

# TURRILL NEWS



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## DAILY SCHEDULE

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



## PAC Meetings:

Turrill PAC (Parent Advisory Council) is looking for new members who are interested in engaging in dialogue regarding the success and growth of Turrill as well as the Lapeer Community School District. If you are interested in being part of our Turrill PAC meetings, please feel free to join us for a few meetings, one meeting, or all of our meetings this year. Each meeting we will discuss building and district successes, upcoming events and information, building and district academic data, as well as an open forum for parent input and suggestions. Meetings will take place at Turrill Elementary School at 2:30pm.

- October 21
- November 11
- January 6
- February 10
- March 10
- April 28

## Principal's Notes ...

Dear Turrill Families,

I have been very impressed with the start of the school year and how the students have been working to meet the educational goals in their classrooms. During August and September, students were working hard to establish routines in their classrooms and around the school. In addition to their academic routines, students have assisted in creating daily expectations for our school that include hallway, playground, and lunchroom expectations. Please look for these expectations next time you are at school or ask your son or daughter to share with you what they have created. As I visit classes daily, I am seeing the benefit of these consistent routines pay off as students are meeting the academic goals of the classroom. I am eager to use our state and local assessment data to display our academic growth.

In addition to the students getting familiar to a new set of routines to start the school year, the adults are also working to establish daily routines. Both staff and families continue to create daily routines to assist in the transition from home to school as well as to meet the daily expectations for a balanced school and home life. While families are creating daily routines for students to read daily at home, staff members are working to establish daily routines to get students in and out of the school in a safe and orderly fashion.

As we move through the month of October, the school is going to work on the drop off and pick up routine. As the staff works on this daily routine, it would be of great assistance if families will do one thing at pick up and drop off times. The number one way families can support the pickup and drop off times is to pull as far forward as possible at both drop off and pickup times. I realize that students enter various doors depending on their age, but we use the red line around the drop off section for a reminder for students to stay back from the cars at a safe distance. If a family has students entering or exiting at different doors, please also follow the routine of pulling as far forward as possible and letting all students off at the same location or pick up at one location. When vehicles stop at each door to drop off, it causes congestion in our drop off and pick up area causing it to take longer for this process. Thank you in advance for your support with making our drop off and pickup lane a safe and efficient process.

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

Sincerely,

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



## Halloween Celebrations

Classrooms will be having Halloween celebrations on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the end of the school day. We will have a school wide parade starting at 2:15 and classroom celebrations will follow. Teachers will send additional information home regarding the celebrations, but with this celebration please make sure that costumes meet the dress requirements for school and are school appropriate. Costumes will be brought to school that day and then students will have to change to put them on prior to classroom celebrations. One final reminder regarding costumes is that weapons, blood, or masks that cover the entire face are not allowed for the school celebrations.

2013-2014 PTC EVENTS

PTC Meetings:

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

- 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:

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

Events and Activities

- Penny Wars  
Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>
- Spirit Wear  
Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>
- Boo Grams  
Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Delivered on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>
- Santa Shop  
Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>  
(Volunteers Needed)
- Valentine Grams  
Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>  
Delivered on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Dance – March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Teacher Appreciation – May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Fund Run – May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(Proceeds go toward Fieldtrip Transportation for 2014-2015)
- Carnival – May 30<sup>th</sup>  
(Volunteers Needed)

MEAP Testing

Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be participating in the MEAP assessment during the month of October. Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be assessed in the areas of reading and mathematics. In addition to these assessments, students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade will also take the writing assessment. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will take an additional assessment for science during the window. The testing window will be from October 8<sup>th</sup> through October 16<sup>th</sup> with makeup days that follow.

During this testing window, please do your best to make sure that your child is in attendance. During our window for testing, we have strict guidelines to follow that require students to take the assessment on the same day as students across the state as well as additional rules to follow. Below is a detailed calendar of when the testing will take place for Turrill. Please know it is always in the best interest of students to participate with their peers, so please do your best to eliminate absences or interruptions. Obviously if illness arises please follow normal protocol with keeping students home, but if any additional absences can be avoided it would be greatly appreciated.

Students need to be reminded during this testing window that they are ready and prepared and all we expect is for them to do their best during the test. This encouragement to do their best and reminding them they are ready will assist in limiting test anxiety. Thank you in advance for your support during the testing window.

