

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter
Friday September 10, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

We have settled into the familiar structures of school with many routines in place. Our students are so happy to be amongst their peers and with their teachers! We appreciate your support each day with assuring that your children are prepared for the school day with a good night's rest, daily health checks and a desire to learn!

Tuesday September 14, 2021 is our Back to School Night. This event will be concurrent (in person and virtual). This decision was made to allow those who want to be in the school building to have that choice, while offering others the choice to remain at home to hear the information that is being shared. Please note that during the Back to School meetings, the teacher may not be fully visible on your screen throughout the entire presentation. Specific information is below.

If you have not filled out your child's Family File (HCPSS Connect), please do so this weekend! When we had a modified lockdown delaying dismissal on Wednesday September 8, some families did not receive the information that was being sent out from the school due to not having updated their child's Family File. Thank you so much for your assistance with completing your child's Family File.

This weekend we honor those who lost their lives during the 9/11/2001 attacks in New York, Washington DC and in Pennsylvania. We honor those brave first responders who continue to step into danger each time they are called. Today, we shared information with students about Patriot Day during our morning announcements.

I look forward to seeing many of you this evening at the TSES PTA Welcome Back Block Party at TSES! Have a wonderful weekend!

Nancy Thompson, Principal

Information:

Please conduct a daily Health Screening with your child! [COVID 19 Screening Visual](#)

Back to School Information:

Tuesday September 14, 2021. All sessions are with your child's homeroom teacher and are offered simultaneously in person and concurrently. If at all possible please use your child's username and password to enter the Google Meet. If you are attending in person, please assure that you have a mask on at all times regardless of vaccination status and that you conduct a Self Check on your health prior to entering our school building. We look forward to seeing you and we appreciate your support!

5:00-5:30	GT Programs	In Person: Media Center	Google Meet Code will be shared by homeroom teachers via Canvas email
5:45-6:30	Grades K, 1 and 2	In Person: Homeroom Teacher Classroom	Codes will be shared by homeroom teachers by Canvas email
6:45-7:30	Grades 3, 4 and 5	In Person: Homeroom Teacher Classroom	Codes will be shared by homeroom teachers by Canvas email

Kids Read Now Follow-Up Survey

We hope your children enjoyed receiving free books in the mail during the summer! We'd love to hear if your child's reading habits were positively impacted by the program. As we explore our funding options for next summer, your feedback is extremely important. Please click on the link for the survey, or email Mrs. Glassband allyson_glassband@hcpss.org if you would prefer to share your experience with a conversation.

<https://forms.gle/oWsYErHhm5eFV9737>

Vaccination Expectations for Volunteers: All volunteers who enter HCPSS buildings to interact with students must provide [must provide proof of vaccination status or a negative COVID-19 test](#). Parents and other visitors who [enter schools for a brief visit](#) are not required to show proof of vaccination or testing. All parents, visitors and volunteers are [required to be masked](#) regardless of their vaccination status.

HCPSS/TSES Chromebook Obligations: Beginning on Monday September 13, 2021, HCPSS will charge families for lost, stolen or damaged devices under the following circumstances:

- Families will be charged for any devices that are lost, stolen or damaged while in their care.
- If devices are lost, stolen or damaged during school hours and in our school building, school administrators will conduct an investigation to determine if the incident was the result of neglect on the part of the student assigned to the device.

A full explanation can be found at [this link](#).

Band/Strings and Chorus: Our TSES Music Staff are so excited to share our performing arts opportunities! Your child(ren) have the opportunity to join Strings (Grades 3, 4 and 5); Band (Grades 4 and 5) and Chorus (Grades 4 and 5). Please view information about each of these programs and how to assist your child with signing up for the 2021-2022 school year at the following link: <https://sites.google.com/hcpss.org/talbott-springs-music/home>

As per the current HCPSS safety guidelines, band students will be provided with special masks that allow them to play in class without their face being uncovered, using mask-like bell covers on all instruments, and distancing to the greatest extent possible (including playing outside when able) during class times to protect students from contracting and spreading COVID-19. Chorus students will be wearing masks and distancing to the greatest extent possible during rehearsals.

Volunteers Needed! The Howard County Health Department will be coming to TSES to screen kindergarten and first grade students for hearing and vision on September 14th and 21st. The health room is looking for a few volunteers to help with the clinic for line control/getting the students from one room to the next. The volunteers need to be Covid vaccinated or show proof of a negative PCR within 7 days. If you are interested, please reach out to Ms. Byrd or Mrs. DeLair in the health room at 410-313-6918 or email kathryn_delair@hcpss.org. Thank you for your consideration.

MCAP Assessment for Grade 4 and 5 Students: In the upcoming weeks, TSES students in grades four and five will be administered the MCAP English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics assessments. These assessments are scheduled for the early fall as a "make-up" for

the assessments that were not administered during the 2020-2021 academic year. Students in grades four and five will take part in four total assessments given over the course of two weeks. The proposed assessment schedule is included below, and your child's teacher will provide additional information soon. Details on MCAP can be found at the following link: <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/testing/mcap/>

- Tuesday, 9/21
 - Math - Grade 4: 9:00-9:30
 - ELA - Grade 5: 1:15-2:30
- Wednesday, 9/22
 - Math - Grade 4: 9:00-9:30
 - ELA - Grade 5: 1:15-2:30
- Tuesday, 9/28
 - ELA - Grade 4: 1:45-3:00
 - Math - Grade 5: 10:45-11:15
- Wednesday, 9/29
 - ELA - Grade 4: 1:45-3:00
 - Math - Grade 5: 10:45-11:15

Girls on the Run Coaches needed! Become a Coach, Change Her Life

Inspire and empower girls by volunteering as a coach. Our girls need you more than ever! You do not need to be a runner, you simply need to have a desire to support and encourage girls. Safety of girls and coaches is our top priority, that's why we've included safety modifications and virtual options.

As a coach, you will:

- Receive all the tools and support needed to lead interactive and easy to follow lessons with your co-coaches
- Help girls grow in their confidence, stand up for themselves and give back to their communities
- Help to transform and strengthen the next generation of girls
- Experience the positive impacts yourself!

Please visit [this link](#) to sign up. Thank you for caring about our students!

Instructional Supports for Students in Quarantine: Students who must quarantine have several opportunities to [continue learning and receive supports](#) which will help with the transition back to school. Information regarding TSES teacher synchronous office hours are posted on the [TSES website](#).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE TSES PTA Welcome Back 2 School Block Party on Friday September 10, 2021! A brief General Membership Meeting will start at 5:00 and the food and games will be on from 5:30-7:00. If you are planning to eat during this event, you may bring your own meal or you may purchase food from a Althea's Almost Famous food truck. Dessert can be purchased from the Stoneyman Coffee food truck. Please note that although not required, we encourage vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals to wear masks during outdoor events on TSES property. Let's protect our kids!! [Please find a flyer at this link.](#)

TSES Important Dates:

Tuesday September 14	Vision and Hearing Screening
Tuesday September 14	Back to School Night: Concurrent (Virtual and IN person)
	5:00-5:30 GT Programs
	5:45-6:30 Grades K, 1 and 2
	6:45-7:30 Grades 3, 5 and 5
Thursday September 16	School Closed for Yom Kippur
Tuesday September 21	Vision and Hearing Screening
Friday October 15	School Closed for Students