

TURRILL NEWS



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February 2014

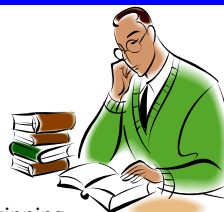
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Principal's Notes ...



Dear Turrill Families,

We are pleased to announce that we are beginning to plan for the 2014/2015 school year! Many families have been inquiring about the 2014/2015 school year and asking questions. Some of the questions have been regarding staffing, students, and applications. Below is a list I hope you will find helpful in answering your questions:

- Students attending Turrill during the 2013/2014 school year **will not** have to fill out an application for the 2014/2015 school year. All current Turrill students will be automatically enrolled at Turrill for the 2014/2015 school year. These students will actually visit their new teacher and classroom prior to leaving for summer. For example, all kindergarten students will automatically have a spot at Turrill next year in first grade. This will also be consistent for all other students in grades Early 5's through fourth.
- Students currently enrolled at Turrill that have a sibling entering into kindergarten for the 2014/2015 school year **do not** have to fill out an application for kindergarten, but we do need to be notified in the office for enrollment purposes. If a family has a child currently attending Turrill, their sibling entering kindergarten will automatically be able to attend Turrill.
- New kindergarten students without siblings at Turrill **must** complete an application for the 2014/2015 school year if they are interested in attending Turrill. Applications for new families will then be entered into a lottery system.
- Families with students in grades first through fifth for the 2014/2015 school year interested in transitioning to Turrill will need to fill out an application and submit that application to the Turrill office. After submitting this application, students will be placed on a waiting list. If space becomes available for the interested grade, students will be selected off our waiting list.
- Students going into grades 1st through 5th for the 2014/2015 school year will know their teacher for next year prior to leaving for summer. They will have an opportunity to visit that teacher, their classroom, and prepare for the first day of school.
- Turrill 5th grade students **do not** have to complete an application for the lottery for the middle school option, but will need to notify the Turrill office if they plan on middle school year-round program for the 2014/2015 year.

If you have any questions about the above upcoming events or any other questions, please feel free to contact the Turrill office, Turrill Staff, or Administration.

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DAILY SCHEDULE

7:55	Office Opens
8:29	School Starts
3:25	Dismissal
3:55	Office Closes

PAC Meetings

Turrill PAC (Parent Advisory Council) is looking for new members who are interested in engaging in dialogue regarding the success and growth of Turrill as well as the Lapeer Community School District. If you are interested in being part of our Turrill PAC meetings, please feel free to join us for a few meetings, one meeting or all of our meetings this year. Each meeting we will discuss building and district successes, upcoming events and information, building and district academic data, as well as an open forum for parent input and suggestions. Meetings will take place at Turrill Elementary School at 2:30 p.m.

- Feb 10
- Mar 10
- Apr 28

Intersession

The first intersession was a huge success and the students continue to share the great times they had. As we move through the year, I anticipate fun filled weeks where students are engaged in a learning environment different than the traditional days in the classroom.



PTC EVENTS FOR 2014

Turrill PTC has been hard at work this school year supporting Turrill students. Through the hard work, dedication of our families, and their support of our fundraisers, the PTC has already increased the amount for each grade level an additional \$500.00 for grade level funds to support the students in multiple ways. In addition to the grade level funding, the PTC is currently working to increase the amount of technology for our students by creating an iPad fund to stretch the use of iPads into our third through fifth grade classrooms. Below are some upcoming meetings and events the PTC is working toward and would welcome any families interested. If you are interested in helping out with any event, please contact PTC president Kelly Selph at or (586) 202-6687.

PTC Meetings:

All Turrill PTC meetings will be at 3:45 in the PLC Room.

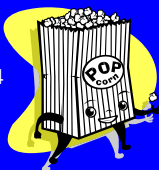
- February 12, 2014
- March 12, 2014
- April 16, 2014
- May 14, 2014
- June 11, 2014

Box Tops Due:

- February 12, 2014
- March 5, 2014
- April 2, 2014
- May 14, 2014
- June 4, 2014

Popcorn dates:

- February 14, 2014
- March 7, 2014
- April 4, 2014
- May 16, 2014
- June 6, 2014



Events and Activities:

- Valentine Grams Feb. 11th – 13th
Delivered on Feb. 14th
- Spring Dance – March 7th
- Teacher Appreciation – May 1st
- Fund Run – May 2nd
(Proceeds go toward Field Trip Transportation for 2014-2015)
- Carnival – May 30th
(Volunteers Needed)



Turrill staff would like to congratulate students for their hard work in reading and writing. The students listed below display great work to their teachers in the areas of reading and writing and were awarded for this hard work. Students were presented with a certificate at our monthly assembly. Next time you are at Turrill, please take a moment to read the writing pieces of the writer of the month for each classroom that are displayed outside of the gymnasium or the picture of the readers outside the library.

