

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter February 21, 2020

A message from the Principal:

Thank you for the donations that so many of our students and their families made to our Change Matters! campaign for Grassroots homeless shelter and crisis center. Your donations will be used to fund the work of the staff at Grassroots for several hours in the upcoming weeks. Please share our gratitude with your children! Family Wellness Night on Thursday February 27, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 PM. You are welcome to stay as long as you want to visit the varying wellness activities! Bridges families, be sure to see the revised Bridges schedule for that evening so that you can join your child at TSES for this event! Thank you to the many families in attendance at our PTA Meeting on Thursday evening. Your service to our school is appreciated! As the weather seems to be changing frequently, please be sure to send your child with a coat if the temperature for the day is expected to be below at least 60 degrees. It is easier to take off a coat at recess than it is to find one to wear. I hope that each of you has a wonderful weekend!

Nancy Thompson

NEW INFORMATION:

Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Registration Beginning the Week of March 9, 2020!

Children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1 are eligible for Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Children who will be 4 on or before September 1 are eligible for Pre-Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration can take place either at Talbott Springs Elementary or using the on-line registration tools. Please visit [HCPSS Enrollment](#) to learn what documents are required for registration. Questions? Please contact TSES at 410-313-6915.

From the TSES PE Department: Do you and your child like to engage in physical activity after school? Do you go outside to work, walk or play or to do some other type of exercise during the weekend? If your child likes to do any of these things, please feel free to show Ms. Parker or Mr. Watts. We have put together a bulletin board to showcase students and families who are active at home or outside of school. If you would like your picture to be displayed in the gym you can either print them at home and bring it to Mr. Watts or Ms. Parker or email it to us! If you would also like to include a hashtag created by **YOU**, please include it in an email or write it on the back of your picture. Our emails are: sarah_parker@hcpss.org and sean_watts@hcpss.org. We are looking forward to seeing and learning about the different activities our students engage in to stay healthy and active!

Visiting Author to TSES! Duncan Tonatiuh, will be at TSES the afternoon of Monday, March 16! Duncan Tonatiuh is an award-winning Mexican-American author and illustrator. Students will be learning about Duncan's books and illustrations for the next few weeks in Media class. His work is inspired by Ancient Mexican art, particularly that of the Mixtec codex. His aim is to create images and stories that honor the past, but that are relevant to people, especially children, nowadays.

We invite you to purchase books on your own and send them to the Media Center for the author to autograph. The books will be returned to students the afternoon of his visit or the following day. Visit Mr. Tonatiuh's website (www.duncantonatiuh.com) for more information to help you make a book selection. His titles can be purchased online (Amazon, Barnes and Noble). Please attach a copy of this form when your child sends a book, or books, to the Media Center. Media staff will respond with an email confirmation when we receive the books. **The deadline to send books to the Media Center is Monday, March 9th.** The form can be found at this [link](#). Many thanks to the TSES PTA for sponsoring this author visit!

School Counselor Newsletter! Please find the link to Mrs. Sansone's newsletter, The Advocate. This month, we are focusing on the RISE Challenge of the Month-RESPECT. One way to show respect is to 'stop and think it through' as a way to pause before responding to another person. More information in [The Advocate](#).

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: 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st from 5:30-8:00 at Oakland Mills High School. Please see the [flyer at this link](#) for more information and to register.

A Story Called Kindness Poster Contest-Entries due April 1, 2020 All students in grades K-12 are invited to design a poster to illustrate a scene from your life story where you've shown someone kindness or offered a helping hand. Students may enter as an individual or as part of a group. Full details, including entry criteria and submission information are [available online](#).

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 from 6:00-8:00 pm 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!

TSES PTA and the TSES PE Department Information: We are pleased to announce that 4th and 5th grade students will be participating in a highly interconnected African Dancing residency. The residency will take place over two weeks from March 2nd – March 13th. 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: Keily C., Bryan F., Ryleigh S., Jewel A., Evangline G., Cindy R., Daiah J., Sage C., Gavin G., Bryce W., Kaelen H., Mikell C., Brian H., Aiden B., Payton M., Tanasia R., Jesse U., Kevin C., Noah C., Lester B., Kimberly C.P., David G., Stori P., Bralyn F., Hank E., Savannah V., Megan M.

Free Parenting Classes - HC DrugFree and the State's Attorney's Office are offering another series of evidence-based, interactive parenting classes. Provides the **parents of children age 9-14** with the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Oakland Mills Middle School in Columbia. Parents are expected to attend all 4 classes. For more information, contact HC DrugFree's Executive Director, Joan Webb Scornaienchi at Admin@hcdrugfree.org or 443-325-0040. To register, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/March2020oms>

Drive-Thru Medication and Sharps (Needles, Syringes & EpiPens) Collection - HC DrugFree's next drive-thru medication and sharps (needles, syringes and EpiPens) collection will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot. Bring all unwanted and expired over-the-counter and prescription medication. Free. Open to the public. No need to get out of your vehicle. Student and adult volunteers welcome. Community service hours available.

Medication guarded and transported by the Howard County Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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:

Thursday February 27, 2020	TSES Family Wellness Night 6:00-8:00
Saturday February 29, 2020	Unheard Perspectives at Hammond Middle School 9:00
Monday March 2, 2020	Kindergarten Speaker-Dr. Biederman, Dentist
March 2-13, 2020	Ssuuna Artist in Residency with Grades 4 and 5
Friday March 6, 2020	Q3 Interim Reports Issued
Monday March 9, 2020	Kindergarten Field Trip to East Columbia Library 11:00-12:15 Freeman and Hanco 11:45-1:00 McIntyre and McDonough
Monday March 16, 2020	Author Visit-Duncan Tona Tonatiuh (all grades)
Friday March 20, 2020	5 th 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
Tuesday March 24, 2020	Class Picture Day! Spring Individual Picture Day!
Thursday March 26, 2020	Girls Night Out 6:30-8:30 PM
Friday March 27, 2020	3 rd Grade Field Trip to the National Cryptologic Museum
Friday April 3, 2020	Students Dismissed at 12:10~Professional Work Half Day

Please visit the TSES WEBSITE 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.