

TURRILL NEWS



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Principal's Notes ...

Welcome back to the 2013/2014 school year. As we started the school year I can't be more impressed with how seamless everything started. Students came into the building on July 31 ready for school and ready to learn. As I walk through classrooms each day the kindergarten through fifth grade students have started some great routines with their teachers as well as moving into their curriculum in all subject areas. I will have to say I am truly amazed with all aspects of the school and appreciate all that the staff, students, and families do to make Turrill such a great place.



One area that I would like to continue to work on this year is our pick-up and drop-off area located directly in front of our school. At Turrill we have a wide variety of situations that have students riding the bus, walking to school, and being dropped off and picked up from families. In each situation there are ways to increase productivity while keeping everyone safe. The pick-up and drop-off areas at elementary schools always seem to be the most congested due to families being in a hurry. If you use this drop-off/pick up area, please use the below information to assist staff with our making this area more effective for parents and safe for students.

- **Please pull as far forward as possible during both drop-off and pick-up times.** If you would like to wait by a door please pull into a parking spot. When there are large gaps between cars we are not able to utilize the entire drop-off and pick up areas and families attempt to fill in the gaps making it dangerous for students. We have a red line painted on the sidewalk for students' safety. Staff will encourage students to stay behind the red line and please support us with telling your child to stay behind the red line. I know that this is difficult if your son or daughter enters at the kindergarten/first grade doors, but students can walk behind the red line to the door. If you have students at both doors, please pull as far forward as possible and drop off all children at one time. During pick-up time please follow the guidelines of pulling as far forward as possible and we will have your son or daughter walk behind the red line until your car has stopped. Please encourage your child to point out your vehicle as you approach.
- **Please use the designated parking spots if you want to exit your vehicle during both pick-up and drop-off times.** I realize that we have limited parking but unless your son or daughter needs assistance with getting into your vehicle, please don't exit your vehicle during pick-up and drop-off times.
- **Please only use the lane closest to the curb for drop-off and pick-up.** If we all work together with the drop-off and pick-up area, families will be able to move through the area more effective and safe. I realize that when there is long line it can be tough to wait but having students walk between cars not only causes a dangerous situation, it also impedes on the traffic waiting to exit the parking lot.
- **If you park your car please get out of your vehicle and walk your child to the curb.** It's very unsafe to allow your son or daughter to exit a vehicle and walk through the parking lot. We have a large number of families who use our drop-off and pick-up lane each day. So please, if you choose to park, walk your child to the curb.
- **Please move through the parking lot at a slow rate of speed, especially during drop-off and pick-up times.** I know that at the end of the day we are all very busy and would like to get out of the parking lot but when cars move too fast it causes a very dangerous situation.

In closing we have come up with some additional ways to support the drop-off and pick-up area each day. The red line on the sidewalk is there so students know to stay behind it when walking to their car. The feet that are painted on the sidewalk are there so students can wait for their vehicle to come to a complete stop prior to moving toward your vehicle. Please look for the "Please Pull Forward" signs that will be held by staff members to keep traffic moving. One final support we will be implementing will be moving the students near the front of the building at the end of the day after the initial students find their ride. This moving of the students near the front doors will encourage families to move forward and expedite the pick-up time.

Thank you for all your support to make our drop-off and pick-up times effective and safe for our students and families,

Sincerely,
Kenneth Janczarek, kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org

DAILY SCHEDULE

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



2013-2014 PTC EVENTS

PTC Meetings:

All Turrill PTC meetings will be at 3:45 in the Turrill Media Center.

- August 14, 2013
- September 11, 2013
- October 9, 2013
- November 13, 2013
- December 11, 2013
- January 8, 2014
- February 12, 2014
- March 12, 2014
- April 16, 2014
- May 14, 2014
- June 11, 2014

Box Tops and Popcorn dates:



- Aug 7th box tops due
Aug. 9th Popcorn
- Sept 11th box tops due
Sept. 13th Popcorn
- Oct 9th box tops due
Oct. 11th Popcorn
- Nov 6th box tops due
Nov. 8th Popcorn
- Dec 11th box tops due
Dec. 13th Popcorn
- Jan 8th box tops due
Jan. 10th Popcorn
- Feb. 12th box tops due
Feb. 14th Popcorn
- Mar. 5th box tops due
Mar. 7th Popcorn
- April 2nd box tops due
April 4th Popcorn
- May 14th box tops due
May 16th Popcorn
- June 4th box tops due
June 6th Popcorn

Events and Activities

- Spirit Week
Aug. 19th – 23rd
Popsicles on the 23rd
- Fall Fundraiser and Fall Bulb?
Aug. 21st – Sept. 6th
- Penny Wars
Oct. 7th – Oct. 21st
- Spirit Wear
Oct. 2nd – Oct. 18th
- Boo Grams
Oct. 22nd – Oct. 24th
Delivered on Oct. 25th
- Santa Shop
Dec. 9th – Dec. 13th
(Volunteers Needed)
- Valentine Grams
Feb. 11th – 13th
Delivered on Feb. 14th
- Spring Dance – March 13th / 14th
- Teacher Appreciation – May 1st
- Fund Run – May 2nd
(Proceeds go toward Fieldtrip
Transportation for 2014-2015)
- Carnival – May 30th
(Volunteers Needed)

Turrill Programs

Here at Turrill Year-Round Elementary School we offer a wide variety of programs and opportunities for all of our students both during the school day as well as after school. Some of our programs are designed to offer interventions for our students where others are designed to offer enrichment.