Author and Reader of the Month

Classroom	Writer of the Month:	Reader of the Month:
Mrs. Turvill	Sophia Bilski	Gavin Stoner
Mrs. Badyrka	Soraiya Lugo	Thomson Tang
Ms. Holland	Logan Diehl	Isabella Lane
Ms. Rehm	Abbigale Sandusky	Aaliyah Clay
Mrs. Abeare	Julian Arroyo	Ava Avouris
Mrs. Hribar	Avireana Gaffka	Jacob Garris
Ms. Powers	Christopher DeVriese	Dylan Musson
Mrs. Christian	Gage Putnik	Alexis Elkins
Mrs. Craft	Antanasia Cleveland	Jaden Cook
Mrs. Oliver	Eli Alexander	Jenyfer Griffin-Parkin
Mrs. Baxter	Kiya McCurry	Sean Stout
Mrs. Kotzian	Trinity Kennard	Gavin Skelton
Ms. Tripp	Guinn Fisher	Alex Drake
Mrs. Chaffin	Marianna Denryter	Sean Simmers
Mr. Chaffin	Jade Garris	Sarah Boose
Mrs. VanHorn	Kylie Sloan	Kortney Muxlow
Mrs. Hoganson	Audrey Courneya	Angelina Marco
Mrs. Roy	Gavin Bowlin	Michelle Pardington
Mrs. Short	Stephanie Johnson	Morgan Putnam

E5/Kindergarten Sibling Notification

Students currently enrolled at Turrill or Rolland Warner Year-Round who has a sibling entering into Kindergarten/Early 5's for the 2014-2015 school year **do not** have to fill out an application to enroll in the year-round program. If a family has a child currently at Turrill, their sibling entering Kindergarten/Early 5's will automatically be able to attend Turrill. Kindergarten and Early 5 students will still need to enroll in school and should plan to attend Kindergarten Round-Up scheduled from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on March 18th or 20th. In order to reserve the space for a Kindergarten/Early 5 sibling in the year-round program at Turrill, please complete the form below and return it to the Turrill office by **March 11, 2014**. The Kindergarten/E5 form will be attached to the February Newsletter. If you need additional copies, they can be found on the Turrill Website or in the Turrill office.

Winter Clothing

Our wonderful winter weather is continues! The temperature is dropping and students need to be ready for the cold weather for outdoor recess. Students will be asked to wear all the winter gear that you send to school with them. Being an elementary school, we are always aware of the temperature and follow the guidelines and district policy in regards to when students are kept in for recess and brought in prior to school starting. When the wind-chill is above zero, students go out for recess and enjoy our beautiful Michigan weather.

Reading Month



A Night of Puppetry, Poetry, Pizza and more.

**Monday, March 3, 2014
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

@ ZEMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Turrill and Lynch students and families are welcome

Kevin Kammeraad professional author and story teller will put on a presentation for us. There will also be "choices" for students to participate in other literacy activities before the presentation.

Cost: \$1.00 for a slice of pizza and \$.50 per drink

*Kevin will also have his books and CD's available for sale that night.

Kindergarten Round-Up 2014/2015

March 18 & 20, 1-7:00pm

Kindergarten students and families are requested to attend one of the Kindergarten Round-Up dates. During this event, families will receive valuable information regarding Kindergarten/Early 5's, as well as all requirements so families and students are ready to begin the school year in 2014/2015.

Allergies

At Turrill, we have a wide variety of students with allergies ranging from peanut, tree nut, walnuts, citrus, bee stings, eggs, and many more. Each classroom that has students with various allergies will receive letters informing families of the allergies and what to avoid when sending treats, snacks, and lunches to school. With these letters, we also have designated various areas of our school to be nut free. These nut free areas can be found in some classrooms, certain tables in the lunch room, as well as entire grade levels. Turrill staff, families and students appreciate all that you do to help keep our students safe and following through with the various unique situations and requirements with our students.

Kids & Company

Now Enrolling! Big Kids Before and After School Child Care at Turrill has openings. Spots are limited and pre-registration is required. A minimum of 2 business days is required to process paperwork before your child can begin the program. Call (810) 667-2454 or go to [www.lapeerschools.org](#) and click on Kids and Company for more information. Please call in advance to make sure there are spots available. Families interested in using Kids & Company for childcare must register and fulfill all the requirements prior to attending. These requirements are for families interested in using the program regularly, as well as for childcare on the delayed start days and additional days off.

