

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter March 6, 2020

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD BY ONE HOUR THIS WEEKEND!

A message from the Principal:

As we close another busy week at TSES, I want to continue to express my gratitude to you for sharing your children with us at TSES. We are halfway through Q3 of the 2019-2020 school year and going strong! Please note that your child is bringing home his or her Q3 Interim Report in his or her backpack on Friday afternoon. If you have any questions or just want to discuss the progress report with a teacher, please contact that teacher as soon as possible. It is better to sort out a concern now than waiting until the end of Q3 in April. Congratulations to Collen, viola, and to Story, cello, for participating in the Howard County Elementary Honors Orchestra Concert on 2/29/2020. These students were nominated for this ensemble and rehearsed intensely for two weeks to prepare for the performance. Many thanks to Mrs. Castrillon for helping our students to prepare for this concert. Congratulations to Sydney and Cori for earning 'gold' for their portrayal of Diana Ross, to Natalie for her portrayal of Harriet Tubman and to Zyaire and Emmanuel for their portrayal of Will Smith earning 'silver' during the Unheard Perspectives HCPSS/BSAP event held on Saturday 2/29/2020. Many thanks to Mrs. Lepore for leading these students and for attending the event. Please remember to set your clocks FORWARD an hour on Saturday night/Sunday morning for the start of Daylight Savings Time! Have a wonderful weekend!  
Nancy Thompson

### **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 the [HCPSS Kindergarten Enrollment](#) page to learn what documents are required for registration. Questions? Please contact TSES at 410-313-6915.

### **NEW INFORMATION:**

**Pre-K and First Grade Early Admission:** Applications for [early admission to Pre-K](#) and [first grade](#) are now open. Criteria, admission standards and application details are provided online.

**Free Spring Break Meals Program:** HCPSS is offering free spring break meals and snacks to provide nutrition for any Howard County child, Monday, April 6–Thursday, April 9. The meals are offered in partnership with the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services, Howard County Library System, Community Action Council of Howard County, Howard County Recreation and Parks, and Roving Radish.

<https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2020/03/free-spring-break-meals-program-will-serve-howard-county-children-april-6-9-2020/>

**TSES Author Visit Postponed!** Due to the unpredictability of international air travel this month, visiting author/illustrator Duncan Tonatiuh has asked our understanding in postponing his March 16 visit to TSES until a later date, hopefully in the current school year. He is flying in from Mexico and we are certainly empathetic with his concern. We will continue to hold books sent in from families for his autograph unless you email Mrs. Ressler ([laura\\_ressler@hcpss.org](mailto:laura_ressler@hcpss.org)) to return the book(s) to your child. Our TSES community is looking forward to hosting Mr. Tonatiuh at a later date!

**Six Flags Read to Succeed** is a free program that allows students in grades K-6 to earn tickets to Six Flags America just by reading six hours for fun. There are two ways to have your child qualify for a ticket. The first way is to send in the pink reading log to Mrs. Freer by April 14, 2020 with a parent signature or register your child using the following link and directions: Visit: [six flags.com/books](http://sixflags.com/books), Use the Talbott

Springs Elementary School Code: CSHMH and then log in the six hours of reading. The tickets will be sent home in May. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Freer at penny\_freer@hcpss.org.

**Coronavirus Updates:** For continued updates from HCPSS Superintendent Dr. Martirano on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19, please visit the HCPSS Coronavirus Webpage. In addition, please see the message sent out by TSES on 3/5/2020 at this [link](#).

**Attention 4th and 5th grade parents!** Please join us Friday, March 13th at 1:55 pm to attend your child's dance performance! The 4th and 5th grade students have been hard at work for 2 weeks with our resident artist Suunna, learning traditional African dances. March 13th is when the students get the chance to show what they have learned! If you are able to attend the assembly, please arrive at 1:55pm and sign-in following standard visitor procedures.

