

TURRILL NEWS



Daily Schedule

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| 8:15 | Office Opens |
| 8:30 | Student Drop Off Begins |
| 8:37 | First Bell Students Enter Building |
| 8:44 | Second Bell School Starts |
| 3:40 | Dismissal |
| 4:15 | Office Closes |

Turrill Hours

Our school day begins with the first bell at 8:40. This is when the students enter into the building to eat breakfast and put their materials away. After the student enter into the building our second bell rings at 8:44, which signals the start of the school day. Recently families have inquired about the initial drop off time for students with the first bell ringing at 8:40. Students can be dropped off at school at 8:30. If students are dropped off earlier than 8:30 there is not staff supervision for students. Please make sure if students are dropped off to school that it is at or after 8:30. Turrill staff will be out supporting students during the drop off starting at 8:30.

Events & Activities

- Teacher Appreciation
04/30/15
- Spring Carnival
05/29/15

Principal's Notes ...

Dear Turrill Families,

Welcome back from our third intersession and spring break. Hopefully everyone is returning refreshed and ready for the final few months of the 2014/2015 school year. As we move into the final few months of the year, there will be a lot going on here at Turrill for our third through fifth grade students as they begin M-Step testing. As previously communicated, the M-Step is the new state testing that has replaced the MEAP test for third through fifth grade students. Previously our state assessments were a paper pencil assessments. The new M-Step test will be an online test. You will notice with the attached calendar that not all students will be testing at the same time and each grade level begins their testing on a different week. If you have a child in grades third through fifth, please utilize this calendar to ensure good attendance during the testing days and times. Please, also review the tips below to support your son or daughter during these testing times.

- Encourage your son or daughter to do their best.
- Keep a routine of an early bedtime during the testing times so students are coming to school ready.
- Attempt to limit or eliminate any absences the days of testing. We must stick to a strict testing window and when students are absent makeup tests must be arranged.
- Stay positive about the testing sessions.
- If students travel to CFI, have permission slips back to school prior to deadline.
- Remind your child that traveling to the CFI is not a fieldtrip but a place to focus and do their best.

In addition to the above suggestions, please review the testing calendar that is embedded into our monthly calendar. You will notice that with grades fourth and fifth students will be utilizing the CFI (Center for Innovation, old Lapeer West) for some or all of their testing sessions. Utilizing the CFI will allow our students to take the test all at the same time, as the CFI has 8 computer labs that will be used during this time. Students will be picked up from Turrill, travel to the CFI, test, and then be transported back. We are very fortunate in Lapeer to have the use of the CFI, as there are multiple advantages to having a central testing location.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming M-Step testing, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school. If we have to make changes to the attached testing schedule please know a new calendar will be sent home.

Thank you again for all that you do to make Turrill great for students and staff,

Kenneth Janczarek, kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org

Principal – Turrill Elementary School, Lapeer Community Schools



Teacher Requests

As we move closer to the end of the school year we will begin the process of placing students into classrooms for the 2015/2016 school year. As we place students into rooms, there are many factors that we take into consideration that include gender, academic needs, social needs, as well as compatibility with staff. In addition to all of these factors, we also do our best to support requests for placement from parents. In the event that a family would like to request a placement for their child, this request needs to be put in writing and submitted to the building principal and secretary. In the request please ensure that an educational reason is stated for the request as well as the type of teacher you are requesting. Please know that because we take so many factors into consideration when making student placements we cannot guarantee fulfilling all requests, but will do our best. Feel free to send in a letter in writing to the building or via email. Thank you in advance for your support with this topic.



B.O.L.T.S.

At Turrill, as well as around the district, we focus on a common set of expectations to support students and offer a clear set of guidelines for positive behavior. These expectations are below.

Turrill Parking Lot Reminders

At the start and end of the school day I realize that the parking lot can become congested but I wanted to send everyone a few reminders that will hopefully continue to improve the timely manner in which families can drop off and pick up their children.

- Please pull as far forward as possible when picking up or dropping off your child. Even if it's not directly in front of the door they enter into the building students can utilize the red line on the sidewalk and walk to the door that they enter.
- Please don't utilize multiple drop-off points for cars that have multiple children in them. Please drop-off all students at one location and allow older students to utilize the sidewalk and walk to the appropriate door or enter into the building and walk to their classroom inside the school.
- While traveling through the parking lot utilize a speed limit of 15mph. I realize that in the mornings we are all in a hurry to drop off and carry on with our day, but driving through the parking lot at excessive speeds causes concerns for all students and families.
- Only drop-off and pick-up students when your vehicle is parked next to the curb. Using the driving lane to pick up or drop-off is extremely dangerous.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support with making our drop-off and pick-up area a safe and orderly location for all students and families.

