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TRES PTA Principal Report

Dr. Tiffany Tresler, Principal

- Thank you for all of PTA's support of TRES staff as we kicked-off this school year- omelet buffet breakfast, goodie bags, and snacks during BTSN.
- Thank you to our community for extending grace to our staff as we help each other to take care of our TREaSures. With the substitute shortage, bus driver shortage, extra cleaning and set-up, contract tracing, supporting students in quarantine, the safety and instruction our students in our care 8:55 a.m.-3:20 p.m. are the first priority.
- We are looking forward to the return of the Retriever Rally and the 1st PTA Trunk or Treat! We are especially grateful to PTA for sponsoring the Trunk or Treat! Due to our beliefs in belonging and inclusion, we will not celebrate Halloween during the regular school day.
- Upcoming testing: 4th and 5th grade are taking MCAP this week and next week. Make-up testing is the week of Oct. 4th.
- Buses: Thank you for your patience with constant changes and issues.
- Upcoming changes to outdoor lunch will allow for more students to eat outside, more student choice, and hopefully smoother procedures. Grades 3rd-5th start next week, grade 2 hopefully the following week.

We are excited to share that at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, TRES was selected as the fifth school in HCPSS to include a new regional program serving students receiving special education services for emotional disabilities. Our regional team of educators, along with our entire staff are to be commended for opening a successful program while learning how to be virtual educators. In year two, our program is slowly growing.

You can view of of the regional and specialized programs on the Howard County website site at <https://www.hcpss.org/special-education/programs/>

Our regional program affords students the opportunity to demonstrate the generalization of academic and behavioral skills in less restrictive settings while receiving direct instruction and reinforcement in a more structured setting. The goal of regional programs is to return students to their home school as soon as possible and to provide support for their successful reintegration. This is accomplished through building students' social and academic competencies, supporting parents, and collaborating with community agencies. Three of the many benefits available to TRES as a school with a regional program, are a full time school psychologist, a crisis teacher, and direct access to and support from HCPSS behavior specialists.

We are developing developmentally appropriate lessons for all students to discuss during their daily social/emotional lessons to explain the ways we all support members of our TRES student

community. For example, one lesson will focus on the privacy anyone deserves while having a tough time controlling their emotions.

If you have any specific questions about our new program, please feel free to email me.