

**Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter**  
**January 12th 2024**

**School News:**

**Cogat Scores:** As a part of the District's standardized testing program, all 3rd and 5th grade students participated in the administration of the Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) back in October. The purpose of the CogAT is to assess students' abilities in reasoning and problem solving. Information gleaned from this assessment provides the staff insight into each student's cognitive resources for learning. This information will allow teachers to better utilize the methods and materials available to provide optimal learning conditions for each student. The results for 3rd and 5th grade students went home in backpacks today.

**Save the Date (Grade 6 Families):** Amity Middle School Parent Open House: AMSO will be holding an open house on March 7th from 6:30 - 8:00 for parents only. This open house will review registration, program of studies, and a meet and greet with administration and guidance counselors. More information to come.

**Hulley Fund Grant:** Mrs. Mongillo and Ms. Malafronte received a Hulley Fund Grant for \$1,125 to bring Yoga and Mindfulness activities into their first and fifth grade classrooms. The Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation funds programs in schools designed to enhance the traditional curriculum through the integration of hands-on experiences involving visual and performing arts. Additionally, The Jamie Hulley Foundation is a long time sponsor of our Drama Club Productions! Thank you to the Jamie Hulley Foundation!

**Reminder: Kindergarten Registration for 24-25 School Year:** Children who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2024, are eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents of children who will be 5 years old between September 2 - January 1 may apply for a waiver.

*For both, please go to the top of the Orange Public School homepage:  
Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025 [CLICK HERE](#).*

**Reminder: A Message from Student Council:** The THS Student Council is collecting donations for the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter in Branford, CT. This drive will run from January 8th through January 19th. The Animal Shelter is asking for general items such as garbage bags and paper towels as well as items for cats and dogs such as rawhide bones, toys, and food. For a complete list of items being collected please click [here](#). Donations can be brought to school and left in the foyer to be delivered to the shelter. Thank you for your help in supporting this cause!

**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

### **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.

We still need at least 1 parent volunteer for HALF of our classes. Classes in need of volunteers include: Fortin (4) and Smo (6).

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

### **Family Bingo Night:** [http://bit.ly/family\\_bingo\\_night](http://bit.ly/family_bingo_night)

THS PTO presents Family Bingo Night!

**Date:** Friday, January 19th, 2024

**Location:** THS Gymnasium

**Time:** Doors open at 6 PM, Bingo held 6:30-8:30pm

**Cost:** \$8 per person or \$20 max per family

**Food:** Silver Sands Pizza Truck will be onsite if you would like to purchase pizza starting at 6PM

Advanced registration is required by January 16th. Space Limited! Register at <https://ths-ptb-bingo-night-24.cheddarup.com>

The PTO is collecting donations of child-friendly toys, games, tickets, gift cards for Bingo prizes for this fun event. Donated items should be valued \$5-\$20. Please send in all donations to the office by Wednesday, January 17th. No used items please. Thank you for your generosity! Questions? Contact Lacy Zuffelato at [lacyluciani@gmail.com](mailto:lacyluciani@gmail.com)

### **Talent Show:**

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

There will be an informational Zoom meeting on Wednesday January 24 at 7:00pm. A parent/guardian of any student planning to perform must attend the meeting. Student attendance is encouraged as well. If you are unable to attend the meeting, email: [sara.wallace@live.com](mailto:sara.wallace@live.com) to make other arrangements.

**Topic:** Talent show meeting

**Time:** Jan 24, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time(US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bridgeport.zoom.us/j/92366386263>

**Meeting ID:** 923 6638 6263

### **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)

**Little Lady and a Loved One:**

Save the date! Our Little Lady and a Loved One event will take place on Saturday, February 10 and will feature an 80's theme. More details to come!

**Yearbook Orders:** The online store is open for yearbook orders! Order yours [here](#) today, using yearbook ID code: 13366124. The price is \$28, with the option to have your cover personalized for an additional \$5.

\*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 [turkeyhillyearbook2324@gmail.com](mailto:turkeyhillyearbook2324@gmail.com).

**Yearbook 6th Grade Baby Photos:** 6th grade parents - please email one baby picture of your graduate to [turkeyhillyearbook2324@gmail.com](mailto:turkeyhillyearbook2324@gmail.com) for a special feature in the yearbook! Please include the student's name in the email subject line.

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

**Turkey Titan School Store:** Status for Wednesday, January 17th: 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 [laura.yencho@gmail.com](mailto:laura.yencho@gmail.com) or [ajdecrosta@aol.com](mailto:ajdecrosta@aol.com) for info.

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- 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](mailto:turkeyhillpto@gmail.com)

**Calendar**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15th  No School	16th	17th  School Store Closed	18th	19th  Wear your THS Sportswear  PTO Bingo Night
22nd	23rd	24th  School Store Open	25th  Junior Achievement Day	26th  Wear your THS Sportswear

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