

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter
Friday September 17, 2021

Talbott Springs Families,

Thank you to so many of our families for your participation in the TSES Back to School Night programs! The combination of in person and virtual seemed to meet the needs of many of our school families. For those of you who were unable to attend, please access your child's homeroom teacher's Canvas page for the information that was presented. The HCPSS/TSES Administration portion of the presentation is available at this link.

Many thanks to the TSES PTA for a very welcoming Back to School Block Party last Friday evening! It was great to see so many TSES families in community with one another at a school event after such a long time of missing one another in person. We are grateful to Tricia Blackman for her investment of thought, time and care and to the TSES PTA for making this event happen!

September 15 marked the start of Hispanic Heritage Month! We are grateful to our Hispanic Liaison, Mrs. Garcia-Gill for her support for each of our Hispanic families and for preparing information about Hispanic persons of note to share with our students. We hope that those who observed Yom Kippur this past week had an easy fast.

Next week is a full week of school for our students! Have 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](#)**

MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program): In the next two 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. The student schedule for the MCAP is as follows:

Grade 4:

Tuesday September 21 Math 9:00-9:30; Wednesday September 22 Math 9:00-9:30

Tuesday September 28 ELA 1:45-3:00; Wednesday September 29 ELA 1:45-3:00

Grade 5:

Tuesday September 21 ELA 1:45-3:00; Wednesday September 21 ELA 1:45-3:00

Tuesday September 28 Math 10:45-11:15; Wednesday September 29 Math 10:45-11:15

Details on MCAP can be found at the following link: **<https://help.hcpss.org/grades-testing/mcap-early-fall-2021>**

It's Enrichment Club time!

Enrichment Clubs (formerly called Instructional Seminars) will begin at the end of September.

These clubs are open to all students in grades 2-5. We will have Logic Clubs, Literature Clubs, and Culture Clubs this first semester. These interest-based clubs run between 5-8 weeks and take place once a week during recess. Check the online [interest form](#) for specific dates and times. Interested students need to fill out an online interest

form: <https://forms.gle/2R2bduj6QTgBwsCJ6>

Completed interest forms are due by Thursday,

September 23rd. If you have any questions, please contact [Brian McMahon](#) or [Marilyn Lepore](#). We look forward to seeing students in clubs!



Kids Read Now® (KRN) Survey: This summer, TSES students in grades K-4 received up to 7 books from Kids Read Now®. This program was funded through donations and grants. Please share your thoughts about the KRN program so that we can begin planning for the Summer of 2022. English: <https://forms.gle/W8vz4GhXtrGRhsn97>
Spanish: <https://forms.gle/LgVBVSwUwdJojBmi8>

Newly Released Information: Instructional Supports During Quarantine

HCPSS has implemented additional health and safety measures in schools to provide a safe learning environment; however, there are times when students and staff must quarantine after testing positive for COVID-19 or being identified as a close contact. Parents/guardians will be notified by their child's school when that child must quarantine after being identified as a close contact, or if there is a confirmed outbreak and the Howard County Health Department has instructed HCPSS to have a full class quarantine.

Comprehensive information about students in quarantine and the instructional supports available, as well as answers to many frequently asked questions on this, and other related topics are provided online at:

- [New HCPSS Students in Quarantine website](#)
- HCPSS Help site FAQs on:
 - [COVID-19 Student Quarantine](#)
 - [COVID-19 Health and Safety](#)
 - [COVID-19 testing](#)

Please note that students in quarantine will be provided with robust asynchronous instructional materials, which will differ from packets previously provided to students. The packets sent home earlier this year are an additional resource that may be used immediately after a student is told to quarantine and until they receive a device and robust instructional material packet.

HCPSS/TSES Chromebook Obligations: Beginning on Monday September 13, 2021, HCPSS started charging 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](#).

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!

Super Singers: We are so happy to bring back the TSES Super Singer recognition!

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).

Please congratulate the following TSES students for earning Super Singer during the week of September 8-14: Anaiah J., Bright O., Braylon M., Nicholas A., Cristofher CS.; Gabriel MP; Makayla W.; Thomas C.; Sebastian TP; Laila R.; Marissa P.; Autumn H.; and Alayah T.

TSES Important Dates:

Tuesday September 21	Vision and Hearing Screening Clinic
Friday October 8	Kindergarten Firefighters Visit at TSES
Thursday October 14	TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00
Friday October 15	School Closed for Students
Wednesday October 20	Kindergarten Field Trip to Clarks Elioak Farm 11:00-1:45
Thursday October 21	Fall Individual Student Pictures
Wednesday October 27	Flu Vaccine Clinic