Be Organized Leaders Trustworthy Successful

Monthly at our awards assembly, we celebrate these expectations through our students of the month, writer of the month, and reader of the month. These monthly assemblies are just one way Turrill is striving to focus on the positive expectations and behaviors in students. Below are last month's Student, Reader, and Writer of the month.

| Reader | Writer | Student |
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| Landen Rodgers | Samantha Behm | Lliam Badyrka |
| Leland Cantrell | Payten Parker | Leah Ritzman |
| Addysen Walker | Kylee High | Cameron Brnabic |
| Grant Musson | Cole Coulter | Emmalee Walker |
| Drayden Little | Nick Dawley | Emersen Rix |
| Sorianna Lugo | Brendan Adams | Logan Diehl |
| Sway Day | Raegan Welch | Jessica Tasker |
| Angel McDonnell | Landon Sherman | Jacob Kollhoff |
| Kaylee Goss | Camden Polk | Dylan Musson |
| Quinnlan Wright | Maribel Martinez | Dylan Blalock |
| Victoria Smith | Audra Chappel | Alyssa Garcia |
| Belle Adams | Natalie Schlaud | Emma Reyes |
| Antanasia Cleveland | Alexa Greanias-Varner | Cameren Johnson |
| Reilly Grassi | Alexandria Pollum | Jillian Malaski |
| Matt Smith | Hayden Brady | Ethan Walker |
| Isaiah Hall | Cadence Simon and Delanie Fleury | Kaleigh Polk and Megan Alexander |
| Tyler Sims | Alivia Ritchie | Emma McAley |
| Sean Simmers | Nolan Tompkins | Abby Eastman |
| Kaden Dougherty | Kyley Tasker | Zarek Kaliewicz |
| AJ Catlin | | |



Now Enrolling! Big Kids Before and After School Child Care at Turrill. 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.



Turrill Parent Volunteer Update

We are very fortunate to have such a supportive parent volunteer group at Turrill. Our volunteer group conducts multiple fundraisers during the course of the year, which directly supports individual classrooms, grade levels, as well as our building. Below is a list of all the direct supports that have been purchased or supported by our parent volunteer group.

- Classroom Funds
- Grade Level Funds
- Twenty additional iPads for 3rd and 4th grade classrooms
- Two new iPad docking stations
- New TV for the Turrill hallway to display daily information
- Assemblies and building activities

In addition to funding the above items, the parent volunteers also plan multiple activities for our students and families. Being held soon is our spring carnival. Please look for additional information regarding this fun family activity.

| Turrill Parent Volunteer Events for 2014 – 2015 | | |
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| PTC Meetings @ 3:45pm | Box Tops Due | Popcorn Dates |
| 04/15/15 | 04/15/15 | 04/17/15 |
| 05/13/14 | 05/13/15 | 05/15/15 |
| 06/03/15 | 06/03/15 | 06/05/15 |

PAC

Our building level Parent Advisory Committee, also known as PAC, meets on Thursday to discuss building level information of all natures. These meetings are brief but very informative and are a great avenue to hear what is going on at a building and district level. In addition to a building level PAC, one member of our building PAC will also attend a district level PAC meeting. If you are interested in attending one or all of our building PAC meetings, below are the dates for our meetings. All meetings will be held at Turrill starting at 2:30 and 4:30 to accommodate as many families as possible.

✓ Thu, April 16, 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 have designated areas of our school either nut free including classrooms, certain tables in the lunchroom, as well as grade levels. Turrill staff, families, and students appreciate all that you do to help keep our students safe and follow through with the various unique situations and requirements with our students.

31A

Turrill receives federal money to support the academics of at risk students in the form of 31A. With these additional funds, Turrill employs multiple interventionists as well as one support staff to meet the individual needs of our students. Students who are below grade level or meet a list of criteria are eligible to receive additional supports from staff. In addition to the current program offered, we are currently looking to start a before school reading intervention for students in grades third through fifth. If you have questions regarding Turrill's 31A funding, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Closing

Dear Turrill Families,

In closing I would like to extend a thank you for all that you have done so far to make the 2014/2015 school year such a huge success. In both social and academic avenues I have seen so much success with students and it's the combination of staff, students, and families that has made this success possible. I feel very fortunate to work in such a positive school community with amazing students, outstanding staff, and supportive families and community members. In planning for the 2015/2016 school year your feedback is welcome and appreciated so appropriate adjustments can be made to better support students and their learning, but also your experience with Turrill and Lapeer Community Schools. If you could take a few moments and complete the attached survey and send it back to school with your son or daughter it would be greatly appreciated. Please know that the survey is confidential and the information will be used in our planning for the next school year. If you have additional suggestions or information you would like to share outside of the survey please feel free to express these thoughts on the back of the survey.

Once again thank you again for all that you do to make Turrill such a great place for students and staff,
Mr. Janczarek



Fine Arts Night

Tuesday, May 19th
5-7 pm at Turrill
Elementary

Featuring a school wide Art Show and the 2nd grade musical, Seussical. Be sure to mark your calendars and come support Turrill's talented students!