

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter-January 24, 2020

A message from the Principal:

Today marks the halfway point of the 2019-2020 school year! We are so grateful for the time that we have had thus far with your children and we are looking forward to the second half of our year of learning.

This week was once again a wonderful and solid 4 days of valuable instructional time for our staff. I am so grateful for the work that is done by each member of our staff to prepare for and to welcome our students each day. If you have been following information about the TSES Replacement School, please know that the HCPSS Board of Education approved the Design Development phase of our school. Discussion about the relocation of utilities for the replacement school has also started. That given, we are awaiting decisions at the Howard County and Maryland State government levels regarding full funding of the project. This week also provided our students who are being redistricted to Stevens Forest Elementary an opportunity to visit their new school while TSES had the opportunity to meet several families who will be redistricted from Cradlerock Elementary to TSES. This is a challenging time for all, yet it is clear that when working together with a positive mindset of success for each of our students, we can assist children and their families with the transition. I deeply appreciate the on-going support of our community for each child that we serve. Please note that schools are closed for students on Monday January 27, 2020 as the staff members work hard to close out end of Q2 tasks. Please see information below about upcoming events.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Nancy Thompson

NEW INFORMATION:

February Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up opens on Thursday January 30, 2020! Please be sure to log into HCPSS Connect and select a time for your conference! Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday February 13, 2020 and Friday February 14, 2020. Teaching staff may select to offer conference slots during the afternoon and evening February 13, 2020 and therefore will not have conferences during the afternoon of Friday February 14, 2020. If a staff member is unable to provide conference slots during the evening of February 13, 2020, he or she will offer conferences during the afternoon of February 14, 2020. Although parents can schedule a conference with any teacher, families in Kindergarten are encouraged to meet with their child's math teacher, 1st grade-ELA/Reading Teacher, 2nd Grade Math Teacher; 3rd, 4th and 5th grades conference with the PM teachers. Related Arts and Intervention staff members welcome conferences as well! If you are unable to schedule a conference during the designated 'window', please contact your child's teacher to set up a phone or in person meeting for an alternate day. Parent teacher conferences provide valuable insight to both parents and teaching staff.

The TSES Scholastic Book Fair will return for ONE NIGHT ONLY on Thursday, February 13th from 1:00pm-7:15pm. Buy books at great prices and a portion of the sales will buy books for classrooms! Attached is a list of some of the books that are on sale this year. You may pay at school using cash, check or credit card. If you are unable to attend the Book Fair, you can still take advantage of these great prices. Just fill out the attached order form (INCULding 6% SALES TAX) and return the order form with your payment to school. When sending in your order to school, you may pay using cash or a check made out to Talbott Springs Elementary School. PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE BOOK FAIR YOUR PAPER ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020. All books will be returned to the vendor the following day so make sure you get your orders in as soon as possible! Book orders will be filled during the day on February 13. If you have any questions about the Book Fair, please contact Laura Ciarrocchi at laura_ciarrocchi@hcpss.org. Thank you so much for your support of Talbott Springs. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair!

REPEATED 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 for 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](#).

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 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/>

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.

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 1/13/2020: Trinidee G., Taelah G., Josseline M.R., Karen H., Karla I., Alyssa C., Imani H., Cristofher C., Nathan J., Xander P., Jeremiah L., Briana R., John O'D., Olga M.G., Juandiego Q.R., Gabriel M.S., Archer T., Adrian L., Michael C., Alanah H., Da'Mya H., Nathaniel V., Nia H., Eseosa G., Sofia R., Logan W., Jolene C., Amarachi A., Phillip B.

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 27, 2020

Wednesday January 29, 2020

Thursday January 30, 2020

Friday January 31, 2020

Monday February 3, 2020

Tuesday February 4, 2020

Thursday February 13, 2020

Friday February 14, 2020

Monday February 17, 2020

Thursday February 20, 2020

Thursday February 27, 2020

Monday March 2, 2020

March 2-13, 2020

Friday March 6, 2020

Schools Closed for Students~Professional Work Day

Club Photos for TSES Yearbook

Synergy Opens for Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up

World Read Aloud Day~TSES Guest Reader Day

Q2 Report Cards Distributed to Students

Schools Closed for Election Day

School Closes at 12:10~Parent Teacher Conferences

Scholastic Book Fair at TSES 1:00-7:15

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 (SAVE THE DATE!!)

Kindergarten Speaker-Dr. Biederman, Dentist

Ssuuna Artist in Residency with Grades 4 and 5

Q3 Interim Reports Issued

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.