

December 23, 2022

Talbott Springs Families,

We hope that you are enjoying this unexpected day off prior to the Winter Break! We would like to celebrate a few students! Each year, TSES 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, meeting qualifying grade standards and community service goals are invited to participate in the Carson Scholars program. Students meeting the requirements are asked to submit an essay on one of two topics. The TSES Carson participants this year were: Giuliana T., Jesse K., Maya Sophia S., and Joanna S. The TSES Carson Scholar Nominee is Maximus P. Congratulations to each of our students for participating and thank you for taking the time to complete the required essay. In addition, congratulations to Amelie L., Bryce R., Genisis A-C., and Reese DR. for having their work selected for the *Finding the Center Exhibition* at the Columbia Art Center. Their artwork will be on display from January 5- January 30. Congratulations to our Band, Strings and Chorus performers! The TSES Winter Concert was a joyful celebration of student learning and perseverance. Thank you to our music educators Mrs. Knysak, Mr. Lee, Ms. Choi, Mrs. Harper and Mr. Marsh for their work to assure that so many students have the opportunity to participate in our vocal and instrumental programs. On behalf of the entire TSES staff, Dr. Lewis and I wish each of our families a wonderful Winter Break! We look forward to seeing our students back at TSES on Tuesday January 3, 2023!  
Nancy Thompson, Principal

### **Information:**

**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.

**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 and in addition [are available at this link](#). Contact Mrs. Glassband if you have questions at [allyson\\_glassband@hcpss.org](mailto:allyson_glassband@hcpss.org)

The **Road to Kindergarten** information sessions will be held for families of children who will begin kindergarten in Fall 2023. Sessions are 6:30-7:30 and are offered on the following dates:

- Thursday, January 19 (Centennial High School)
- Tuesday, January 24 (Wilde Lake High School)
- Thursday, January 26 (Oakland Mills High School)
- SNOW DATE: Thursday, February 2 (Oakland Mills High School)

**Howard County Parents for School Music (HCPSM)** is an advocacy and service organization. HCPSM is proud to be able to provide students with musical opportunities through Every Child Has Opportunities Project (ECHO). This is our yearly drive to collect gently used instruments for use in our school system, often for students who lack the resources to rent or purchase their own. If you have an instrument you are ready to part with, please consider a donation to the ECHO Project, to make sure all our neighbors truly do have musical opportunities. You can bring it to the Solo & Ensemble Festival in January or send an e-mail to [hcpsm3@gmail.com](mailto:hcpsm3@gmail.com) for more information or to arrange a pickup.

**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 HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy Spring Session is approaching! This year, the BSAP Saturday Math Academy will offer an in-person enrichment program for Howard County Public School System students in all levels of math for grades 3-12 based on course availability. Registration will take place online January 7 from 9:00 a.m. until capacity is reached. Class space is limited. Families can register by accessing the [HCPSS Connect Website Links to an external site.](#)

Flyers for distribution:

[BSAP SMA Spring 2023 Flyer \(English\)Links to an external site.](#)

[BSAP SMA Spring 2023 Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

**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:**

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