

Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter~November 22, 2019

Talbott Springs Families,

Thank you to all TSES families for your support each day and thank you to all families who were able to visit during American Education Week. If you were not able to visit, we welcome you at another time. Please provide notification to your child's teacher prior to visiting to ensure that students are following their regular schedule that day. Yesterday, the HCPSS Board of Education voted on a redistricting plan that will affect some of our students. Please continue to watch for information regarding the process in the upcoming weeks. It is our commitment to ensure that any children who are either transitioning out of TSES or into TSES are treated with compassion at each stage. I look forward to working with you and our neighboring schools and staff through this process. Please join me in celebrating one of our TSES parents, Mislá Morganna on her graduation from the HCPSS International Parent Leadership Program (IPLP). This program is offered by HCPSS to assist our international parents navigate the school system and to serve as advocates to other parents. Please visit this [link](#) for additional information. This week, Mrs. Lubelczyk, Mrs. Carr and I had the opportunity to celebrate several of our 4th and 5th grade students for their academic accomplishments. The Council of Elders of the Black Community and the Black Student Achievement Program honored the following students for their exemplary report cards for the 2018-2019 school year. Please join me in congratulating: Teniola, Gabrielle B., Payten, Bryson, Camille, Giacomo, Matteo, Will, Tanajah, Taelah, Mya, Blake, Imani, Sophia, Samara, Cori, Zyaire, Emmanuel, Jason, Bryce, Olivia, Jonathan O. Briana R. Chandler, Azaria, Ryleigh, Hassan and Marlena. In addition, two of our 5th grade students, Rhea and Paulette were honored at an Artist's Reception at the Walters Art Museum on Sunday November 24, 2019. We are so proud of these young artists for their exemplary work on their 'Honoring the Process' themed work! We look forward to seeing you during Parent Teacher Conferences next week! I hope that each of you has a Thanksgiving that is filled with the love and care of family and friends. I am so grateful to be able to serve in the Talbott Springs Elementary School community!

Nancy Thompson

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent/teacher conferences will be held Monday, November 25, 2019, Tuesday November 26, 2019 and Wednesday, November 27, 2019. We look forward to meeting with the families of each of our students! Our focus will be on listening to your celebrations and concerns and discussing academic progress. Please access this user guide for ideas on how to prepare for your child's conference. If you have been unable to schedule through HCPSS Connect, please call Talbott Springs Elementary. **Note:** If you are not able to participate during the scheduled conference window, please contact the teacher(s) with whom your child works to schedule an alternate date and time. We look forward to seeing you during Parent Teacher Conferences!

Picture Re-Takes! We apologize for the delay! Individual Picture Re-Takes will be on Tuesday December 3, 2019. Student pictures may be retaken that day. Please return the entire original portrait package with your child. Parents of students who were absent on the original individual picture day may contact TSES for an order envelope or please visit www.schoolpix.com

The Scholastic Book Fair will be back at Talbott Springs! Please join us for the Book Fair during conferences, Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26, 2019. The Book Fair will be open each day from 1:00pm until 7:30pm. During this time, books at great prices will be available for purchase. During the Book Fair at TSES payment is cash, check or credit card. If you are unable to attend the Book Fair, you are still able to take advantage of these great prices. Just fill out the attached order form (INCLUDING 6% SALES TAX) and return the order form with your payment to

school. When sending in your order to school, you may pay using credit card, cash or a check made out to Talbott Springs Elementary School. PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE BOOK FAIR YOUR ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019. All books will be returned to the vendor the following day so make sure you get your orders in as soon as possible! 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 the Talbott Springs Book Fair. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair!

CogAT: Cognitive Test of Abilities: CogAT is an assessment that is used as one point of data as we work together to determine placement for students in Grade 4 GT Math and Grade 6 Math, English, Social Studies and Science GT classes. CogAT is a multiple-choice assessment that measures reasoning skills with different types of verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal questions. Per HCPSS protocol, CogAT will be given to all students in grades 3 and 5 on the dates outlined below. Each of the three testing sessions is approximately an hour long.

Calling TSES Young Authors! Young Authors' Contest Entries are due on Monday, December 2, 2019. Students in grades 1-5 can submit an original poem and/or a short story for the contest. Information is found at this [link](#). All entries must include the following:

- Entries be original work using a 12-point font.
- The short stories must range between 100-400 words (Grades 1 and 2) and 300-800 words (Grades 3-5).
- The poems can be any style and must range between 25-150 words for all grade levels.
- Entries must not include graphics.
- Each entry must include a completed cover sheet signed by a parent or guardian.

If you have any questions please reference contest rules sheet or contact Mrs. Freer at penny_freer@hcpss.org for more information.

From the TSES Health Room: Free Drug Deactivation/Disposal kits are located in the health room. These kits are a way for you to dispose of unused/unwanted pills, liquids and patches at home rather than disposing of them the wrong way (down toilet, in sink, etc.). This is especially helpful to prevent prescription drugs such as pain killers/opioids getting into the wrong hands. Feel free to stop by and take as many as you need (until we run out).

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 11/11/19: Adriana E., Imani L., Briell D., Camille D., Kalaiyah C., Amaya C., Macion T., Genesis A., Kenci A., Camila R., Jaylen W., Vladimir A.M., Jason K., London W., Talia D., Ja'Mya W., Mia A., Dylan D., Leighton H., Yorel G., Elijah A., Brian H., Riley H., Reese D.L.R., Julia S., Justin A., Aylin M.C.

PTA News and Information!

Thanks to all the families who have placed their Square 1 orders! The deadline to order art products is November 26th. Late orders cannot be accepted. You should have received your student's personalized catalog and stickers last week. If you haven't received them, please email Stephanie Reid, stephaniemichellereid@gmail.com. Online ordering is preferred, but you can also use the paper order form to send in your order with payment. The school receives a percentage of the profits from the sale of these items. All products are expected to arrive at the school December 18th.

PTA Teacher and Staff Appreciation Dinner takes place Monday, November 25, 2019. Please consider donating a main dish, side dish, or dessert, or joining us for set up (4:15pm), serving (5:00pm), or clean up (6:00pm). If you are able to help with food or time donation, or have any questions, please contact Carrie Garbart at Carrie.garbart@gmail.com

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

Upcoming Dates:

Monday November 25, 2019	<i>School Dismisses at 12:10 for Parent-Teacher Conferences</i>
Tuesday November 26, 2019	<i>School Dismisses at 12:10 for Parent-Teacher Conferences</i>
Wednesday November 27, 2019	<i>Parent Teacher Conferences-Schools Closed for Students</i>
Tuesday December 3, 2019	CogAT testing for all students in Grades 3 and 5 (AM)
Tuesday December 3, 2019	Picture Re-Takes
Wednesday December 4, 2019	CogAT testing for all students in Grades 3 and 5 (AM)
Thursday December 5, 2019	CogAT testing for all students in Grades 3 and 5 (AM)
Thursday December 5, 2019	TSES PTA Craft Night 6:30-8:00
Saturday December 7, 2019	Girls on the Run 5K at 8:00
Thursday December 12, 2019	TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00 in the Media Center
Friday December 13, 2019	Q2 Interim Reports Issued
Tuesday December 17, 2019	In school Music Assemblies
Thursday December 19, 2019	TSES Winter Concert at OMHS at 6:30
December 23-January 1, 2020	HCPSS Winter Break~School Closed for Students
Thursday January 2, 2020	School re-opens after Winter Break
Wednesday January 8, 2020	Bumble Bees for Grades 1, 2 and 3

Please visit the TSES WEBSITE www.hcpss.org/tses for additional calendar dates found in the 'calendar' tab.