

TURRILL NEWS



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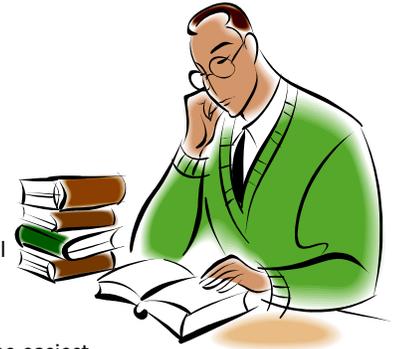
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Principal's Notes ...

Dear Turrill Families,

I hope everyone had a great holiday, Christmas, and New Years full of rest and relaxation with friends and family. Our wonderful Michigan weather extended our vacation at both ends, which brings me to offer a few reminders.



There are multiple ways to find out if we have a snow day, but the easiest would be notification using our School Messenger system. School Messenger is an automated system that sends out emails, texts, as well as makes mass phone calls to notify families of a school closing. If you are not receiving these notifications or would like to make adjustments to the phone numbers or emails used to notify you, please complete the attached form. After you send this form back to school, the office will make adjustments to School Messenger so you are able to utilize this informative communication system.

The winter weather has brought a large amount of snow to our area, which has impacted our driveway as much as yours at home. Our district has worked hard to clear as much as possible, but there will be days when the driveway is just as snow covered and slick as the roads. Because of this, I would like to remind everyone to please use caution while traveling through the parking lot. Slowing down, pulling forward, and utilizing our 8:15 a.m. drop off time will help to assist with dealing with the snow. Traditionally I would ask families to keep their speed around 10MPH in our parking area, but with the snow please use your judgment. On snowy days or when there is snow on the drive, please slow down considerably. Pulling as far forward as possible is also extremely important and even more important with our winter weather. When cars do not pull forward at pick up and drop off times, it creates large gaps and then families are unable to pull into the parking lot. A final area that will assist keeping the students safe is utilizing our drop off time of 8:15 a.m. as that is the time that staff are outside to supervise the students. When students are dropped off earlier than 8:15 a.m., the staff are unaware that students are outside and this causes a safety issue. If an earlier time is needed for drop off, we do offer a before and after school childcare here at Turrill through Kids & Company. Thank you in advance for helping to make our drop off and pick up areas a safe location for our students.

One final reminder with the winter weather is our policy on going outside for recess. I know that many of you are aware of this policy, but I wanted to remind everyone that when the temperature is above zero degrees with the wind chill, students go outside for recess. Our building administration and staff monitor these temperatures using various sites to determine if the temperature is above this threshold. Students do attend recess when the temperature is above the threshold; please make sure that students have the appropriate winter clothing for outside recess daily. If you have any questions regarding our recess policy, please let us know.

I truly appreciate all that you do to support our wonderful students and staff here at Turrill. If you have any questions regarding School Messenger, our pick up and drop off area, our recess policy or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office for support.

Thank you again for all that you do,

Kenneth Janczarek
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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.

- Jan 14
(Change Due to Snow Day)
- Feb 10
- Mar 10
- Apr 28

2013-2014 PTC EVENTS

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 (586) 202-6687 or kselph5@gmail.com.

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 date:

- 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)

Coming to LCS in 2014: Project Lead the Way



Starting with the 2014-15 school year, students in Lapeer Community Schools (LCS) will have the opportunity to participate in a cutting-edge STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum that promotes critical thinking and creativity.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is the leading provider of rigorous and innovative STEM education in the United States. PLTW's comprehensive curriculum has been collaboratively designed by teachers, university educators, engineering and biomedical professionals, and school administrators to hone the real-world problem solving skills in students. PLTW courses will be delivered to students at the District's Center for Innovation – West Campus, starting in Fall 2014.

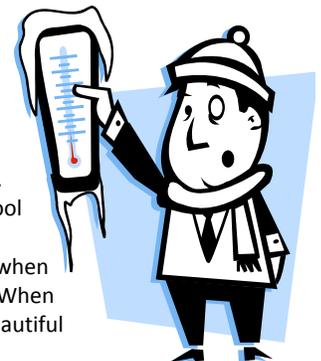
LCS will host two informational meetings in January to showcase this program and other academic offerings coming in 2014-15. Zemmer Middle School will host the first at 6 p.m. on January 15. The second meeting will be at 6 p.m. on January 28 at Lapeer East High School.

"PLTW will give students more than just a glimpse into the future; it will help prepare them to not only compete, but thrive in the new economy," said LCS Superintendent Matt Wandrie. "The project-based model is proven to increase student engagement and achievement, so we're really excited to be able to offer this to our students moving forward."

For more information, visit Lapeerschools.org and click on the PLTW link on the right side of the main page.

Winter Clothing

Our wonderful winter weather is here! 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 windchill is above zero, students go out for recess and enjoy our beautiful Michigan weather.



A positive first school experience is an important step to building a life-long love of learning and a great relationship with school. In this workshop, participants will learn about the essential academic and social skills needed to support a child's beginning school experience.

Sara Taylor, a LCS district learning coach, and Ann Robb a LCS kindergarten teacher, will share parent guides and tips to help children with kindergarten transitions.

Please plan on coming to this important workshop January 28, 2014 at the Rolland-Warner Middle School Library. The workshop will begin at 5 p.m. and should last about one hour.

Please [click here](#) to RSVP.

