<u>Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter</u> <u>February 9th, 2024</u>

School News:

<u>CAS Art Awards:</u> The Connecticut Association of Schools hosts an awards night in celebration of students who excel and show great interest in the performing and visual arts. Each school may select one sixth grader for each category. This week Sam W. (music) and Tenzin D. (visual arts) from Turkey Hill were honored at an awards banquet. Congratulations!!

Southern Connecticut Regional Middle School Orchestra: Sixth grader Carya E. auditioned for the southern regional middle school orchestra and was accepted! Carya will perform in the two day regional festival this year! Congratulations!

Band and Orchestra Concert: Last week was our annual winter band and orchestra concert. Thank you to Mr. Olden (Orchestra) and Mrs. Patrick (Band) for all of their hard work and effort. It is always so impressive to see how far our musicians progress from first picking up the instrument to now. Congratulations to our very talented 4th, 5th, and 6th grade musicians - you have worked hard!

Internet Safety Event for Grade 2 and 3 Families: Our Orange Police Department is hosting an internet safety event for grade 2 and 3 families on February 26th. <u>Click Here</u> for more details.

Reminder: Project Teach: Project TEACH is a community Education Program that visits each of our schools each year to present a Body Safety Program to students. This program is designed to meet the Connecticut General Statute 17a-101q. Each grade level will engage in this lesson at some point this year. Grade 4's presentation is on February 16th and Grade 3's presentation is on Feb. 23rd. Grades 1,2,5,and 6 will be later this year. A letter went home in the backpack of grades 3 and 4 students this week.

Reminder: Read Across America Guest Readers: We are partnering with the United Way again this year to celebrate Read Across America. The United Way purchases books to be read aloud in the classrooms and donated to each room. If you are interested in being a reader in your child's classroom on March 8th from 9:00 - 9:30 please sign up <u>here</u>.

<u>Reminder:</u> Valentine's Day: Please <u>click here</u> to see the Valentine's Day Letter that was sent home in backpacks last month.

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.

<u>Virtual Backpack:</u> Please click the link to see all flyers in the virtual backpack. School: <u>https://www.oess.org/our-schools/turkey-hill/virtual-backpack/school-news</u> PTO: <u>https://sites.google.com/view/turkey-hill-school-pto/</u> Community: <u>https://www.oess.org/our-schools/turkey-hill/virtual-backpack/new-page</u>

PTO Events

Talent Show:

Got talent? Share it with us! The Turkey Hill TALENT SHOW is coming!

Important dates:

Dress Rehearsal (mandatory for performers) Wednesday, 2/28 from 6:00-8:30 pm. Talent Show: Friday, 3/8 at 7pm. (Ticket sale information coming in February) Question? Email <u>sara.wallace@live.com</u>

Little Lady and a Loved One: Enjoy the event this weekend! Submit your photos to our 2023/2024 Yearbook Photo Album by 2/24 and you'll be entered in a raffle to win a \$10 school store gift card!

<u>Yearbook TURKEY GRAMS</u>: It's time to order your Turkey Grams! Turkey Grams are a tradition at THS, and a way to honor and encourage your favorite **6th grader** as they continue into middle school. The deadline to order is March 17th - no exceptions. Please see the attached flyer for options, pricing and other information. <u>Turkey Gram Flyer</u>

<u>6th Grade Slideshow Photos</u>: 6th grade parents, we need photos of your student to include in the 6th grade promotion slideshow! These photos should be memories from kindergarten through 6th grade. Please submit photos that include 2 or more THS students, and please choose photos that do not include siblings or students outside of THS. Photos may be emailed to <u>turkeyhillyearbook2324@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Yearbook Orders:</u> The online store is open for yearbook orders! Order yours <u>here</u> today, using yearbook ID code: 13366124. The price is \$28, with the option to have your cover personalized for an additional \$5. All orders must be placed by Sunday, April 21st. *ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS* All 6th graders will receive a FREE copy of the yearbook courtesy of the PTO. Please do not submit an order for 6th graders unless you wish to purchase additional copies. You may request a personalized cover (\$5) by emailing <u>turkeyhillyearbook2324@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Yearbook Photos:</u> Submit photos to be considered for inclusion in the yearbook here: <u>2023/2024 Yearbook Photo Album</u>. Email <u>turkeyhillyearbook2324@gmail.com</u> with questions. Photos should be of school events and ideally include more than one student. **Please share Art Goes to School, bingo and winter band/orchestra concert photos!**

Turkey Titan School Store: Status for Wednesday, February 14th: CLOSED. The store will be open to all grades on alternating Wednesdays during lunch. Gift certificates are available for purchase - a great alternative to holiday and birthday goody bags! Email <u>laura.yencho@gmail.com</u> or <u>ajdecrosta@aol.com</u> for info.

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-Follow us on Facebook: <u>facebook.com/turkeyhillschool</u> -Get Remind texts: <u>https://www.remind.com/join/thspto2324</u> -Sync our THS PTO calendar to your own:<u>https://bit.ly/THSPTOCalendar</u> -Find links to all the latest on our website: <u>https://bit.ly/thspto</u> -We welcome your questions and feedback! Email us anytime at <u>turkeyhillpto@gmail.com</u>

<u>Calendar</u>

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 12th | 13th | 14th | 15th | 16th |
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| | | Classroom Valentine's Day Celebrations | | Project Teach Grade 4 Lessons |
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| | | School Store Closed | | Sportswear |
| 19th | 20th | 21st | 22nd | 23rd |
| No School - February Break | No School - February Break | School Store Open | | Project Teach Grade 3 Lessons |
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