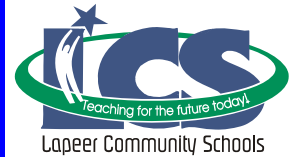


TURRILL NEWS



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2012-2013 EVENTS

- Oct 10**
 - PTC Meeting
- Oct 15**
 - PAC Meeting 3:45-4:30 & 6-7:15
- Oct 17**
 - Box Tops & Campbell's Labels Due
- Oct 19**
 - Picture Retakes – AM only
 - Penny War Ends
- Oct 22**
 - Popcorn Day
 - Intersession Registrations & Money Due for Intersession
- Oct 26**
 - No School for Students
 - Records Day, First Trimester Ends
- Oct 29 - Nov 2**
 - Intersession - No School
- Nov 7**
 - Box Tops & Campbell's Labels Due
- Nov 12**
 - PAC Meeting 3:45-4:30
 - Popcorn Day
- Nov 14**
 - PTC Meeting
- Nov 21 – 23**
 - Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
- Dec 5**
 - Box Tops & Campbell's Labels Due
- Dec 10**
 - Popcorn Day
 - Santa Workshop
- 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

Principal's Notes ...

Dear Turrill Students and Families,

As we move through the school year, the data that teachers are showing me is amazing in regards to academics. As a staff, each grade level spends time together collaborating and searching for ways to increase student learning. This frequent collaboration is something that will continue to ensure all students are successful with their learning. Collaboration also offers clear direction for additional staff members who are working with students either during the RtI time, which is 30 minutes per day, or other group time during the course of the day.

During the collaboration time the grade level teachers, along with interventionist and special education teachers meet to discuss student data from that grade level. Also, during the collaboration time, the teachers move through a process where they answer one of the four questions: 1. What do we want our students to learn? 2. How will we assess what our students know? 3. What is our plan for responding to students who need more support? 4. What is our plan for responding to students who already know what we want them to know? These four questions, as simple as they seem, push the work of the grade level to be very purposeful in what they are teaching. Answering these questions also help teachers find ways to offer interventions and enrichments. As a result of the collaboration time the teachers create essentials, or what they want students to learn, interventions, and/or enrichments. Interventions are for the students who need more support and the enrichment groups are for the students who need more of a challenge. At the conclusion of their time, they have a plan for whole class instruction, interventions and enrichments for all students during the day.

I am extremely confident that as the year continues, and into future years, the level of enrichment for all students will increase. As a principal, this is something that I am very excited for. It shows that we are meeting each individual students needs and pushing everyone forward. The process of collaboration will offer this guidance for all staff members as they plan individual instruction for not only our struggling students, but all students.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Janczarek kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org



Intersession

Turrill's first intersession is right around the corner and we are currently accepting registration information. Registration and payment can be handed into the main office. Planning for the first week's intersession continues and Turrill is very excited because this first intersession will include a visit from Michigan Author, Jonathan Rand. Jonathan Rand has written many children's books including the Michigan Chillers as well as the American Chillers series. Registration forms will be going home with students the last week of September for intersession 1. Each of the themes will be included in the intersession newsletter that will accompany the registration forms at the end of the month.

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

Please contact intersession coordinator Katherine Prieur at kprieur@lapeerschools.org or Turrill's Principal Kenneth Janczarek at kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org

Halloween Celebrations

Classrooms will be having Halloween celebrations on Thursday, October 25th, 2012 at the end of the school day. Teachers will send additional information home regarding the celebrations. With this celebration, please make sure that costumes meet the dress requirements for school and are school appropriate. Please remember that costumes with weapons, blood, and masks that cover the entire face are not allowed. Costumes will be brought to school that day and then students will have a chance to put them on prior to classroom celebrations.



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

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 www.Lapeerschools.org and click on Kids and Company for more information. Please call in advance to make sure there are spots available. All families interested in using Kids & Company for childcare need to ensure that all registration requirements are met. 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.

MEAP 2012

Students in grades 3rd through 5th will be participating in the MEAP assessment during the month of October. Students in grades 3rd through 5th will be assessed in the areas of reading and math. In addition to these assessments, students in 4th grade will also take a writing assessment and 5th grade students will take the science assessment. The testing window will be from October 9th through October 17th with makeup days that follow. During this testing window, please do your best to make sure that your child is in attendance. Below is a detailed calendar of when the testing will take place.