Allergies

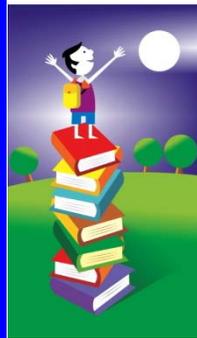
At Turrill, we have a wide variety of students with allergies ranging from peanut, tree nut, walnuts, citrus, bee stings, eggs, and many more. Each classroom that has students with various allergies will receive letters informing families of the allergies and what to avoid when sending treats, snacks, 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 have 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.

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. Additional information is attached regarding the upcoming Intersessions.



Author and Reader of the Month

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. The list of students who were published in the December newsletter were the October Reader and Writers of the Month.

November Writer of the Month

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| Ms. Turvill | Mya Simon |
| Mrs. Badyrka | John Selph |
| Ms. Holland | Emmalee Lipka |
| Ms. Rehm | Devin Stoner |
| Mrs. Abeare | Shane Smith |
| Mrs. Hribar | Ryan Connell |
| Ms. Powers | Ghavin Tollis |
| Mrs. Christian | Audra Chappel |
| Mrs. Craft | David Little |
| Mrs. Oliver | Riley Dennany |
| Mrs. Baxter | Angel Hendrickson |
| Mrs. Kotzian | Noah Johnson |
| Ms. Tripp | Emily Shelton |
| Mrs. Chaffin | Ashley Danielak |
| Mr. Chaffin | Heidi Hoeft |
| Mrs. VanHorn | Liam Mingee |
| Mrs. Hoganson | Hunter Frederick |
| Mrs. Roy | Sierra Davenport |
| Mrs. Short | Danielle Dombrowski |

November Reader of the Month

- Ms. Turvill-Carley Callcut
- Mrs. Badyrka-Ethan Freeman
- Ms. Holland-Mason Kirby
- Ms. Rehm-Madeline LaCross
- Mrs. Abeare-Cameron Gillispie
- Mrs. Hribar-Ryan Hintz
- Ms. Powers-Jacob McCormack
- Mrs. Christian-Emily Fisher
- Mrs. Craft-Calvin Thatcher
- Mrs. Oliver-Madeline Carpenter
- Mrs. Baxter-Jackson Seifferly
- Mrs. Kotzian-Morgan Lambourne
- Ms. Tripp-Rebecca Collings
- Mrs. Chaffin-Joshua Woodley
- Mr. Chaffin-Alex Williams
- Mrs. VanHorn-Liam Tibor
- Mrs. Hoganson-Julian Austin
- Mrs. Roy-Brandon Dwyllitis
- Mrs. Short-Izaac Chaffin

In Closing,

Turrill receives additional funds to support students who need additional academic assistance each year. A majority of these funds are used to employ staff members that are used to offer additional academic support through intervention during class as well as outside of the class. Both interventionist and paraprofessionals funded through 31A are used for Turrill’s intervention time, reading recovery, as well as guided reading each day. I continue to be very proud of the work that this staff does to support the whole class instruction students receive from their teacher. Each week this staff of three teachers and two paraprofessionals see over 250 students in small group and one-on-one settings.

Even though I continue to be impressed with the work these individuals do to complement the amazing work our teaching staff does, I am always open to feedback and suggestions. In the next few weeks, please look for a parent survey asking for feedback on how we can improve the use of our 31A funding.

In preparing for the survey, please begin to think about how our 31A programming can be improved for before and after school supports, during school supports, parent workshops, as well as better ways to support your child.

Thank you again for all that you do to support Turrill students and staff,
Kenneth Janczarek, Principal – kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org

School Messenger

Monthly newsletters are posted on the website and emailed to families who have an email address in the School Messenger system. If you are not receiving the monthly newsletters or other School Messenger messages through email and would like to, please complete this document and sent it back to school with your son or daughter.

Student’s name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent’s name: _____ Email: _____@_____

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

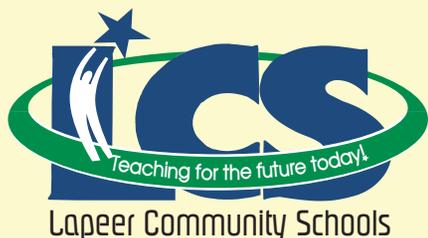
Days:
Monday through Friday 8:29-3:25

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

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 2 Hour Delayed Start Innovation Night 6:00 Zemmer	16	17 Popcorn Day	18
19	20 No School— Teacher In-service Day	21	22 PTC Board meeting 8:45am	23	24	25
26	27	28 Innovation Night 6:00 East H.S. Kindergarten Countdown 5:00 R. Warner	29	30	31	



February 2014

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2	3	4	5	6 Innovation Night 6:00 Rolland- Warner	7 Intersession 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 <i>No School For Students End of Trimester 2</i>	18 <i>No School For Students; Mid-Winter Break</i>	19 <i>No School For Students; Mid-Winter Break</i>	20 <i>No School For Students; Mid-Winter Break</i>	21 <i>No School For Students; Mid-Winter Break</i>	22
23	24 <i>No School— Intersession #2</i>	25 <i>No School— Intersession #2</i>	26 <i>No School— Intersession #2</i>	27 <i>No School— Intersession #2</i>	28 <i>No School— Intersession #2</i>	

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2	3	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	14 No School	15
16	17	18 Kindergarten Round Up ASC 1-7:00	19	20 Kindergarten Round Up ASC 1-7:00	21 Assembly Gym-2-2:30pm	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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