 410-313-2255 or [policeHR@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:policeHR@howardcountymd.gov). Please share this information with family and friends!

**The OMHS Food Pantry is open Wednesday, December 21 from 3:00—5:00 pm.** If you or someone you know is experiencing food insecurity, please come to our contact free pickup at 9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia. All you need to bring is a photo ID. Due to school dismissal, please do not arrive before 2:30pm. Visit <https://omhs.hcpss.org/student-services/food-pantry> for more information.

**HCPSS Community News!** Approved materials will be published on the [HCPSS Community News and Programs website](#) (Links to an external site.) which is user-friendly and searchable.

**Important Dates:**

Tuesday December 20, 2022

TSES Winter Concert at OMHS at 6:30

December 26-January 2	Schools Closed for Winter Break
Tuesday January 10, 2023	Bumble Bees Grades 1, 2 and 3
Thursday January 12, 2023	TSES Family Science Center Night 5:30-7:30
Monday January 16, 2023	Schools Closed-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday January 17, 2023	TSES Spelling Bee (Grades 4 and 5)
Wednesday January 18, 2023	Early Dismissal for Students at 12:10
Friday January 20, 2023	End of Q2-No Half Day Programs-School as usual for all other students
Monday January 23, 2023	School Closed for Students-Professional Work Day