

## Talbott Springs Elementary School Friday Newsletter~November 8, 2019

Talbott Springs Families,

Thank you for sharing your children with us this week! It has been a productive week of learning across Talbott Springs Elementary. The start of the second quarter is a time of great promise as we are settled into solid routines and learning practices. We are looking forward to several important events in the weeks ahead! Please see the calendar of information at the bottom of this newsletter. Of note is the schedule for American Education Week activities, Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up, Scholastic Book Fair, Building Reasoning through Perspective Event, Stringapalooza and of course the TSES PTA Purse BINGO!

As we approach Veterans' Day, consider taking a moment with your child to thank a family or community member for his or her service to ensure that our country is safe. Have a wonderful weekend!

Nancy Thompson

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

#### **TSES Family Event: Building Reasoning through Perspective: November 14, 2019 6:15-8:00**

**at TSES:** We are so excited about this unique event! One of the educational challenges for children is to learn to understand their thinking. TSES presents a Title I Family Event for all families to learn together about how to encourage children to change perspective based on the information that they are receiving. Students and their families will rotate through 'hands on' activity sessions designed to engage both children and adults. Please link here for the flyer advertising this event.

**American Education Week: November 18-22, 2019** American Education Week is a celebration of the teaching and learning that is taking place in our public schools. We welcome your visits through the entire week. We have the following scheduled at this time so that you can plan your visit!

Pre-Kindergarten:	Wednesday November 20, 2019 from 9:00-10:00
Kindergarten:	Wednesday November 20, 2019 from 9:00-10:00
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade:	Wednesday November 20, 2019 from 10:00-10:45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade:	Friday November 22, 2019 from 9:00-9:45
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade:	Monday November 18, 2019 from 2:00-3:00
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Monday November 18, 2019 from 10:00-10:45
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Wednesday November 20 fro 11:15-12:00

**From our School Counselor, Mrs. Sansone:** The November edition of 'The TSES Advocate' is ready for you to read! Please click on the [link](#) to find this fabulous publication!

**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 7:15pm. 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 (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 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](mailto: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!

**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](mailto:penny_freer@hcpss.org) for more information.

### **Changes to Your Child's Report Card in 2019-2020 School Year**

Beginning this quarter, you will notice a minor modification to your child's report card. The PreK-5 *Learning Behaviors* section of the report card has been modified to align with changes recently made to HCPSS [Policy 8010: Grading and Reporting](#). The new behaviors complement the curriculum content taught in the elementary grades and are a natural part of learning about oneself while interacting with others.

Learning behaviors now included on the 2019-2020 report card help support parents and teachers in identifying areas of focus. The learning behaviors are:

- Demonstrates interpersonal skills
- Demonstrates responsibility
- Demonstrates perseverance
- Demonstrates collaboration
- Demonstrates initiative

On the [HCPSS website](#), you will find a list of the specific behaviors, actions and expectations that align with each learning behavior. Teachers will report student performance on each learning behavior based on developmental and age-appropriate expectations. You will also find example report cards, frequently asked questions and information in multiple languages. Please contact [nancy\\_thompson@hcpss.org](mailto:nancy_thompson@hcpss.org) with your questions.

**Holiday Assistance for TSES Families: Action Required!** During this holiday season if you would like to assist a family in our school by providing holiday gifts, or gift cards please contact Ms. Lauran Hoffman by email [Lauran\\_Hoffman@hcpss.org](mailto:Lauran_Hoffman@hcpss.org) by November 8th.

**Fall MAP Scores** for students in Grades 1 through 5 are now available in each child's Family File accessed through HCPSS Connect.

**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 10/28/19: Angel M., Cindy R., Treshawn B., Evangeline G., Ryan H., Zori S., J'shad G., Lily S., Noah G., Curtis H., Nathan D., Damon H., Amy T-C., Ava H., Angel M., Alana A., Iyassu T., Emilie C., Jocelyn W., Juliana L.H.

**Free Turkey and Box of Non-Perishables:** Howard County Residents can SIGN UP NOW to receive a free turkey and box of nonperishables. Pick Up Date- Friday, November 22 from 6-7:30 pm at North Laurel Community Center 9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd Laurel, MD 20723 For more information contact the Multi Service Center at 410-313-0220 or [mscinfo@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mscinfo@howardcountymd.gov).

### PTA News and Information!

**PTA Purse BINGO Event!** Join us at The Other Barn for Designer Purse Bingo on November 10th from 3-5:30 pm. \$20 Admission includes 20 Regular Games. \$5 each additional game/card. 50/50 and Raffle Prizes. Each person, including children, must purchase a ticket to attend. All proceeds benefit the Talbott Springs PTA. Purchase your ticket(s) at the PayPal link before the event sells out! Your tickets will be at will call under the email address associated with your PayPal account. Price at the door is \$25.

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme2/tsespursebingo>

**Square 1 PTA Art Fundraiser:** For those families who made art for the Square1 fundraiser, your student's custom catalog featuring their artwork will be coming home by Tuesday, Nov 12, 2019. Won't you help make your child feel like an accomplished artist by purchasing keepsakes for the whole family containing their masterpiece? The school earns profit from every order. And as a thank you for participating, we provide each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork — absolutely FREE! All online and paper order forms must be turned in by November 26. (No late orders can be accepted.) Together, we can help support the school, build your child's self-esteem, and create lasting keepsakes from your child's artistic achievements. All products will arrive at school December 18th. Thanks again for participating!! Contact Stephanie Reid with any questions, [stephaniemichellereid@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniemichellereid@gmail.com).

**Social, Emotional and Mental Well Being Workshop:** Saturday November 9, 2019 9:00-11:15 AM at Oakland Mills Middle School. Join HCPSS and the Council of Elders in the second in its [2019-2020 parent workshop series](#).

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

#### Upcoming Dates:

Sunday November 10, 2019	PTA Sponsored Purse BINGO at the Other Barn 3:00Monday
November 11, 2019	Q1 Report Cards Issued
November 12, 2019	OM Cluster String-a-palooza at 7:00 at OMHS
Thursday November 14, 2019	TSES Family Event-Building Reasoning SkillsTuesday
Tuesday November 19, 2019	Dental Clinic at TSES
November 18-22, 2019	American Education Week (see schedule above)
Thursday November 21, 2019	TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00 in the Media Center
Monday November 25, 2019	School Dismisses at 12:10 for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Tuesday November 26, 2019	School Dismisses at 12:10 for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Wednesday November 27, 2019	Parent Teacher Conferences-Schools Closed for Students
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
Thursday December 19, 2019	TSES Winter Concert at OMHS at 6:30

Please visit the TSES WEBSITE [www.hcpss.org/tses](http://www.hcpss.org/tses) for additional calendar dates found in the 'calendar' tab.

