

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter February 14, 2020

A message from the Principal:

Happy Valentine's Day today! On Thursday, we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School! This is an important milestone for our students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten as the number 100 is a huge idea in their young minds! This week, Parent Teacher Conferences were a wonderful opportunity for our teaching and support staff to connect with the families of our students. As we continue to work together to ensure that each child is on his or her best learning path, your input is appreciated and valued. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher this week we welcome you to set up a time to talk or meet to learn of progress and to share your ideas. We met with students in Grades 1 through 5 to celebrate Q2 achievement! Students earned certificates for progress/effort in Math, Reading, Writing and Related Arts; maintaining or improving Learning Behaviors and for sharing hope with others. Our Rising Eagle Celebrations an effort to guide students to reflect on how their time is spent at school and to set goals for the quarter ahead. Please see information below about our Change Matters! effort to collect 'change' to donate to Grassroots. Our goal is to raise enough money to support Grassroots for 5 hours of daily operation. Please remember that there is a PTA meeting on Thursday 2/20/2020 at 7:00 in the TSES Media Center. I hope that you have a wonderful Presidents' Day weekend and I look forward to seeing your children next week!

Nancy Thompson

#### **NEW INFORMATION:**

**Change Matters at TSES!** During the week of February 11 –February 18, our school is proudly participating in an educational fundraising campaign called -- Change Matters -- to benefit Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center -- Howard County's only 24-hour homeless shelter and crisis center. Grassroots depends upon the generosity of the community to support its free services to people with a personal, mental health, family, or shelter crisis. Counselors staff Grassroots' 24-7 crisis hotline; see walk-in clients; provide suicide prevention and outreach programs; operate the Mobile Crisis Team and Day Resource Center; and manage the emergency overnight shelter and cold weather shelters. To kick off our campaign week, Kim Steffens, an authorized representative of Grassroots, will present the campaign to Kindergarten –grade 5 students during brief assemblies on 2/11/2020. Please consider assisting your child to gather some 'change' at home, put it in a bag and bring it to school to donate to this amazing Howard County Support service. For more information about Grassroots please visit [www.grassrootscrisis.org](http://www.grassrootscrisis.org).

**Guiding Good Choices:** Presented by HC Drug Free is an evidence based interactive program that provides families with children ages 9-14 with skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. This 4 part series will be held on the following Tuesdays in March: 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-8:00 at Oakland Mills High School. Please see the [flyer at this link](#) for more information and to register.

#### **REPEATED INFORMATION:**

**Family Wellness Night:** We have challenged our students each month this school year to try 4 new things in various areas of health and wellness. **Join us for our Family Wellness Night on February 27, 2020 as we continue to explore our FOUR IS MORE initiative.** During this event, families will rotate through 4 stations: boot camp, mediation/yoga, reducing screen time and karate. The event will end with the kids in the cafeteria having a dance party and a healthy snack, while the parents meet with HCPSS nutritionist in the media center. We are looking forward to this outstanding event!

**Winter MAP Administration:** Please note these dates for the MAP administration for students in Grades 1 through 5: Second Grade: ELA February 19; Fourth Grade: Math February 18

**TSES PTA and the TSES PE Department Information:** We are pleased to announce that 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in a highly interconnected African Dancing residency. The residency will take place over two weeks from March 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will be working with Ssuuna, a Young Audiences Artist, and learning dances and rhythms of traditional and modern East Africa. They will also learn how the Amagunju dance evolved as a way to soothe an infant king and how traditional values like respect and gratitude are passed on through song and story. Stay tuned for more information with the date and time for the final performance! Please view the link for more information! <https://www.yamd.org/artist/ssuuna/>

**TSES Super Singers!** Please look for this spot in our newsletter each week as we celebrate our Super Singers. We recognize students for RISE(ing) in music class by demonstrating participation and care during Music class that aligns with our TSES RISE expectations. Please join us in celebrating the following students for the week of 2/10/2020: Kenzie S., Braylon M., Brianna H., Alexa P., Angel T., Giacomo F., Demetrius A., Alex B., Makai A., Aliyah P., Mohit C., Julian A., Noah G., Maya-Sophia S., Lucas S., Valerie F.B., Taylor G., Lenah M., James W., Yalitzah G., Adam J., Elsy A.C., Zoey L., CJ H., Harley F., Heily H.G., Ernest D., Axel R.R., Zachary M.

**TSES PTA:** Thank you to the TSES PTA and parent volunteers for a wonderful Staff Appreciation Dinner for Conference Night! The TSES staff was so grateful to taste your incredible dishes while sharing time together between parent conferences. Please remember that there is a PTA Meeting on Thursday February 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Media Center!

### **OMHS Food Pantry**

**What:** A safe place for community members in need to access food.

**Where:** Oakland Mills High School- Enter through the set of double doors on the right hand side of the front of the building. 9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia, MD

**When:** The last Thursday of each month, from 3-5 pm.

Open next: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

**What to bring:** A form of photo identification

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**Friday February 14, 2020**

**Monday February 17, 2020**

Thursday February 20, 2020

Thursday February 27, 2020

Saturday February 29, 2020

Monday March 2, 2020

March 2-13, 2020

Friday March 6, 2020

Monday March 9, 2020

Monday March 16, 2020

Friday March 20, 2020

Tuesday March 24, 2020

Thursday March 26, 2020

Friday March 27, 2020

Friday April 3, 2020

**School Closes at 12:10~Parent Teacher Conferences  
Schools and Offices Closed for Presidents' Day**

TSES PTA Meeting @ 7:00 in the Media Center

TSES Family Wellness Night 6:00-8:00

Unheard Perspectives at Hammond Middle School 9:00

Kindergarten Speaker-Dr. Biederman, Dentist

Ssuuna Artist in Residency with Grades 4 and 5

Q3 Interim Reports Issued

Kindergarten Field Trip to East Columbia Library

11:00-12:15 Freeman and Hanko

11:45-1:00 McIntyre and McDonough

Author Visit-Duncan Tona Tonatiuh (all grades)

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Annapolis (9:00-2:00)

PK Field Trip to The Other Barn 9:30-11:00

Howard County Spelling Bee and Bumble Bee Celebrations

Class Picture Day! Spring Individual Picture Day!

Girls Night Out 6:30-8:30 PM

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to the National Cryptologic Museum

Students Dismissed at 12:10~Professional Work Half Day

Please visit the TSES WEBSITE [www.hcpss.org/tses](http://www.hcpss.org/tses) for additional calendar dates found in the 'calendar' tab.

*Please visit the HCPSS Community News and Programs web-page for all announcements of events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.*