

Talbott Springs Elementary School Newsletter
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Principal

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December 5, 2014

December 12 Q2 Interim Reports Issued
December 16 PTA TSES Restaurant Night at the Greene Turtle
December 18 1st Grade Bumble Bee 8:45-9:45
 2nd Grade Bumble Bee 9:45-10:45
 3rd Grade Bumble Bee 11:15-12:15
 4th and 5th Grade Spelling Bee 1:30-3:00
 TSES PTA Meeting @ 7:00
 Telehealth Consent Forms due!

December 24-

January 4 *School Closed for Winter Break*
January 5 *School Re-Opens*
January 5-30 *Winter MAP Administration*
January 8 *International Festival 6:00-8:00*
January 19 *School Closed for Martin Luther King's Birthday*
January 22 *Dismissal at 12:10 for Students~Professional Learning*
January 23 *Dismissal at 12:10 for Students~ Professional Work*
January 21 *TSES Winter Concert (Chorus, Strings and Band) at OMHS 6:30*
January 29 *Oakland Mills Festival Chorus at Bridgeway Church 7:00*

A Message from the Principal...

Very important information! TeleHealth (School-Based Wellness Center) Consent and Enrollment Forms available on the TSES website! The School Based Wellness Center is part of the Elementary School Model and is offered in partnership with the Howard County Health Department and the University of Maryland Medical System. In addition, we are posting them on the TSES website for you to download for return to school. Please read all information, complete the Medical/Family History Questionnaire and Parental Consent Form and return to them to TSES by December 18th. Please note-this is a voluntary opt in program. If you have any questions, please call 410-313-6915.

Important Information for parents of 4th and 5th graders! This year, we began implementing the new Elementary School Model (ESM) at Talbott Springs and at five other elementary schools throughout Howard County. As a part of the Strengths Development component of the model, all Grade 4 and 5 students will take the Strengths Explorer prior to winter break. The Strengths Explorer tool was developed by Gallup for use by Grade 4 – 6 students to identify natural talent themes. During the week of January 12, 2015, parents of Grade 4 and 5 students will receive a report on their child's strengths themes and a Strengths Explorer Parent Playbook that includes information and activities to share with children to encourage development of innate talents. School staff will continue to work with students on maximizing their natural talents and strengths. School counselors will conduct lessons in all Grade 4 and 5 classrooms that support students in understanding the strengths themes and how they can be used. Grade 4 and 5 students will receive and use a Strengths Explorer Student Playbook. Our school website will be updated in January to include more information on the Strengths Development component of the model. We look forward to sharing this new tool with the 4th and 5th graders. For additional information, please go to the <https://www.strengths-explorer.com>.

Girls on the Run! On Saturday December 6, 2014 nineteen girls from Talbott Springs Elementary School participated in a 5K run at Gateway Park. The run was the culminating activity for a 16 week learning session. Please congratulate the following students and their 'buddy runners' for a terrific effort: Alishba Agha, Emily Aviles, Alyssa Ball, Payton Brown, Isabella Clancy, Jubilee Douglas, Judy Elkashif, Cydney Epting, Aliah Evans, Jada Fowler, Melissa Gomez, Miya Knippenberg, Elizabeth Lopez-Gonzalez, Aria Plater, Julia Pribac, Lindsay Pulvirenti, Gabby Sorto, Kadriyyah Syed, Victoria Wright. Coaches and Buddy Runners: Mary Kate Lavin, Eric Bishop, Alison Batman, Penny Freer, Lois Bailey, Vickie Walker, Christina Sernulka, Denise Ningen, Mr. Wright, Kayla Smith, Ms. Miya, Mrs. Sung, Mr. Aviles, Mrs. Ball, Mr. Knippenberg, Ms. Lopez and Mrs. Plater

One of our 4th grade students has come up with a great idea to bring awareness to the amount of waste produced during the holiday season. Specifically, the amount of paper wasted on wrapping paper and gift bags. Our 4th graders will be collecting used wrapping paper and bags during the week of January 5th – January 9th. Please send all of your used holiday paper products in with your child on one of days during that week. The 4th graders will collect the items from homerooms first thing each morning. The items will then be stored on the stage for students to see during their lunch shifts. On the last day, a group of 4th grade students will speak with each grade during lunch about recycling. At the end of the day on the 9th all of the items will be taken and placed in the TSES recycling container. Thank you for your help, and if you have any questions please feel free to email me at eric_bishop@hcpss.org.