October 2013 MEAP Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	8 <b>Reading Day 1</b> <b>Grades 3-5</b> <b>9:00AM Start</b>	9 <b>Reading Day 2</b> <b>Grades 3-5</b> <b>9:00AM Start</b>	10 <b>Writing Day 1</b> <b>Grade 4</b> <b>9:00AM Start</b>	11
14	15 <b>Mathematics</b> <b>Grades 3-5</b>	16 <b>Writing Day 2</b> <b>Grade 4</b> <b>Science Grade 5</b>	17	18



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 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.

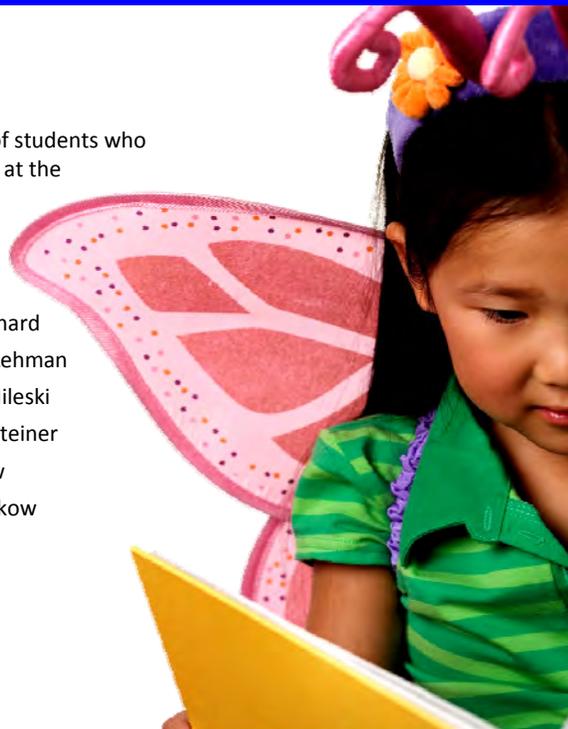


Now enrolling! Big Kids Before and After School Child Care at Turrill. Spots are limited and pre-registration is required. A minimum of 2 business days is required to process paperwork before your child can begin the program. Call (810) 667-2454 or go to [www.lapeerschools.org](http://www.lapeerschools.org) 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 days and additional days off including September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Summer Reading

During the summer we had a large number of students who participated in the summer reading program at the Marguerite de Angeli Branch Library. The following students complete the goals of the program:

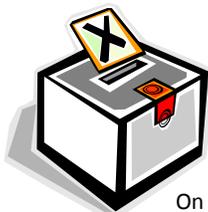
- Julian Austin
- Piper Austin
- Carley Callcut
- Liam Cork
- Danielle Dombrowski
- Logan Diehl
- Hunter Frederick
- David Heaton
- Noah Johnson
- Stephanie Johnson
- Trinity Kennard
- Savannah Lehman
- Angeline Mileski
- Alice Rechsteiner
- Kya Suckow
- Mason Suckow



## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Wanting to go on a field trip, help at a PTC sponsored event, or volunteer in your child's classroom (organizing a class party, helping with small groups, etc.)? All volunteers must have an approved application on file in order to volunteer. Applications are available in the school office or online at [www.lapeerschools.org](http://www.lapeerschools.org). Click on the parent tab and volunteer program. Please allow 2 weeks for the application to be processed. All approved applications are valid for 3 years. If you have any questions, please contact the office at (810) 667-2438.

Halloween will be here before you know it. If are planning on observing the costume parade or classroom party, a volunteer application is not required. However, please make sure to sign in and out at the school office to help us ensure student safety. We look forward to celebrating the day with you.



## Non-homestead millage renewal goes to LCS voters on Nov. 5

On Nov. 5 voters within the boundaries of Lapeer Community Schools will be asked to vote on a proposal to renew the long-standing millage levied on non-homestead property (industrial, commercial, business, rental and second homes) for a time frame of five years, from 2014 until 2018.

This proposal does not affect the taxes of owner-occupied primary residences. For the average homeowner who does not own a business, rental property, summer home, etc., the millage renewal will come at no cost.

"Essentially, this ballot proposal is asking the constituency to vote on taxes that the business community is required to pay under state law," said Kevin Rose, LCS Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. "It's part of the State Constitution and without the business' tax, the State of Michigan would reduce our funding by millions of dollars per school year."

In the coming weeks, Lapeer Community Schools will make every effort to inform voters on the consequences of approval and nonapproval of the proposed renewal.