**The Bookmobile is Coming...Again!** Based on positive feedback last spring, the Bookmobile will again deliver FREE books and FREE snacks. We need your help so that we can also deliver FREE games and puzzles! If you are able, **please donate a gently used or new game or puzzle** (please check that all pieces are in the box *before* donating) to the Bookmobile. Keep an eye out for the Bookmobile scheduled times to see when we will be in your neighborhood. Please direct all questions to Mrs. Glassband or Ms. Braxton

**March Wellness Challenge** This month we are encouraging positive mental health by challenging everyone to find FOUR new family activities. Challenges were sent home this week. We are looking forward to hearing about all of the things you can do together to make everyone happy! Have you missed any monthly challenges? Not to worry...they are all posted on our website and it's never too late to complete one and turn it in. Please direct all questions to Mr. Watts or Mrs. Glassband

#### REPEATED INFORMATION

**March Reading Challenge Starts Tuesday March 3, 2020:**It's March Madness time and that means it's time for our annual Intermediate Reading Challenge. We are changing things up a bit since the teachers have beaten the students 3 out of the last 4 years. Starting March 3rd, the reading challenge will be a student/staff joint competition! Intermediate students will be competing by homeroom class. Interested staff have been randomly assigned to each class. Together they will work each week to read more than the challenge number of minutes. To move beyond week 1, classes need to average more than 100 minutes. On March 3rd, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will bring home their Reading Challenge recording sheet taped into their agenda book. Students need to log their minutes per day and turn in the completed, signed slip on Tuesday, March 10th. Teams averaging over 100 minutes will bring home a new slip for that next week that same day. Thank you parents for signing off on your child's reading log. Check in with your children to hear how the teams are progressing this month! We look forward to announcing the new TSES champion reading team on March 31st!

**Save the Date!** Please mark your calendar for this year's Family Academic Night on Wednesday, April 22, 6:15-7:30pm! Coinciding with Earth Day, we hope you can join us for a family fun evening of learning as we work to solve puzzles, codes, and riddles that help us investigate how to support a healthy Earth.

**Girls on the Run!** Calling all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls!!!! Girls on the Run will be starting soon and we still have a few spots left. We will be meeting on Monday and Thursday afternoon (pick up time is 4:30pm) starting on March 16, 2020. The 5k noncompetitive run will be on Saturday May 30, 2020. Please go to [www.GOTRcentralmd.org](http://www.GOTRcentralmd.org) to register today. Cost is \$175, but financial assistance is available. Please contact Michelle Humphrey at michelle\_humphrey@hcpss.org with any questions. We look forward to another fun season. Coach Heather, Michelle and April.

**TSES is in search of a few parents to attend our Family Involvement Team (FIT) meeting on March 24th from 10:00-10:45 a.m.** At this meeting, we will:

- Talk about ways to engage families in our schoolwide programs
- Discuss ways to enhance communication between parents and staff
- Make suggestions and ask questions about our School Improvement Plan

Please contact Mrs. Glassband or Ms. Braxton if you are free to join us.

**Summer Sport Camp Opportunity at Reservoir High School:** Come out to sports camp the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> and/or August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Reservoir High School with certified Howard county teachers Phil Ranker (PE), Tom Dougherty (Math) and Hannah Closson (PE). The camp is open to current K-8th graders and features many different sports and activities every day. If your child likes PE, they will love camp. Campers are split into age and ability groups to ensure that everyone has a fun and productive time. For more information, please visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com> or email [phillip\\_ranker@hcpss.org](mailto:phillip_ranker@hcpss.org) for questions!

**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: 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.

**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](#).

**TSES 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 2/24/2020: Jewel A., Ryleigh S., Quinn C., Bryan F., Aaden C., Hasley Z.S., Anthony R., David A.M., Cyntia A., Paul V., David D., Selwyn B.C., Rashon J., Camila B.O., Brianna A.C., Gabriel G., Riley H., Maggie L., Ba'Lyn P., Jude W., Colin D., Kipton W., Jocelyn W.

**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](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) or 443-325-0040. To register, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/March2020oms>

### **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, MARCH 26, 2020

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

**Upcoming Dates:**

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 Hanko 11:45-1:00 McIntyre and McDonough
Friday March 13, 2020	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ssuuna Performance at 1:55 PM
Friday March 20, 2020	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
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 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to the National Cryptologic Museum
Friday April 3, 2020	Students Dismissed at 12:10~Professional Work Half Day
April 6 – 13, 2020	Spring Break
Tuesday April 14, 2020	School Re-Opens after Spring Break
Wednesday April 22, 2020	Academic Night at TSES! 6:15-7:30 Save the Date!

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.*