

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter-January 17, 2020

A message from the Principal:

This week was a wonderful and full week of learning! No interruptions for weather! The Oakland Mills Choral Festival was an outstanding celebration of community around shared music. Please see below for dates of upcoming events! This weekend provides us with an opportunity for us to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King led with kind words and a respectful manner. He modeled having a vision for working together as one and practiced deeds that benefited others. He stood up for what he believed to be right. Modeling and involving children in activities that mirror the beliefs of Dr. King is a wonderful way to honor the memory of how the world changed because of his vision. I hope that each of you has a great weekend and I look forward to next week!

Nancy Thompson

#### **NEW INFORMATION:**

HCPSS recently revised the process for parent visits, observations and volunteer opportunities. If you have already completed the Power Point and signed the Certificate of Completion for the 2019-2020 school year, that agreement is in place for this school year. Families who register from this time forward will need to complete the HCPSS Training Video and then read and sign the Confidentiality Agreement for Conducting Classroom Visits/Observations and Volunteer Opportunities. The benefit of this new agreement is that there are parameters placed on volunteers, visitors and observers for student safety, privacy and confidentiality. Each family must update this agreement annually. In addition, parameters for classroom visits and/or observations are in the agreement. Please find more information at this [link](#)

[Road to Kindergarten Workshops](#): Wednesday January 22, Thursday January 23 and Thursday January 30. Each session is from 6:30-7:30 PM. Families with children who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2020 can attend this information session to learn more about Kindergarten programming with HCPSS. Childcare is available of children 2 years or older. No registration is required. TSES will also hold a Kindergarten Information session on April 2, 2020 at TSES. Please note that Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration begins in early March!

**TSES School Counselor Newsletter from Mrs. Sansone!** Please find The Advocate-our School Counselor Newsletter at this [link](#) to learn more about The Great Kindness Challenge that can happen in your home and to find out about the TSES RISE Challenge-Inspire!

**Black Lives Matter Week of Action (February 3-7, 2020):** On Thursday, the HCPSS BOE designated the week of February 3-7, 2020 Black Lives Matter Week of Action. HCPSS is in the process of finalizing lessons that can be shared with students in grades 3 through 5.

**Winter MAP Administration:** Please note these dates for the MAP administration for students in Grades 1 through 5:

- First Grade: Math-February 5; ELA February 10
- Second Grade: Math-February 12; ELA February 19
- Third Grade: Math-February 3; ELA February 13 (PM Classes) February 14 (AM Classes)
- Fourth Grade: ELA February 11; Math February 18
- Fifth Grade: ELA February 6; Math February 7

**Summer School Preview!** Yes, it is time to consider signing up for the HCPSS Comprehensive Summer School Programs. On-line and on-site enrollment begins on February 1, 2020. The flyer for these programs is at this [link](#).

**The TSES Scholastic Book Fair** will return for ONE NIGHT ONLY! Save the date!  
Thursday, February 13th from 1:00pm-7:30pm.

**Got Books?** Have you joined the new year frenzy to organize your life and to declutter? Do you have children's books in your home that are still in great condition but are no longer read? Just a reminder that TSES always loves book donations! We always need books for our Little Free Library out front, and our upcoming Academic Night (April 22nd) will include a book swap for families. So as you clean out your libraries, consider dropping off books to the attention of Juli Lubelczyk. Thank you!

**TSES Young Authors' Contest! Congratulations to the following students for their participation in the 2019-2020 Young Authors' Contest! Shout out to Gabriel for his entry in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Poetry for earning 'Runner-Up' for his outstanding poem entitled "Life". We are so proud of Gabriel and all of our students for preparing their incredible written work!**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Poetry: Winner-Hailey; Runner-up-Zoe

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Short Story: Winner-Siaha, Lenora, Connor

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Poetry: Winner-Selwyn

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Short Story: Winner-Brinley; Runner up- Giuliana; Participants-Tyler, Imani, Alana, Maya Sophia, Choice, John A., Hannah

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Poetry: Winner-Gabriel M. (Overall Howard County Runner Up!)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Short Story: Winner-Juliana B.; Runner-up-Jolene; Participants-Taylor, Skyler

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry: Winner-Will; Runner Up-Zachary; Participants-Isabelle, Jewel, Alana

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Short Story: Winner-Violet; Runner Up-Rozelyn; Participants: Azaria, Grant, Camille, Jose, Journee, Payton, Ayden

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry: Winner-Marlena; Runner Up-Paulette; Participants-Cori, Emmanuel, Sydney, Story, Zyaire

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Short Story: Winner-Olivia; Runner Up: Rhea; Participants-Paulette, Cori, Guillermo

**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 Roster 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/>

**Community Academy: Social Media Awareness:** Saturday January 25, 2020 from 9:00-11:15 AM at Oakland Mills Middle School. Parents and students in grades 4-12 are invited to an engaging and informative [workshop](#) on social media, cosponsored by HCPSS and the Council of Elders.

**REPEATED INFORMATION:**

**HCPSS Redistricting:** As we look forward to the next school year, find information regarding new student and family orientation dates at this [link](#). If your student has been zoned for a new school for 2020-2021, school orientations are an excellent way to get to know staff and become familiar with your child's new school, learn about school programs, and hear about ways students and families can get involved. Beyond the orientations in January, there will be additional opportunities throughout the spring for staff to welcome you and your child, gain familiarity and comfort with staff, and build community. Each school will continue to share those opportunities with you as plans are finalized. Please visit school websites to find out about upcoming events that you could attend such as curricular nights, concerts, and PTA events this spring. If you are unsure of the school your child is scheduled to attend, please visit HCPSS School Locator and follow the instructions to find your child's school or visit HCPSS Connect. If you have questions, please call our front office. Talbott Springs Elementary will be hosting an Incoming New Student and Family orientation on Wednesday January 22, 2020 from 6:30-7:30. Our families who are attending Stevens Forest Elementary School next year will be welcomed to SFES on Wednesday January 22 from 6:00-7:00.

**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 1/6/2020: Mya G., Aries P., Taylor C., Riyan N., Alleana R.G., Aliyah M., Luken H., Keion R., Angelina N., Luis M.T., Aracelly G., Mason C., Nathan Y., Yaritza T.R., Alisa C., Tahmina D., Ava H., Ravi P., Hailey C., El-Qahr U., Adam J., Jonathan Y., Laila R., Justin W., Tyler A.

#### **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, JANUARY 30

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

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Monday January 20, 2020	Schools and Offices Closed-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Wednesday January 22, 2020	Spelling Bee at 1:45 PM (Grades 4 and 5)
Friday January 24, 2020	End Q2-Full Day of School for Elementary Students!
Monday January 27, 2020	Schools Closed for Students ~ Professional Work Day
Wednesday January 29, 2020	Club Photos
Thursday January 30, 2020	Synergy Opens for Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up
Friday January 31, 2020	World Read Aloud Day ~ TSES Guest Reader Day
Tuesday February 4, 2020	Schools Closed for Election Day
Thursday February 13, 2020	School Closes at 12:10 ~ Parent Teacher Conferences Scholastic Book Fair at TSES 1:00-7:30
Friday February 14, 2020	School Closes at 12:10 ~ Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday February 17, 2020	Schools and Offices Closed for Presidents' Day
Thursday February 20, 2020	TSES PTA Meeting @ 7:00 in the Media Center

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.*