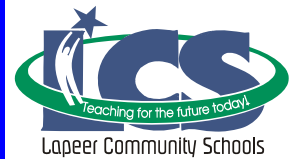


# TURRILL NEWS



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## 2012-2013 EVENTS

- Dec 5**
  - Box Tops & Campbell's Labels Due
- Dec 10**
  - Popcorn Day
  - Santa Workshop
- Dec 13**
  - Turrill Christmas Fun Night 6:00-7:30
- Dec 24 – Jan 4**
  - Winter Recess – No School
- Jan 14**
  - PAC Meeting 3:45-4:30
- Jan 21**
  - No School for Students
  - In-Service day for teachers
- Jan 30**
  - 2-hour Delayed Student Start
- Feb 11**
  - PAC Meeting 3:45-4:30
- Feb 15**
  - No School for Students
  - Records Day, Second Trimester Ends
- Feb 18-22**
  - Mid-Winter break - No School
- Feb 25- Mar 1**
  - Intersession - No School
- Mar 11**
  - PAC Meeting 3:45-4:30
- Mar 15**
  - No School
- Mar 29 - Apr 5**
  - Spring Recess – No School
- Apr 15**
  - PAC Meeting 3:45-4:30
- Apr 17**
  - 2-hour Delayed Student Start
- May 3**
  - No School
- May 6-10**
  - Intersession - No School
- May 13**
  - PAC Meeting 3:45-4:30
- May 15**
  - 2-hour Delayed Student Start
- May 24-27**
  - Memorial Day Holiday – No School
- Jun 14**
  - Last day for students
- Jun 17**
  - Last day for teachers
- Jun 17-21, 2013**
  - Intersession - No School

## Principal's Notes ...

Dear Turrill Families,

As we move through the year and second trimester I am continuing to search for ways to increase my communication with families. Daily I am impressed with the work the students and staff are doing. Sharing this with families is something that I need to continue to work toward so each family has an effective way to receive communication from the school. There are multiple ways we communicate in society and each has its benefits. Electronic communication continues to be the choice of so many families and is very efficient for so many.

Lapeer Community Schools started using district wide electronic communication last year with School Messenger. School Messenger is an automotive phone system that allows schools to send out mass messages to an entire school, group within a school and the entire district. One feature of School Messenger that is not utilized by many families is the email option. Currently when a school wide message goes out, the system makes 521 phone calls and text messages but only sends out 111 emails. I would like to encourage families if possible to consider using the email option for school messenger. If families are interested in this option all they need to do is update their Power School contact information through the Turrill office. To make this process easier for families there will also be an attachment to the newsletter that families can fill out and send back to school so their email is in the School Messenger system. Utilizing the email option of School Messenger will make it so families can receive Turrill newsletters via email as well as other updates that are sent out.

Even though our newsletters offer so many updates and are full of information I am restricted on the amount I can share with each family about the day to day activities and great things our students and staff do here at Turrill. To assist with sharing our day-to-day celebrations and updates, a blog has been set up to share these events. The Turrill blog will allow families to receive updates from classrooms, school, PTC, as well as, photos. If families are interested in viewing the Turrill Blog, titled The Tiger Times, they can do this by viewing the blog at <https://turrillyearroundelementary.wordpress.com>. If families choose to follow the blog they can choose to do so using the following link in the bottom right corner of the blog.

As a result of linking more families up through the email option of school messenger as well as the blog I am able to share some of the great things that are done at Turrill daily. Communication is so important and I realize that in our changing times we need to continue to find new ways to communicate with families. Thank you again for all that you do to support Turrill Elementary School and all of its students.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth Janczarek [kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org](mailto:kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org)



## Intersession was a Great Success!

Our first intersession was a great success and students had an amazing time. During the course of the week students had opportunities to extend their knowledge and learning around Michigan while having fun with their peers.

Almost 50 students had the opportunity to attend the intersession this time and participate in some great activities. Each attending student was able to spend time with age-like peers studying Michigan, helping to create a tile mural, arts and crafts, technology projects, reading and writing, small group activities, whole class activities as well as a visit from Michigan Chillers author Jonathan Rand. The one hour presentation from Jonathan Rand left the students wanting to not just write their own stories but become re-writers of their lives.