Sun	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
7	8	9 Reading Day 1 Grades 3-5 9AM Start	10 Reading Day 2 Grades 3-5 9AM Start	11 Writing Day 1 Grade 4 9AM Start	12	13
14	15	16 Mathematics Grades 3-5	17 Writing Day 2 Grade 4 Science Grade 5	18	19	20



Reading and Writing Daily

Creating reading and writing routines is by far one of the most helpful things families can do to support their son or daughters education. Building these routines into your evenings allows you to read to, with, and alongside your child showing them that the love for reading and writing continues at home.

PAC Meetings

Turrill will be having a PAC (Parent Advisory Council) this 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. At the district PAC meetings, a representative from Turrill will attend to share what took place at the Turrill PAC as well as gain information from all other Lapeer Schools. Below are the dates and times for the Turrill PAC meetings. Please join us for the first PAC meeting on October 15th at 3:45 in the Turrill Media Center where we will also be looking for a representative to attend the district meetings that will be held the first Monday of each month during November through May.

PAC Meetings

- October 15th, 3:45-4:30 & 6pm
- November 12th, 3:45-4:30
- January 14th, 3:45-4:30
- February 11th, 3:45-4:30
- March 11th, 3:45-4:30
- April 15th, 3:45-4:30
- May 13th, 3:45-4:30

In Closing ...

In closing, it was wonderful to see many of you at conferences last week and it was great to meet some of you for the first time as I walked the halls. Conference night is by far one of my favorite nights of the year as families are able to hear all the progress their child is making in school. Conferences also give opportunities for teachers and parents to share learning styles and strategies that will best support student learning at home and at school. As we move through the rest of the trimester, we will have many very exciting activities that come up and before we know it the leaves will fall and snow will be coming.

Along with the change in weather, comes the MEAP assessment testing window. Students in grades third through fifth will be testing starting on October 9th and extending to October 19th with makeups that follow. If you have a student taking the assessments, please continue to encourage them to do their best just like they have done every day at school. When they get up on those assessment days, encourage them to eat a good breakfast, take a deep breath and take their time. Also, please do your best to limit the absences and tardiness for students who are testing on MEAP assessment days. I realize things come up and illness happens, but if we eliminate other absences it would be helpful.

As a school, we will continue to try to keep our halls quiet and eliminate interruptions for the classrooms assessing. I am very anxious to see how great the Turrill students will do as I have great confidence in what they can do. If you have questions regarding this or other areas, please make sure you contact your child's teacher.

Thank you again for all that you do,
Kenneth Janczarek kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org



Holiday Depot of Lapeer County

A collaborative effort helping Lapeer County families"

How to apply - If you are a Lapeer County low income resident and are hoping for help during the holidays for food and gifts, please take note. All Holiday Depot applications will be taken in person only.

Deadline for applications is October 31, 2012

Walk-ins are welcome at the times/dates listed. Other dates and times available by appointment if indicated.

Location	When to Go
First Congregational Church of Almont 201 E. St. Clair St., Almont	Walk in: Thurs. Oct. 4 6:00-8:00 For information call Peggy 586-698-8308
Columbiaville United Methodist Church 4696 Pine, Columbiaville	Wed. Oct. 3,10,17,24 1:00 – 3:00 Wed. Oct 10,24 5:00 – 7:00
Dryden Linked Hearts 5595 Main St. Dryden	Walk in : Mon. Oct. 1,8,15,22,29 12:00–4:00 Wed. Oct. 3,10,17,24, 31 10:00–2:00
Hispanic Service Center 204 E. 3 rd Street, Imlay City Spanish-speaking volunteers	Walk in: Wed. Oct. 3 , 24 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:30, 5:00-7:00 by appointment only. Other dates/times by appointment: call 724-3665
North Branch Emergency Aid at North Branch Library, 3714 Huron St., North Branch	Walk in: Thurs. Oct.4, 18 10:00-2:00 Sat. Oct.13, 27 9:30 – 1:30
Human Development Commission 1559 Imlay City Rd. Lapeer Human Development Commission at Lapeer County Center Building,425 County Center, Lapeer	Walk in: Thurs.Oct.4,11,18,25 9:00-11:00 Walk in: Tues. Sept 25, Oct 23 10:00-1:00 (at commodity food distribution)
Goodfellows at First Presbyterian Church 433 N. Calhoun St., Lapeer	Walk in: Tues Oct 2,9,16,23,30 12:00-3:00
Trinity United Methodist Church 1310 N. Main St., Lapeer	Walk in: Mon. Oct 1,8,15,22,29 3:30-4:30
Clifford Library 9530 Main, Clifford	Walk in: Thurs. Oct. 4,11,18,25 2:00 – 4:00

No applications will be accepted without identification (driver's license, birth certificates) for all household members and proof of all household income for the past 30 days when you come to the intake.

Application deadline is October 31th