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SUPER SINGERS (week of 2/2/15) These students showed high levels of engagement in music class! Congratulations! Quentin Conley, Emma Bailey, Ricardo Luna, Daniel Umana, Joseph McConaghy, Yelson Pineda Miranda, Godson Casseus, Helton Lopez-Quintanilla, Keilana Miller, Melany Padilla Penado, Ryan Megdiche, Rosa Rivas, Brian Davis, Josselyn Rivas, Michael Davis, Mesoma Onukwugha, Tajah Cromwell, Yasmin Osama, Naomy Maldonado-Rivera

FROM THE TSES HEALTH ROOM: Howard County Health Department and Chase Brexton Dental have partnered with Howard County Public Schools to offer free dental education and services to primary grade students at Talbott Springs Elementary. The dental education program will take place on March 9th, 2015 during school for students in kindergarten through third grade. The dental clinic is planned for March 10th, 2014. During the clinic, students in kindergarten through 3rd grade will receive a dental screening, fluoride application and sealants (for third grade students with permanent erupted molars). Please complete the parental consent form in today’s Friday folder if you wish for your child to participate and retain the return form by February 20th, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact the Health Room at 410-313-6915.

SCIENCE FAIR AND INVENTION CONVENTION will be held during the TSES Evening of Excellence on 14, 2015! If you or your child are interested in getting started with a project, please visit the following link for guidelines and advice! www.schoolsfairexpo.weebly.com Questions? Please contact Mr. D’Antuono at vincenzo_d’antuono@hepps.org.

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED! It’s already time to start planning for next year, particularly in electing officers for the PTA for next year. Many of this year’s officers are completing their second year in their current position, or are the parent of a 5th grader, which means we will need some new volunteers to take their places. Without your support, we will not have the ability to continue the programs that the TSES has historically supported! Please consider one of the following:

PTA President: Do you value relationships and teamwork? If so, then the role of PTA president is perfect for you! Your PTA leaders foster a positive and productive relationship between the TSES families, administrators, faculty, and staff. Your president serves like a music conductor—he counts on each member of the team to know and perform his or her individual part, and helps everyone perform together from the same sheet of music. The PTA’s collective effort supports TSES, which in turn supports the students and their families. Each year, the president leads the team through the process of updating goals and targets, developing plans, approving a budget, raising funds, and executing the plans through teamwork. The current president feels grateful for experiencing joyful service with caring TSES professionals and PTA volunteers.

Vice President, Fundraising: Vice President of Fundraising may sound a bit daunting, but it doesn’t have to be. Past fundraising chairs have put together lists of resources for who to call to schedule restaurant nights, as well as web sites and email addresses for contacts to hold other types of fundraisers, like the current Mixed Bag fundraiser. One of the most successful fundraisers is also the easiest - the Nonevent Fundraiser is as simple as sending out the letter letting parents know how much their donations can help the PTA achieve our goals. If you are organized and don’t mind putting into a small bit of elbow grease, fundraising may be the right fit for you!

PTACHC Delegates: Would you like to have a voice in the larger arena of Howard County schools? The representative to the PTA Council of Howard County attends one meeting a month with representatives from other schools’ PTAs. In addition to representing TSES PTA’s interests at these meetings, you will gain insight into how things like the budget affects the school system. These meetings also attract Board of Education members and elected officials, so you might have the opportunity to speak to them directly. Another benefit of this position? There are two openings, so you can split the monthly meetings with someone else!

Vice President, Special Events: Gather a few friends and let your creative juices start flowing by leading the Special Events team. Have a blast planning school events for the students such as Back to School Picnic, Craft Night, Bingo Night and the Spring Dance. Do you have an idea for an event you’d love the PTA to do? Feel free to “mix” things up with new suggestions, too.

Volunteer Coordinator: The Volunteer Coordinator gets to keep interested school adults (primarily parents) informed about opportunities to make a difference in school and school events primarily via email. He or she also helps track the PTA’s volunteer hour contributions to support Grant opportunities.

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Laurel Woods Elementary School PTA’s will be hosting their 5th Annual Summer Camp & Enrichment Programs Expo on Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 7:00-8:30 PM., at the North Laurel Community Center at 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, Maryland 20723. Please see attached flyer. We invite you to join us and connect with other parents and organizations of the North Laurel and surrounding communities. We will have over 20 vendors from the surrounding area that will be onsite to provide information for their camps this year and discounts available onsite if you sign up that night! If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Taitt at shannon.taitt@gmail.com and Sheila King at Sheila.King@fdo.hhs.gov.
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