Teacher Recommendations

Teacher recommendations for the 2014/2015 are due May 2, 2014 to the Turrill Office. Individual teachers are not the purpose of the recommendations; more the type of teacher that a family is looking for to best fit their individual student needs. Each request will be reviewed and taken into consideration when making student placements, but there are a large amount of factors that are taken into account when placing students.

LCS to become only district in Michigan to offer innovative new diploma program from College Board™

Starting this fall, students in Lapeer Community Schools (LCS) will have the opportunity to take part in an innovative new diploma program from CollegeBoard aimed at preparing them for success after high school. LCS is one of only 100 school districts in the country, and the only one in Michigan, to offer the Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone program to high school students.

The Capstone curriculum was developed in order to help students hone critical-thinking, problem-solving and collaborative skills in preparation for college rigor. It was a response to a call from many of the nation's top universities to provide high school students with a framework for advanced courses by utilizing college-level research methods.



"(Through this program) you get students turned on to higher education in a way they are not currently," said Susan Roth, Vice Provost for Interdisciplinary Studies at Duke University. "They enter university with a different kind of attitude."

The curriculum consists of two courses, AP Seminar and AP Research. Throughout the program, students are instructed to solve real-world problems using cross-curricular means, and then to defend their methodologies and solutions in front of their peers. Prior to the arrival of Capstone, LCS already offered more AP courses than all the other school districts in Lapeer County combined. LCS is also the home of the AP Summer Institute, where teachers from across the country are trained to teach advanced courses.

"This program offering only reaffirms what our students and parents already know about LCS; we are the District of Choices," Wandrie said. "If you're looking for more choice, more challenge, this is the place to be."

For more information, visit LapeerSchools.org.

In Closing,

I would like to thank the Turrill community for all their support for both students and staff. I am extremely fortunate to have the great honor to work with such a great staff as well as an amazing group of students and families. Due to all of your continued support, we are still receiving and accepting applications for students in grades kindergarten through fifth for the 2013/2014 school year as well as for the 2014/2015 school year. Please feel free to pass along the below information to interested individuals regarding Turrill applications and our upcoming open houses.

✓ Turrill Application:

Students not at Turrill for the 2013/2014 or don't have a sibling attending Turrill need to complete an application and submit it to the Turrill office or AS&C if they are interested in attending Turrill for the 2014/2015 school year. Depending on available space, applications will be drawn to fill these spaces. Applications will be drawn for available kindergarten openings and openings for first through fifth grade available spots. Available spots for kindergarten will be based on the number of open spots in the three classrooms after siblings are placed using the contractual max for students per class. Each year there are a few open spots in first through fifth grade classrooms and these spots will be filled using the lottery after all current Turrill students are placed. Each of the three classrooms per grade will use the contractual max for the number of students for each classroom. Applications for new students are due April 4, 2014 to the Turrill office or at AS&C. Families will be personally notified of the lottery results May 5 through 8.

✓ Kindergarten and New Student Open House:

February 12 and March 11 from 6:00-7:00 Turrill will be hosting an open house for students and families interested in attending Turrill Year-Round Program for the 2014/2015 school year. Families will have an opportunity to receive information about the benefits of Turrill and the use of a balanced calendar to meet the needs of all students as well as tour the school and meet some of the Turrill staff.

Thank you again for all that you do to make Turrill such an amazing place for students and staff. I greatly appreciate all that you do.

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2	3	4	5	6 Innovation Night 6:00 Rolland- Warner	7 Interession Registration Due	8
9	10	11 Candy Gram Sales Innovation Night 6:00 Zemmer	12 Candy Gram Sales Turrill Open House 6-7pm	13 Candy Gram Sales	14 Candy Grams Delivered Popcorn day	15
16	17 No School For Students End of Trimester	18 No School For Students Mid-Winter Break	19 No School For Students Mid-Winter Break	20 No School For Students Mid-Winter Break	21 No School For Students Mid-Winter Break	22
23	24 No School— Interession #2	25 No School— Interession #2	26 No School— Interession #2	27 No School— Interession #2	28 No School— Interession #2	

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2	3 Fun Literacy Night Zemmer M. School 5-7pm	4	5	6	7 Popcorn Day Spring Dance @ LEHS-6-8pm	8
9	10	11 Kindergarten/ Early 5 Sibling Form Due	12 PTC Meeting 3:45pm Turrill Open House 6-7pm	13 5th Grade Band Per- forming for 2nd Graders 10:20-11:05	14 No School	15
16	17	18 Kindergarten Round Up ASC 1-7:00	19	20 Kindergarten Round Up ASC 1-7:00	21 Writer/Reader Assembly 2:00pm	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Turrill Intersessions:
An opportunity for all students to extend classroom learning through engaging, exploratory enrichment activities.

