

**Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter**  
**November 6, 2023**

**School News:**

**Character Quest Assembly:** Today we had our first character quest assembly where we celebrated all that we learned about last month's trait of "Including Others". Each staff member nominated a student who they saw including others this past month. Those students were honored with a certificate. Lastly, all of our grades participated in a mixed up seating at lunch today where they were each assigned a table with students from different classes - they were given fun conversation starters and had an opportunity to get to know someone that they might not know as well. We will begin our next character quest tomorrow where our students will learn about and demonstrate "Gratitude" This quest will take us up to winter break.

**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 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).

**THS Drama Club Presents Willy Wonka, Jr.:** Both shows are completely sold out! Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets to support our talented students!!

**AV Club Morning Broadcast:** For those that are not aware, our 6th grade students create and run our daily morning broadcast that all of our students watch. They create and plan special news segments and have special spotlights for younger students to read the pledge of allegiance. [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**

**Lyman's Pie Fundraiser:** Please make sure to mark your calendar for pie pick up - Thursday, November 9th from 4:30-6.

### **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/>

**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>

**Turkey Titan School Store:** Status for Wednesday, November 8th: **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. The deadline to submit Halloween parade and classroom party photos is Sunday, November 12.

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- Get Remind texts: <https://www.remind.com/join/thsp202324>
- Sync our THS PTO calendar to your own: <https://bit.ly/THSPTOCalendar>
- Find links to all the latest on our website: <https://bit.ly/thsp202324>
- We welcome your questions and feedback! Email us anytime at [turkeyhillpto@gmail.com](mailto:turkeyhillpto@gmail.com)

### **Calendar**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6th	7th No School - Election Day	8th School Store Open	9th Lyman's Pie pick up @ THS between 4:30-6	10th Veterans Day Assembly - Wear Red, White, and Blue
13th Veterans Day Assembly RAINDATE	14th <a href="#">General PTO Meeting @ 8pm</a>	15th School Store Open	16th Picture Retake Day	17th 7pm Drama Show  Wear your THS Sports Wear

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