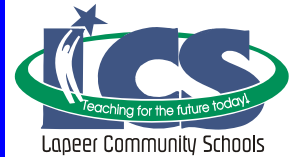


TURRILL NEWS



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2012-2013 EVENTS

Sep 12

- PTC Meeting 3:45

Sep 19

- 2-hour Delayed Student Start

Sep 25 & 27

- Year-Round Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences

Sep 28 & Oct 1

- No School

Oct 15

- PAC Meeting 3:45-4:30

Oct 19

- Picture Retakes – AM only

Oct 26

- No School for Students
- Records Day, First Trimester Ends

Oct 29 - Nov 2

- Intersession - No School

Nov 12

- PAC Meeting 3:45-4:30

Nov 21 – 23

- Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

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

Principal's Notes ...

Dear Turrill Students and Families,

Each day I spend time walking through the halls and into classrooms. I continue to be impressed with the level of work and progress already made by the students. It's hard to believe that it's early in September and students have the daily routines mastered. The amount of time spent reading and writing has increased to levels that will allow the staff to continue to increase student learning. Daily, the staff at Turrill is working to support the individual needs of all students.

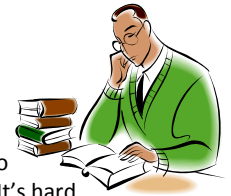
One of the activities that the staff is doing to support all students is the teaching of reading and writing using the workshop model. This model of instruction is one where each student is working at their independent level after the teacher delivers direct instruction through a mini-lesson. After the mini-lesson, the students then spend time reading texts at their independent level as well as time engaged in writing. These times for independent practice for reading and writing allow students to increase their reading and writing levels and stamina. One way this reading and writing can be supported at home is by creating routines that allows students to read and write daily.

Another activity that the staff at Turrill uses to support student learning is the frequent collaboration as a grade level. The collaboration of teachers allows for the team of teachers to consistently identify what it is the students need to learn as well as what the plan is if students need additional support. While engaged in this collaboration, teachers answer the question of what they want students to learn as they work toward the year end goals as well as the common core standards produced by the state. Besides identifying what students need to learn, teachers also create plans to support students who need additional support as well as enrichment. By consistently answering these questions, each students individual needs can be met.

Once again, thank you for making the start of the 2012/2013 school year a great one. I feel very fortunate to work with so many great students and families as well as such a great staff. Please know that if you ever have questions and/or concerns, the Turrill staff is available. This communication can be done through voicemail, in person or through email.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Janczarek kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org



Delayed Start

The Lapeer Community Schools will be utilizing a delayed start schedule this school year that will happen four times over the course of the year. These delayed start days will be continued opportunities for professional development for the staff. Students will be starting 2 hours later on these days and school will start at 10:29 a.m. Kids & Company does have childcare available at Turrill for registered families.

2 hour delayed start days :

- September 19, 2012
- January 30, 2013
- April 17, 2013
- May 15, 2013

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. Turrill will send home additional information in preparing for the assessment as well as the detailed assessment schedule.

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

Intersession



Many families have sent back information regarding interest in the intersession weeks for the 2012/2013 school year. 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 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**
October 29th — November 1st
- Intersession 2**
February 25th — March 1st
- Intersession 3**
May 6th — May 10th
- Intersession 4**
June 17 — June 21st

PTC

Below is a list of PTC information for our Turrill Families. Regardless of the amount of time, the PTC is always looking for volunteers to chair various committees as well as offer support for these committees and activities.

- **September 12** - General PTC meeting 3:45pm in the Turrill Media Center
- **September 17** - POPCORN day. Bags of popcorn can be purchased for a quarter.
- **September 25 & 27** - PTC would like to have dinner for the teachers during parent/teacher conferences. PTC will supply the main dish we are asking for parents to donate appetizers, side dishes, desserts, pop, water. Please contact Cassie at 627-4988 or email the Turrill PTC at turrillptc@lapeerschools.org

The Turrill PTC is always looking for support. Any time that families can donate is greatly appreciated.

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 where a representative 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
 - 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

Kids and Company

Now Enrolling! Big Kids Before and After School Child Care at Turrill. Spots are limited and pre-registration is required. Please call in advance to make sure there are spots available. 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 for more information. 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.

In Closing ...

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support for the start of the school year. From the amazing ribbon cutting ceremony to the first day of school, the students and families displayed a level of support that was felt from all staff members. I am impressed with the baseline data that has been collected at each grade level and anxious to see the growth in all of the Turrill students.

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



BUSSING INFORMATION

With the start of the neighborhood schools, the busing for Turrill students was adjusted. These new times and routes were created so the district could continue to offer transportation for students from all around the district to Turrill. Please know that the times for these buses are still in the early stages and I hope that they continue to improve. The first week of transfer busses to the middle schools utilized the support of Turrill teachers who not only met at both middle schools but also rode the buses each day. Continued support from Turrill staff as well as the middle school staff will be utilized to continue to ensure a safe transport of the Turrill students.

Attention Turrill Families

- The first district delayed start is **Wednesday, September 19**. Kids and Company will be providing morning child care services from 6:30-10:00 at Turrill. **The deadline to sign up will be Monday, September 17**. The fee for child care from 6:30-10:00 is a flat rate of \$9 per child. You must be registered in advance and pay a \$40 registration fee.
- Turrill Elementary does not have school **September 28 and October 1**. Kids and Company would like to offer child care services for these two days at Turrill. Hours are 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. **The deadline to sign up will be Thursday, September 20**. Rates are \$15 for less than 5 hours per day and \$25 for 5 hours or more per day.
- It is a **requirement** to sign your child up in advance in order to utilize any of our services on any given day.

Enrollment requirements

1. Contact Kids and Co. at (810) 667-2454.
2. Pick up and complete enrollment packet.
3. Submit a \$40 enrollment fee.
4. Pay for child care in advance.



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