

Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter
December 8th, 2023

School News:

Happy Hanukkah (Dec. 7 - 15): I would like to wish all our families who will be celebrating Hanukkah a wonderful season. May your candles burn bright!

Orange Preschool Lottery: Limited Openings for 2024-2025 Community Peer/Tuition Based Program. Deadline for application is January 26th, 2024 For more information - [Click Here.](#)

PJ Day: Thank you to our student council for organizing a very successful PJ day to support the Children's Children's Medical Center. We raised \$1,116.80! Thank you to all who donated!

Classroom Winter Parties: Each classroom will have a winter party (similar to what was done at the Halloween party). The room parent will organize a craft or a game, families will send in a special snack for their child to have at the party. Your room parent will be reaching out in the next week to share the date and time of the party with you if they haven't already. The winter parties for each class will all occur at different times in the week as it fits best with the concert schedules and the teacher schedules. Parents/ families are invited to attend their child's classroom party if they would like.

Holiday/ New Year Cards: We love receiving your holiday picture cards! We hang them on our front counter in the office and staff and students love seeing them as they walk by! If you have an extra one feel free to mail it to us at 441 Turkey Hill Road!

Vigil: A Vigil Against Hate and Antisemitism has been organized for Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 2:30PM at the High Plains Fairground Gazebo. Please see the attached flyers for more information

[Food 2 Kids-12-10-23.pdf](#)

[Anti Hate Vigil-12-10-23.pdf](#)

Reminder: Student Council Count Down to Winter Break Spirit Week: "Twas the Week Before Winter Break" and the THS Student Council would like to celebrate! Please see the [calendar](#) linked here for "The Six Days Before Break" countdown which includes six different winter-themed spirit days. We hope you will join us in celebrating!

Reminder: Save the Date: Winter Concert Schedule: Please see the attached letters regarding the Winter performances

Grades 1 and 2 Winter Jamboree: [Click Here](#)

Grades 3-6 Winter Concert: [Click Here](#)

AV Club Morning Broadcast: [Click Here](#) to see this week's AV Broadcast. You will be prompted to type in a password. Our password is turkey.

Virtual Backpack: Please click the link to see all flyers in the virtual backpack.

School: <https://www.oess.org/our-schools/turkey-hill/virtual-backpack/school-news>

PTO: <https://sites.google.com/view/turkey-hill-school-pto/>

Community: <https://www.oess.org/our-schools/turkey-hill/virtual-backpack/new-page>

PTO Events

Monthly PTO Meeting: All families are invited to attend our December General Meeting, Tuesday, 12/12 at 8PM via Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/aoz-cepx-ffu>

Big Y Community Bag Program

THS PTO is the beneficiary of the Big Y Derby location's community bag program this month. For every bag purchased for \$2.50, the PTO will receive \$1. If you are in need of new reusable bags, please consider this option to support the PTO at no additional cost to you.

RaiseRight Fundraiser bit.ly/thsscrip2023

Want to make holiday shopping easy and support the THS PTO? Order gift cards with the RaiseRight fundraiser! A portion of all gift card sales (up to 20%) is donated to the PTO to support your school throughout the year! There is something for everyone! Choose from 750+ brands including Visa and American Express gift cards with no activation fee! Don't forget your family, friends, babysitter, mailman, trash collector, employees, co-workers! To view a full list of retailers and place orders, click [here](#).

For free shipping and to receive at school by Monday, 12/18, order by 12pm on Thursday, 12/14.

Orders for school delivery will be sent home in your child's backpack. Please email Leigh Clemens at leigha110@gmail.com if you do not want your order to go home in your child's backpack and prefer to pick up in the school office. Orders can also be placed at any time and shipped to your home or business. E-gift cards Available!

Please contact Leigh Clemens, leigha110@gmail.com or 203-687-8558 with any questions or with help placing an order as cash or check payment to THS PTO.

JA Day - Volunteers Needed!

Each year, THS PTO partners with Junior Achievement for a day in school dedicated to increasing students' knowledge of topics related to personal finance, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship. We need 1-2 volunteers to facilitate JA Day in each class. This year, JA Day will be Thursday, January 25, 2024, with a snow date of Friday, January 26. You will be in the classroom for most of the school day, from 8am-3pm. There will also be one evening meeting ahead of JA Day to receive all the materials, along with some instructions from our JA Day coordinator. All materials for the day are provided for you by Junior Achievement - including a teaching guide.

Please sign up for your child's class below - please note: you can only be in one class so you cannot sign up for multiple classrooms. If your child's class is already full, and you are willing to volunteer in any class or have co-workers, colleagues, or family members interested in volunteering, please sign up in the ANY class slot below and we will reach out to fill any open classes in early January.

Sign up for JA Day here: <https://ths-ja-day-24.cheddarup.com>

Orange Elementary Schools' Day at Bridgeport Islanders: 1/7/2024

All Orange Elementary Schools have been invited to attend the Bridgeport Islanders game on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 3PM. Tickets are available for \$18, \$20, and \$25/ticket. Hats are included with \$25 tickets. A portion of each ticket sale via our link will be donated to the THS PTO. Grab your tickets here: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Turkeyhill/>

Turkey Titan School Store: Status for Wednesday, December 13th: **OPEN**. Gift certificates are available for purchase - a great alternative to holiday and birthday goody bags! Email laura.yencho@gmail.com or ajdecrosta@aol.com for info.

Yearbook Photos: Submit photos to be considered for inclusion in the yearbook here: [2023/2024 Yearbook Photo Album](#). Email turkeyhillyearbook2324@gmail.com with questions. Photos should be of school events and ideally include more than one student.

Stay in Touch! Want to stay up to date on ALL that is happening at THS?

- Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/turkeyhillschool
- Get Remind texts: <https://www.remind.com/join/thsppto2324>
- Sync our THS PTO calendar to your own: <https://bit.ly/THSPTOCalendar>
- Find links to all the latest on our website: <https://bit.ly/thsppto>
- We welcome your questions and feedback! Email us anytime at turkeyhillpto@gmail.com

Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
	Virtual PTO Meeting 8pm	School Store Open		Wear Festive Headgear
18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd
Wear Ugly Winter Sweater	Grades 1 and 2 Winter Jamboree Performance @ 9am Wear bright colorful, sparkly attire	School Store Closed <u>Grades 3-6 Winter Concert:</u> 3rd and 5th Gr parents attend 9am show 4th and 6th Gr parents attend 12:45 pm show Wear bright colorful, sparkly attire	Snow date for winter performances if needed. Dress like a snow flake/ or a snow day	Minimum Day - Dismissal starting at 12:55. Wear PJ's and fuzzy socks and bring a stuffed animal to school.

Winter Break 12/23 - 1/1/24. Students Return on 1/2/24

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