

TURRILL NEWS



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Principal's Notes ...

Dear Turrill Families,

Last year at this time, I reported the great success we were noticing with academic growth of our students and this trend has continued into the 2013/2014 school year. During the 2012/2013 school year, students worked very hard in school and with their families in all areas and I am excited to share just some of this data with all of you.

In the area of reading, 91% of our students made it to their end of the year reading expectation or were able to increase at least 1 ½ years of reading growth. This amazing growth and success was only possible through the hard work and dedication of the Turrill staff, including both teachers and support staff. In addition to the staff work, our achievement level would not be possible without an amazing group of families that have made reading a family routine.

Not only did the 2012/2013 school year end with such a high number of students at grade level or making 1 ½ years of reading growth, but students continued with their hard work by reading over the summer. I am proud to report that 79% of our students maintained their reading level over the summer. Traditionally, elementary age students have a summer reading dip or loss due to the extended time away from school. Due to our shorter summer and hard working students and families, the number of students who maintained their reading level was great to see.

As we started the school year with such a great number of students who maintained their reading level over the summer, it was no surprise to see that the number of students below grade level continues to decrease and the number of students at or above grade level increases. Currently, Turrill has 66% of their students reading at or above grade level with another 20% approaching grade level. I am confident with the continued hard work of Turrill staff, students and families we will continue to see such amazing growth in all academic areas.

The next time you visit Turrill, take a moment and view our data wall that includes not only the above reading data over the past few years but also other academic achievement data. As the year progresses, so will the data that is displayed to show the growth of our great students.

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

Holiday Event

On December 9th the Turrill staff would like to invite you to our holiday evening event at Turrill Elementary School from 6:00 to 7:30. This free event will include Christmas Stories, Cookies, Carols, Free Books, and other holiday fun. In addition to these free events the PTC will have the Santa Shop open for families to shop at. The doors by the gym will be open for families to enter the building for our holiday event.



Canned Food Drive

Turrill will be participating in a food drive again this year. All of the food collected goes to families who live in our school district. We will begin our collections on Monday, December 2nd and end on Friday, December 13th. We are asking that the food be non-perishable and in either cans, boxed or plastic containers. The class from the Kindergarten thru 2nd grade and the class from 3rd thru 5th grade that collects the most cans will win a party of hot chocolate and cookies.



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.

- December 9
- January 6
- February 10
- March 10
- April 28

2013-2014 PTC EVENTS

PTC Meetings:

All Turrill PTC meetings will be at 3:45 in the PLC Room.

- December 11, 2013
- January 8, 2014
- February 12, 2014
- March 12, 2014
- April 16, 2014
- May 14, 2014
- June 11, 2014

Box Tops Due:

- December 11, 2013
- January 8, 2014
- February 12, 2014
- March 5, 2014
- April 2, 2014
- May 14, 2014
- June 4, 2014

Popcorn dates:

- December 20, 2013
- January 10, 2014
- February 14, 2014
- March 7, 2014
- April 4, 2014
- May 16, 2014
- June 6, 2014



Events and Activities:

- Santa Shop
Dec. 9th – Dec. 13th
(Volunteers Needed)
- Valentine Grams
Feb. 11th – 13th
Delivered on Feb. 14th
- Spring Dance – March 7th
- Teacher Appreciation – May 1st
- Fund Run – May 2nd
(Proceeds go toward Fieldtrip Transportation for 2014-2015)
- Carnival – May 30th
(Volunteers Needed)

LCS transitions info coming soon

Starting in January, please look in your student's monthly school newsletter for exciting information about the Lapeer Community Schools 2014-15 transition to one high school (Lapeer High School) and our new middle school configuration. We will also give you the lowdown on many other topics including the Center for Innovation – West Campus, district budget information, new academic offerings and updates on facilities.