Regardless, our goal at Turrill Year-Round Elementary School is to support each student to be as successful as they can be both socially and academically. One great opportunity we have here at Turrill is to house our district center base Cognitively Impaired program, also known as our CI classrooms. Students in our district CI programs work to be successful in their individual classroom and in the general education classrooms. Turrill has a lower elementary, roughly k-2, as well as an upper elementary, roughly 3-5, along with our 19 traditional classrooms.

I am very proud to have so many wonderful students and staff at Turrill Year-Round Elementary School every day. The growth we are able to see in our students with combining our balanced calendar along with quality education is amazing. Thank you for your support as we continue to push our students to reach their highest potential both academically and socially.

Message from Art Class

Hello All! This is going to be another great year for the Turrill art program. Students will start off the year focusing on line, pattern and value so look out! Please be aware that I save all artwork until it's art show time, usually May. So don't be alarmed when your student isn't bringing a lot of artwork. Come and enjoy the hallways as I always try to have artwork displayed all year. We will be participating in the Art to Remember fundraiser again this year, more information to come later. I can always use baby wipes for fingers and desks if you happen to have the urge to donate. Thank you very much and I'm looking forward to another exciting year!



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 either nut free including classrooms, certain tables in the lunch room, as well as 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.



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 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 including September 28th and October 1st.



2013/2014 Turrill Staff

IN CLOSING,

I would like to remind everyone that one very convenient and effective way that Turrill and Lapeer Community Schools uses to communicate with families is the School Messenger system. This is an automated system that delivers email, text messages, and phone calls to our entire school population, groups of families, as well as the entire district. If you would like to add, change, or adjust the information we use to send the School Messenger communications please complete the attached form titled **School Messenger** and send back to the Turrill office or your child's teacher.

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

Turrill Staff

- **Principal**
Kenneth Janczarek
- **Secretary**
Annette Stoutenburg
- **Dean**
RaeAnne Fielder
- **Early Fives Teacher**
Elizabeth Turvill
- **Kindergarten Teachers**
Nicole Badyrka
Kelly Holland
Emily Rehm
- **1st Grade Teachers**
Nancy Abeare
Theresa Hribar
Ellen Powers
- **2nd Grade Teachers**
Jennifer Christian
Chris Craft
Jessica Oliver
- **3rd Grade Teachers**
Amy Baxter
Michele Kotzian
Marie Tripp
- **4th Grade Teachers**
Bridgette Chaffin
Dave Chaffin
Phyllis Van Horn
- **5th Grade Teachers**
Crystal Hoganson
Cheryl Roy
Linda Short
- **Special Education CI Teachers**
Holly Rajewski
Nicolette Wilberding
- **Special Education Teachers**
Rebecca Finton
Roxann Johnson
Mark Mianecki
- **Speech Teachers**
Cathy Frazee
Melinda Williams
- **Learning Coaches**
Katherine Ruhlman
Beth Shemanski
Kristal White
- **Social Work**
Lynn Weston
- **Physical Education Teacher**
John Fitzpatrick
- **Art Teacher**
Leah Minto
- **Foreign Language**
Ann Marie Badke
- **Technology Teacher**
Robert Losinger
- **Music & Band Teacher**
Stephanie Harrington
- **Inst Parapro CI**
Garrett Brodt
Nicole Burris
Robin Estrada
Bob Lalley
Shannon Miller
Andrew Prechowski
Katherine Sanday
Vacant (Aaron Jackson)
- **Inst Parapro**
Sharon Barbera
Neomi Buchanan
Darby Conley
Lindsey Dougherty
Becky Ellis
Renee Gregg
Wendy Hellner
Kim Higgins
Karen Howard
Kathy Manchester
Charleen Nagy
Carole Rafferty
Courtney Roth
Susan Ward
- **Bldg Parapro**
Kim Sullivan
- **Title I Parapro**
Theresa Henry
Carolyn Stroh
- **Media Center**
Stefanie Heddy
- **Inst Parapro 504**
Renee Shrontz
- **Intersession C.**
Jennifer Christian
- **Child Care**
Carla Dant
Stephanie Heddy
- **Day Custodian**
Dennis King
- **Night Custodian**
Brandon
- **Kitchen**
Margaret Cade
Jennifer Putnam

School Messenger

Monthly newsletters are posted on the website and emailed to families who have an email addresses 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 send it back to school with your son or daughter.

Students Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parents Name: _____

Email: _____@_____