

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter  
Friday December 17, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

As I reflect during this season of gratitude, I am so appreciative of the incredible support that our families and our community have provided during this very unusual year. It is my hope that the calendar year ahead is filled with health, strength and kindness. We have three days of school next week: Monday December 20, Tuesday December 21 and Wednesday December 22. We will be out of school for Winter Break on Thursday December 23 through Sunday January 2. Students and staff return to school on Monday January 3. On behalf of Dr. Lewis and the Talbott Springs Elementary School staff, we wish you a wonderful Winter Break. For those families celebrating, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Joyous Kwanza and/or a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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](#).

**TSES Spirit Week 12/20-12/22 (optional):** 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.

**Congratulations** to 9 of our 4th and 5th graders on writing an essay to be considered for the Carson Scholarship. The Carson Scholarship Fund recognizes and rewards students in grades 4-11 who earn the highest level of academic achievement and also display strong humanitarian qualities. Each year, we select one student nominee from the students who chose to participate. The TSES nominee's information is forwarded to the Carson Scholars organization for further review. Winners selected by the Carson Scholars organization are designated as "Carson Scholars" and receive \$1,000 scholarship awards that are invested for college. This year, Mael was selected as the TSES student nominee. A huge congratulations to all 9 students who wrote essays to participate, Julian, Gabriel, Arely, Mael, Matias, Iyassu, Charlotte, Maximus and Maya-Sophia.

**Young Author's Contest:** Calling all authors! The Young Authors Contest is a great way to showcase your talents - students in grades 1-5 may participate by writing a short story and/or poem and submit by email with signed coversheet no later than January 17th. More details are on grade level canvas pages, at this [link](#) or contact [laura\\_ciarrocchi@hcpss.org](mailto:laura_ciarrocchi@hcpss.org) with questions!

**Lake Elkhorn Middle School Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Night:** If you have a child who will attend Lake Elkhorn Middle School for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (use this link to the HCPSS School Locator to confirm your child's middle school), please see the [flyer at this link](#) for the LEMS Parent Information Night. This VIRTUAL event will be held on Monday January 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Google Meet Code: LEMS-Rising6.

**TSES School Counseling Newsletter December:** Please see the TSES School Counseling Newsletter [at this link](#) for some helpful information!

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

### **BSAP Saturday Math Academy Virtual Spring Program Registration**

*Registration opens Saturday, Jan. 8, 9 a.m. until capacity is reached:* Families of students in grades 3-12 are invited to register online for this virtual enrichment program, which will be held Saturdays, Jan. 29 through March 12, 2022. Families can request enrollment by registering their child(ren) for the program in HCPSS Connect. Space is limited, and notification will be emailed to families whose registration request was accepted. [Additional program and registration information](#) is available online.

**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 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 12/8/12/15: Cindy M., Lily G., Tunmise O., Skylar J.F., Jessica S., Janiya B., Vincent L., Kourtney F., Yorel G., Elmer G., Brison F.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:fundraisers@tsespta.org)) with any questions!

**TSES Important Dates:**

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
Monday January 10	Rising 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation for LEMS Students (Virtual)
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)
Thursday January 20	TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00 (virtual)