**Please look for information for our next intersession titled Dig It! - Paleontology and Archaeology which will run from February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- ✓ **Intersession 1**  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup> — Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
- Intersession 2**  
Feb 25<sup>th</sup> — Mar 1<sup>st</sup>
- Intersession 3**  
May 6<sup>th</sup> — May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Intersession 4**  
Jun 17 — Jun 21<sup>st</sup>

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

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

**KIDS AND COMPANY**

*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 [Lapeerschools.org](http://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, including September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MEDICATION REMINDER**

Lapeer Community Schools does not allow students in grades K-7 to possess medication, even over the counter medications such as **cough drops** or **aspirin** on school premises. To administer the medication we need the parent's consent in writing or a non-prescribed medication form completed. Please contact the Turrill office for additional information regarding parent consent forms.

**LOST AND FOUND**

Turrill has continued to accumulate clothing items during the course of the year. If you are missing items like coats or sweatshirts, please make sure your child searches the lost and found located outside the gym. The transportation department has also accumulated a lot of clothing and miscellaneous items at the bus garage. Parents are welcome to come to the bus garage to check for missing items. The transportation department will be taking all unclaimed items to Goodwill on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Holiday Fun Night**

**When:** Thursday, December 13, 2012  
**Where:** Turrill  
**Who:** All Turrill Students and Families  
**Cost:** Free

Please come join us for a fun night of Christmas stories; Holiday Gift Shopping; I-Pad station; RAZ-Kids Station; Christmas craft; Christmas cookies and SANTA! Photo opportunities with Santa will be available.

**PAC Meetings**

Turrill will be having a PAC (Parent Advisory Council) during the year that will meet monthly to share information about Turrill as well as the district. After each Turrill PAC meeting a district PAC meeting will follow where a representative will attend to share what took place at the Turrill PAC as well as gain information from all other Lapeer Schools. Dates and times for the Turrill PAC meetings are listed on right.

**PAC Meetings**

- January 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:45-4:30
- February 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:45-4:30
- March 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:45-4:30
- April 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:45-4:30
- May 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:45-4:30

**PTC Reminders**

The Turrill PTC would like to remind families to support the Turrill students by buying everyday grocery items through Market Day. Market Day is the only fundraiser that the PTC will be doing for the remainder of the year. Turrill PTC will be using the money raised through Market Day to help with the cost of fieldtrips for all students.

Holiday Shop coming to Turrill on December 11th until the 14th. Please look for more details coming home.

The Winter Wonderland Dance is going to be February 8, 2013. We are still looking for help for all Popcorn days as well as the dance.

Thank you for all your support

**PTC Dates to Remember:**

- Dec 5**, Box Tops Due
- Dec 5**, Evening PTC meeting 6pm
- Dec 11-14**, Holiday Shop
- Feb 8**, Winter Wonderland Dance

**Market Day Dates:**

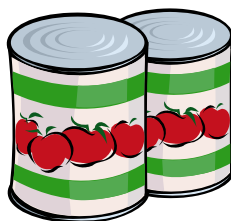
- Orders Due:** 1/5, 2/2, 3/3, 4/6, 5/, 6/1
- Pick up:** 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/7

**PTC General Meeting Dates:**

- Dec 12**, Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15

**Popcorn Dates:**

- Dec 10**, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 15, May 20

**Can Food Drive**

Turrill will be participating in a food drive again this year. All of the food that is collected goes to families who live in our school district. We will begin the can food drive on Monday, December 3rd and finish it on Friday, December 14th. We are asking that the food be **non-perishable** and in either in cans, boxes or plastic containers. All donated food will go to families that need our help during the holiday season.

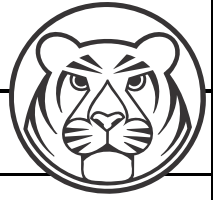
**In Closing ...**

Turrill Families,

In closing, I would like to share with all of you a website link that has a great deal of information to support students and families at home. I was recently asked for a few websites from a family to use at home for support and I thought it would be a great resource to share. The link is to a technology teacher's website in the district who has utilized his website to offer students and families various educational activities to support the elementary curriculum. After you access the website <http://mrlk.weebly.com/> utilize the student tab to find various activities for kindergarten through fifth grade in many different subject areas. Hopefully this link will offer students and families educational opportunities through the use of technology at home.

Thank you again for all that you do,  
 Kenneth Janczarek [kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org](mailto:kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org)

# TURRILL YEAR-ROUND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## School Messenger Information Update

Student (s)	Name (Last, First Middle)	Grade and Teacher
	Fathers Email	@
	Mothers Email	@