PTC Events for 2013-2014

Turrill PTC has been hard at work this school year supporting Turrill students. Through the hard work and dedicated families and their support of our fundraisers the PTC has already increased the amount for each grade level an additional \$500.00 for grade level funds as well as supported the students in multiple ways. In addition to the grade level funds and additional grade level funds the PTC is currently working to increasing the amount of technology for our students by creating an iPad fund to stretch the use of iPad's into our third through fifth grade classrooms. Listed at left are some upcoming meetings and events the PTC is working toward and would welcome any families interested. If you are interested in helping out with the upcoming Santa Shop or any other event please contact PTC president Kelly Selph at kselph5@gmail.com or (586) 202-6687.

Student Council Scoop

Hey there Tiger Fans! Do you want to know what's going on in Student Council? We have had two very busy meetings so far and there are many exciting events coming up!

From December 9th through December 13th we will be assisting with the Santa Shop. Bring your lists and get ready for some power shopping with help from your student council friends.



Also in December we will have a food drive. Student Council will be making signs and distributing boxes to each class. We're hoping classes will fill their box with lots of canned goods to help local families. Don't worry, if you fill the box we'll bring you another one! Help us help others!

Here are what some of our friends at Turrill are thankful for this holiday season:

- Early 5s- Carley Callcut- "I am thankful for my sister Chloe"
- Lower CI-Angel McDonnell-"I am thankful for my grandma"
- Kindergarten-Nicholas Dawley-"I am thankful for my brother Jack"
- First Grade- Jayden Rodgers-"I am thankful for my sister Raylen"
- Second Grade-Kya Suckow –"I am most thankful for my loving family that I have that make me happy and for my good friends"
- Third Grade-Madison Johnson-"I am thankful for my family"
- Fourth Grade-Colin O'Dean-"I am thankful for my mom to still be alive"
- Fifth Grade – Sierra Davenport- "I am most thankful for my family"

Hope you have a great month!

By: Kaitlyn Estrada, Lillian Shaver and Danielle Dombrowski



Winter Clothing

Our wonderful winter weather is here and even though we don't have snow yet the temperature is dropping and students need to be ready for the cold weather for recess.

As snow arrives, students will be asked to wear all the winter gear that you send to school with them. Being an elementary school we are always aware of the temperature and follow the guidelines and district policy in regards to when students are kept in for recess and brought in prior to school starting.

When the windchill is above zero, students go out for recess and enjoy our beautiful Michigan weather.

INTERSESSION

The first intersession was a **HUGE SUCCESS** and the students continue to share the great times they had. As we move through the year I anticipate fun filled weeks where students are engaged in a learning environment different than the traditional days in the classroom.

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.

Kids & 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.

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.

Author and Reader of the Month

Turrill staff would like to congratulate students for their hard work in reading and writing. The students listed below displayed some great work to their teachers in the areas of reading and writing and were awarded for this hard work. Students were presented with a certificate at our monthly assembly. Next time you are at Turrill, please take a moment to read the writing pieces of the writer of the month for each classroom that are displayed outside of the gymnasium or the picture of the readers outside the library.

November Reading Certificate

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| Ms. Turvill | Rylee Rau |
| Mrs. Badyrka | Nicholas Dawley |
| Ms. Holland | Sidney Ball |
| Ms. Rehm | Raegan Welch |
| Mrs. Abeare | Daniel Crawford |
| Mrs. Hribar | Aiden Farner |
| Ms. Powers | Jayden Rodgers |
| Mrs. Christian | Riley Baird |
| Mrs. Craft | Kya Suckow |
| Mrs. Oliver | Spencer Guzek |
| Mrs. Baxter | Kiya McCurry |
| Mrs. Kotzian | Noah Johnson |
| Ms. Tripp | Jasmine Chamberlain |
| Mrs. Chaffin | Olivia Poniatowski |
| Mr. Chaffin | Colin O'Dean |
| Mrs. VanHorn | Hunter Firmingham |
| Mrs. Hoganson | Audrey Courneya |
| Mrs. Roy | Kylie Muxlow |
| Mrs. Short | Sam Howard |

