

**Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter**  
**November 10, 2023**

**School News:**

**Veterans Day:** Thank you to all of our Veterans and their families that attended our assembly today. It brought great meaning to the day for our students as they further understand what it means to be a veteran! It was so nice to gather together as a Turkey Hill Family to honor the Veterans related to our students and staff.

**SOAR:** Grades 1-6 families - Please join our Orange Police SOAR Officers on December 6th from 6-8pm at Peck Place School. At this event they will provide information on internet/ online student safety as well as an overview of 6th grade SOAR curriculum. Dinner and child care services will be offered. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Save the Date: Winter Concert Schedule:** We are beyond excited for our upcoming winter concerts this year!! Mr. Ryan has been planning for quite some time and they are sure to entertain! Below are the dates for our winter concerts.

<b>Winter Jamboree (Grades 1 and 2 Perform)</b>	
Date	December 19th: 9am - 9:45am (Grades 1 and 2 families/ parents attend)
Snowdate	December 21st (time is TBD)
<b>Winter Concert (Grades 3,4,5, and 6 perform at both concerts)</b> <i>*Please note that band and orchestra will perform after the new year*</i>	
Date	<u>December 20th</u> Performance 1: 9:00 am - 10:30 am (Grades 3 and 5 families/ parents attend) Performance 2: 12:45 pm - 2:15 pm (Grades 4 and 6 families/ parents attend)
Snowdate	December 21st (time is TBD)

**Hearing Screening:** State mandated hearing testing will be done for students in grades 1,3,4 & 5 during the week of November 13th. Pure tone audiometry will be used for this exam. If you **do not** want your child tested, please contact Nurse Kathleen at [kmalone@orange-ed.org](mailto:kmalone@orange-ed.org)

**A Message from our School Psychology Office:** This week schools all over the United States celebrated National School Psychology Week which highlights the important work of school psychologists with students, educators, parents, and the community. This year's theme is "Let's Grow Together" with four main points:

1. We all grow at our own pace: School psychologists are an integral part of the staff supporting a child's growth and development, oftentimes through helping others understand what supports and strategies will most benefit students.
2. Engagement and Interaction: School psychologists aid in creating a warm, caring, and nurturing environment through social-emotional learning and ensuring that students are connected to their school community.

3. Diversity creates powerful growth: School psychologists help work to create an environment where everyone is included and where every student feels seen and valued.
4. Every season contributes to growth: School psychologists understand growth is not linear and students will experience times of challenge and success. School psychologists are there to support the school community to ensure that students feel supported during both times of difficulty and accomplishment.

Our school psychologist, Marcie Daken [mdaken@orange-ed.org](mailto:mdaken@orange-ed.org) and Liza Shenderovich, school psychology intern, are proud to support the amazing students and families at Turkey Hill!

**A Message from Student Council:** Student Council is organizing a food drive for the Orange Food Pantry. Student Council members will be collecting non-perishable food items and other needed items from Monday, November 6th through November 20th. Every student who contributes an item will earn a ticket for a chance to win a gift certificate to the school store. Please see the attached flyer for the [Orange Community Services food pantry needs list](#).

**Reminder: Residency - Grade 3:** The Orange Board of Education has a Proof of Residency Policy. Every year third grade parents provide two current proofs of residency to the school. Please return the completed form to your child's teacher no later than November 20th. The Residency form is located in the Virtual Backpack under School news or you can click [here](#) to view. Hard copies went home in backpacks today.

**Picture Retakes and Sibling Photos:** Picture packages have arrived! If you ordered a package ahead of picture day earlier in October, your child will be bringing home their picture package in their backpack. If you haven't ordered yet, you can still order and preview the photos taken on picture day: visit [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) and use Picture Day ID EVT23HSHB. If you need a Student ID, it is the same as your student's lunch code or login number. Retake Day is Thursday, November 16th. If you are unhappy with your photos, return your original package on retake day and take new ones. If you haven't ordered yet or missed picture day, you can also have your picture taken on Retake Day. If you would like sibling photos, we will also be doing those on Retake Day. To pre-order sibling photos, use the same Picture Day ID as above, enter "**Siblings**" as the first name (make sure to include the "s" at the end) and the students' last name in the last name field and choose one of your children's grades. Any questions? Contact [turkeyhillpto@gmail.com](mailto:turkeyhillpto@gmail.com).

**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>

- **11/20: Basketball Clinic**

### **PTO Events**

**Monthly PTO Meeting:** All families are invited to attend our November General Meeting, Tuesday, 11/14 at 8PM via Google Meet: [meet.google.com/aoz-cepx-ffu](https://meet.google.com/aoz-cepx-ffu)

**JA Day Volunteers Needed**

Each year, THS PTO partners with Junior Achievement for a day in school dedicated to increase 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>

**Gobble Grams:** Help us show our faculty and staff just how THANKFUL we are for them this holiday season! Please cut out some Gobble Grams and have your child fill them out to show their appreciation for the staff members who help them each day! Gobble grams can be found [here](#). Hard copies are also going home in student folders next week. Students can bring completed Gobble Grams to the main office through Wednesday, November 22nd and they will be delivered to THS staff throughout the month.

**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, November 15th: **OPEN**. 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.

**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.

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

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

**Calendar**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13th	14th	15th	16th	17th

	<a href="#">General PTO Meeting @ 8pm</a>	School Store Open	Picture Retake Day	7pm Drama Show Wear your THS Sports Wear
20th	21st	22nd Minimum Day with dismissal beginning at 12:55	23rd No School - Thanksgiving Break	24th No School - Thanksgiving Break

**Turkey Hill School Contact Information**

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