Price:
\$110.00 for the first student and \$100.00 for the second child

Price with Child Care:
\$125.00 for the first child and \$115.00 for the second child

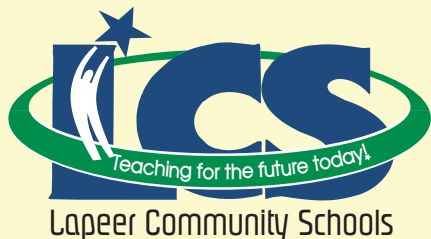
Days:
Monday through Friday 8:29-3:25

Transportation:
Provided (except for the 4th Intersession)

Registration:
Complete the attached forms and submit payment for the intersession to the Turrill office.

Childcare:
Child care is available starting at 6:30AM and ending at 6:00PM through Kids and Co. If you are not preregistered with Kids and Co., there is a \$40 registration fee. Transportation is not provided for care before/after intersession hours.

Questions:
Jennifer Christian
Intersession Coordinator
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jchristian@lapeerschools.org



Intersession 1:
October 28th - November 1st

DON'T BUG ME!
Huge Success!
Don't Miss the next one!

Overview:
Students will explore the Science Alive and a Field Trip to Potter Park Zoo as they explore insects, arachnids, & other creepy critters.

Intersession 3:
May 5th - May 9th

Wild Wild West:
Exploring Pioneer Days

Overview:
Students will have a chance to learn how families traveled and lived in the Pioneer days. They will turn the halls of Turrill into the Wild West, as they discover what times were like during this time period. Students will partake in numerous interactive activities focused around the Wild Wild West.

INTERSESSION 2:
February 24th - February 28th

WINTER OLYMPICS 2014

OVERVIEW:
Students will have the opportunity to use technology to research and investigate a range of countries that participate in the Olympic Games. They will also explore the history of the Olympic Games, as well as take part in our own Winter Olympics.

Intersession 4:
June 16th - June 20th

Around The World in 5 Days

Overview:
Students will be spending the week (5 days) exploring a variety of games, sports, and activities from countries and cultures around the world.

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**Bussing is NOT provided for the fourth intersession.
**Before/After school care will depend on enrollment for the fourth intersession



Price:

\$110.00 for the first student and \$100.00 for the second child

If you would like to partake in the skiing option there is an extra fee \$30 fee per student. This option is available for students that are age 7+.

Price with Child Care:

\$125.00 for the first child and \$115.00 for the second child

Days:

Monday through Friday 8:29-3:25

Transportation:

Provided

Registration:

Complete the registration form and submit payment to the Turrill office.

Registration Due:

All registration and payments are due by 3:45PM on Friday, February 7, 2014, to the Turrill office. Make checks payable to Turrill Elementary School.

Childcare:

Child care is available starting at 6:30AM and ending at 6:00PM through Kids and Co. If you are not preregistered with Kids and Co. there is a \$40 registration fee. Transportation is not provided for care before/after intersession hours.

- * There will be no refunds or credits offered once intersession begins.
- ** Intersession will be cancelled if Lapeer Community Schools is cancelled due to weather/emergency.
- *** If school is cancelled credits for future intersessions will be issued.

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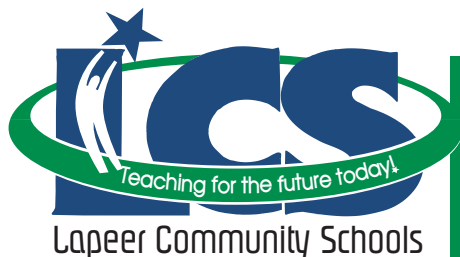
An Opportunity for all students to extend classroom learning through engaging, exploratory enrichment activities.

Intersession Overview:

Students will have the opportunity to use technology to research and investigate a range of countries that participate in the Olympic Games and explore the history around Olympic Games. Students will then design their own games to partake in at the week's end. With the weather permitting students will have the opportunity to go sledding, an option to participate in a beginner's class for skiing at Pine Knob (for an extra \$30 fee (this is for students age 7 and up), and many more outside adventures.

Questions:

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Turrill Intersession Themes for 2013-2014

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