November Writing Certificate

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| Ms. Turvill | Ayden Young |
| Mrs. Badyrka | Randi Miller |
| Ms. Holland | Allison Rutledge |
| Ms. Powers | Heidi Presnell |
| Mrs. Rehm | Josslyn Goward |
| Mrs. Abeare | Breanna Garcia |
| Mrs. Hribar | Kyle Henderson |
| Mrs. Christian | Cameron Simmons |
| Mrs. Craft | Morgan Maxwell |
| Mrs. Oliver | Natalie Schlaud |
| Mrs. Baxter | Jack Dawley |
| Mrs. Kotzian | Angie Mileski |
| Ms. Tripp | Clayton Downs |
| Mrs. Chaffin | Jacob Maurico |
| Mr. Chaffin | Samantha Dockham |
| Mrs. VanHorn | Megan Alexander |
| Mrs. Hoganson | Tairen Caron |
| Mrs. Roy | Alliya Yogi |
| Mrs. Short | Morgan Coulter |
| Mrs. Short | Santiago Mauricio |



In Closing,

In addition to the author and reader of the month, Turrill will also be recognizing students from across grade levels as students of the month who have been caught going above and beyond with their behavior. It means a great deal to have so many students at Turrill who are consistently following our daily routines and expectations, and the Turrill staff would like to honor some of these students each month. When students are awarded the certificate for student of the month, they will be honored at our assembly in addition to a lunch with staff including Mr. Janczarek.

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

Kenneth Janczarek, Principal
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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

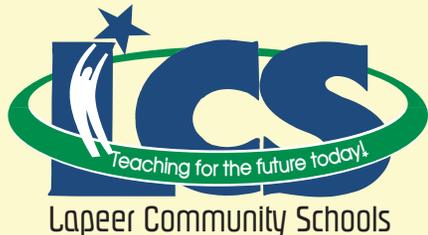
Days:
Monday through Friday 8:29-3:25

Transportation:
Provided (except for the 4th Intersession)

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

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.

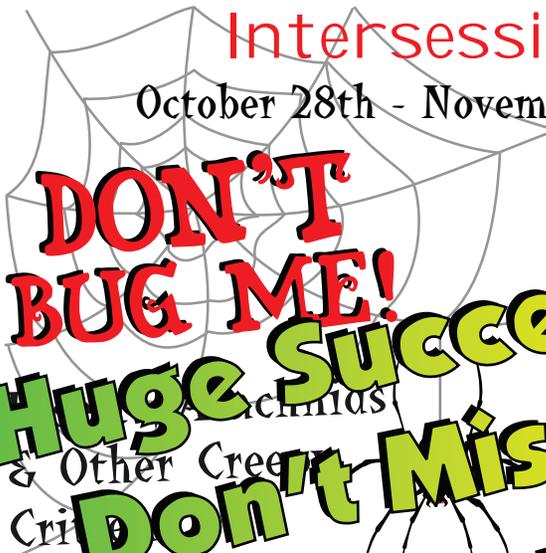
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Intersession 1:
October 28th - November 1st

DON'T BUG ME!
Huge Success!
Don't Miss the next one!

Overview:
Students will explore the Science Alive and a Field Trip to Potter Park Zoo as they explore insects, arachnids, & other creepy critters.



Intersession 3:
May 5th - May 9th

Wild Wild West:
Exploring Pioneer Days

Overview:
Students will have a chance to learn how families traveled and lived in the Pioneer days. They will turn the halls of Turrill into the Wild West, as they discover what times were like during this time period. Students will partake in numerous interactive activities focused around the Wild Wild West.



INTERSESSION 2:
February 24th - February 28th

WINTER OLYMPICS 2014



OVERVIEW:
Students will have the opportunity to use technology to research and investigate a range of countries that participate in the Olympic Games. They will also explore the history of the Olympic Games, as well as take part in our own Winter Olympics.

Intersession 4:
June 16th - June 20th

Around The World in 5 Days



Overview:
Students will be spending the week (5 days) exploring a variety of games, sports, and activities from countries and cultures around the world.
**Bussing is NOT provided for the fourth intersession.
**Before/After school care will depend on enrollment for the fourth intersession