For more information, including a FAQ document, visit [LapeerSchools.org](http://LapeerSchools.org).

## In Closing,

I would like to thank you for your feedback and support regarding the district wide safety and security policy. Even though the new policy was a slight change I was very impressed with not only the positive feedback, but also the wonderful suggestions I received in meeting the needs of all students and families. One suggestion was to have the K-2 students lined up in the building if they are dropped off in the drop off lane, which is working out great. Students enter the building and line up and then as the 8:22 bell rings staff are there to assist students in getting to class. This routine allows for our youngest students to be lined up with peers and get picked up by their teacher.

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

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
785 South Elm Street Lapeer, MI 48446 Phone (810) 667-2438 Fax (810) 667-2470		1	2 Spirit Wear Orders Begin	3	4 <b>No school</b>	5
6	7 Penny Wars	8 <b>MEAP Testing Reading Day 1 Grades 3-5 9:00AM Start Penny Wars</b>	9 <b>MEAP Testing Reading Day 2 Grades 3-5 9:00AM Start Box Tops Due Penny Wars</b>	10 <b>MEAP Testing Writing Day 1 Grade 4 9:00AM Start Penny Wars</b>	11 Popcorn Day \$.25 Per Bag Penny Wars	12
13	14 Penny Wars	15 <b>MEAP Testing Mathematics Grades 3-5 Penny Wars</b>	16 <b>MEAP Testing Writing Day 2 Grade 4 Science Grade 5 Penny Wars</b>	17 Penny Wars	18 <b>Interession Registration and Money Due Penny Wars</b>	19
20	21 Spirit Wear Orders Ends Boo Grams	22 Boo Grams	23 Boo Grams	24 Boo Grams	25 Halloween Parade 2:15 End of 1st Trimester Boo grams Delivered	26
27	28 <b>No School Interession #1 Oct 28—Nov. 1</b>	29 <b>No School Interession #1</b>	30 <b>No School Interession #1</b>	31 <b>No School Interession #1</b>		

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3	4 <b>Records day No school</b>	5	6 Box Tops Due	7	8 Popcorn Day \$.25 Per Bag	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday break No School</b>	26 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday break No School</b>	27 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday break No School</b>	28 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday break No School</b>	29 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday break No School</b>	30

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## Insects, Arachnids & Other Creepy Critters!



### INTERSESSION ONE:

October 28th - November 1st

#### Turrill Intersessions:

An Opportunity for all students to extend classroom learning through engaging, exploratory enrichment activities.

#### Price:

\$110.00 for the first student and \$100.00 for the second child

#### Price with Child Care:

\$125.00 for the first child and \$115.00 for the second child

#### Days:

Monday through Friday 8:29-3:25

#### Transportation:

Provided

#### Registration:

Complete the attached forms and submit payment for the intersession to the Turrill office.

#### Registration Due:

All registration and payments are due by 3:45PM on Friday, October 11, 2013, to the Turrill office. Make checks payable to Turrill Elementary School

#### Childcare:

Child care is available starting at 6:30AM and ending at 6:00PM through Kids and Co. If you are not preregistered with Kids and Co. there is a \$40 registration fee. Transportation is not provided for care before/after intersession hours.

\*\* Intersession will be cancelled if Lapeer Community Schools is cancelled due to weather/emergency.

\* There will be no refunds or credits offered once intersession begins.

#### Intersession Overview:

The first intersession will keep students busy through hands on Learning, as our guests from Science Alive venture into the classrooms. They will be teaching students about a variety of animals; students will be able to explore, touch, and discuss animals and their habitats and then ask questions. Students will also have an opportunity to venture through Potter Park Zoo in Lansing. Potter Park offers many exhibits for the students to explore and to allow them to see animals first hand in their habitats. This will include the Bird & Reptile exhibit, Primate House, and Backyard Gardens, where students will explore insects, arachnids, and other critters in their natural habitats. Come join us for a week filled with hands on learning and excitement!

#### Questions:

Intersession Coordinator – Jennifer Christian, jchristian@lapeerschools.org

Principal Kenneth Janczarek, kjanczarek@lapeerschools.org

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## Turrill Intersession Themes for 2013-2014

**Intersession 2**  
February 24th through 28th  
Winter Olympics 2014

**Intersession 3**  
May 5th through May 9th  
Wild Wild West: Exploring Pioneer Days

**Intersession 4**  
June 16th through June 20th  
Around the World in Five Days