The **Young Author's Contest** is for aspiring authors in grades 2-5. The children have the option of writing a poem, short story or both. All entries must be original work and should be turned in to their English Language Arts teacher by Wednesday, December 17, 2014. Contest rules were sent home this week. Contact Mrs. Freer at penny_freer@hcpss.org if you have any questions.

As you are planning family events for 2015-please note the following critical dates for the PARCC Assessment for all students in grades 3, 4, and 5:

PARCC Mid-Year *Three morning/class for ELA; Two mornings for Math* **March 2-27**

PARCC End of Year *Two mornings/class for ELA; two mornings for Math* **April 20-May15**

We will provide more specific dates for each class, as they are available

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL-SAVE THE DATE!!!! Please plan to join us on Thursday January 8 for the TSES International Festival. This event will take place from 6:00-8:00 with student and staff performances, cultural displays and activities! Don't miss this fun event!

Holiday Food, Toy and Winter Coat, Hats, and Gloves Drive

Please place a generous thank you to all the TSES families who contributed to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Many families received generous amounts of food for Thanksgiving.

The toy and warm weather clothing drive continues until December 19. New toys and new or used winter coats, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarfs for grades Pre-K - 5 can be dropped off in the lobby in the blue box. The TSES PTA is collecting for our toy, and winter coat, hats, and glove drive to benefit TSES families in need. Please help us reach our goal through your generous donations. Gift card donations from Target, Wal-Mart or other grocery stores are to be labeled, "Holiday Food Drive," and given to Lauran Hoffman in the front office.

Art Show Season is upon us once again! Our first three outstanding young artists are 5th grade students whose "Selfies" were selected for the media-based exhibition entitled "***The Art of the Selfie***". Please congratulate **Emmaleigh Chappel, Cynthia Degahson, and Desiree Silas** whose selfie photos will be on display at the Columbia Center for the Arts from Monday, January 7, 2015 through Friday, January 30, 2015. The reception for these student, parents, teachers and friends will be on January 13, 2015 from 5 - 7 pm.

The second group of students had work selected for the exhibition entitled "***Dreams Realized: Moving Forward***" which celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Congratulations to 3rd grade students Isabella Clancy, Austin McPhie, and Griffin Vance whose clay "Dream Bowls" will be on display at the Howard Community College Art Gallery from January 9, 2015 - January 18th, 2015. Students will receive awards at a reception in honor of all student artists on January 18, 2015.

SUPER SINGERS (week of 12/1/14) These students showed high levels of engagement in the learning that took place in music class! Congratulations! We are so proud of you!

Jonathan Ganel-Constant, Janiah Randall-Murdock, Sophia Delaney-Sells, Hassan Sharieff, Romeo Pina, Raymond Randall, Chanel Robinson, Lana Selva, Stephane Lelo-Batsy, Jordan Hagner, Willow Romack, Camille Skot, Jubilee Douglas, Kimberli Padilla Penado, David Dorsey, Nolan Brown, Tyler McPhie, Meti Adnew, Jamal Edmonds, Olivia Monteith, Ahmad Evans, Jordyn Bishop

TSES PTA News!

*****"Non-event" Fundraiser** -Thank you notes and tax receipts were sent home in your children's backpacks last week. If you made a donation and did not receive one, please contact Shana Bynon at fundraisers@tsespta.org. Thank you again to everyone who has already donated!!

****SAVE THE DATE! Greene Turtle Restaurant Night~DECEMBER 16, 2014 AT THE GREENE TURTLE RESTAURANT ON MCGAW CT IN COLUMBIA! Join TSES families for good food and good company!

THE LITTLE MERMAID AT OLNEY THEATER! The Olney Theater is now presenting professional stage performances of the Little Mermaid! Please look for a flyer in today's Friday Folder because the flyer has an on-line code for \$10.00 off adult tickets. Little Mermaid performance information can be found at www.olneytheatre.org. Matinees are at 1:30 and evening performances begin at 7pm at The Olney Theatre Center located at 2001 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Olney MD 20832. The show runs 2 hours and 10 minutes including intermission. The Little Mermaid performances are now through December 28, 2014. Don't miss this opportunity!

