

Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter September 15, 2023

School News:

Grades 3 and 5 Cogat Assessment: Grades 3 and 5 will take the Cogat Assessment the week of October 23rd. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Power School Permissions Reminder: Please visit PowerSchool and update any information that you see inaccurate. Also, please remember to **read and check off all the Policy Permissions and Agreements**. Please see the instructions below

1. Log-in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account (email: techsupport@orange-ed.org for username or password resets)
2. Click on the “**Forms**” tab from the left side navigation menu. Here you will find all student forms. Please review the information the school has on record for your child and make any necessary revisions. You will also need to fill out the **Student Policy Agreements and Photo Permissions** form at this time. The **Returning Student Forms** must be completed annually at the start of school to verify that the information on record is complete and accurate.
3. You may return to the PowerSchool Portal Forms tab at any time throughout the year to update your child's information using the Returning Students Forms.
4. All Policies related to Technology, Sexual Harassment and Bullying may be found at our website (www.oess.org) under **Departments**, followed by **Technology Services**, then **Policies for Students, Parents and Teachers**.

The CHET Dream Big! Competition

The Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET) Dream Big! Competition is awarding more than \$450,000 in CHET 529 College Savings Plan contributions, sponsored by the Connecticut State Treasurer's Office. To enter, students are asked to answer a prompt in the form of a drawing, painting, essay, or video. Submissions must be entered by November 6, 2023.

Turkey Hill can win too! Each school represented by at least one student's entry will be entered in a drawing for a technology prize worth \$7,500! For more details and the entry forms: <https://bit.ly/CHETDreamBig2023>. If you would like to submit your entry online, visit chetdreambig.com.

Internet Safety Training: There is an upcoming, free training for Parents / caregivers, teachers, and child workers. This training is being offered by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the District of Connecticut, and the Connecticut Department of Children and Family. They will discuss how to keep children safe when they use the internet, their cell phones or tablets, and video games. Click here to see the flyer. It will take place through Zoom on Tuesday, September 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Also via Zoom on Wednesday, November 8th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

[Link for registering for September's training.](#)

[Link to registering for November's training.](#)

Spirit Wear Fridays: THS spirit wear Fridays are back! Wear your THS shirts or the colors orange and blue every Friday! Don't have official THS Spirit Wear?? Don't worry - the online store

will open shortly where you can buy a shirt with this year's winning shirt design. More information to come!

A Message from the Nurse; Just a reminder that children are not allowed to have cough drops in their desk/bag. Please place cough drops in a plastic bag with the child's name on the bag and a written note from the parent and they will be kept in the nurse's office for distribution. Please contact Nurse Kathleen at kmalone@orange-ed.org with any questions.

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

Fun Run

Our THS Fun Run kicks off MONDAY! This year, our school is raising funds for our outdoor classroom project and general PTO funds. Our goal is to raise \$17,000, and, if you'd like to, we are inviting YOU to help! **Here's how you can support Turkey Hill School:**

1. [Register on mybooster.com tonight](#). It's so easy!
2. Share about our fundraiser with your family and friends using the SHARE BUTTON on [mybooster.com](#).
3. Give a donation, if you are able.

Thank you for supporting our school!. We can't wait for the THS Fun Run happening on 09/28/2023!

THS Shirt

Thank you for all the amazing submissions... we received more than 50+ student designs for this year's design contest, and have narrowed it down to 4 finalists. Congrats to Olivia B. (Grade 6), Adrian A. (Grade 5), Hattie O. (Grade 3), and Parker C. (Grade 3) for being selected as finalists. You can check out these awesome designs on our [Facebook page here](#). All THS staff and students are currently voting, and the official THS Shirt design as chosen by their votes will be revealed next week! Links to order spirit wear will shortly follow.

Library Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who signed up to be a library volunteer - we have more than 60 volunteers across 18 classes! Volunteers begin coming into library next week. There will be a training session for library volunteers **Monday, 9/18 at 8:40AM** in the library with Ms. K. We do still need volunteers for the following 2 classes: *Acker, Tuesdays 11:35AM* and *Zottoli, Thursday 11:35AM*.

If your schedule allows, even if it's not every week, we would love your help in these classes. Grandparents also make wonderful library volunteers! Email Meghan Rabuse, Library Volunteer Coordinator at turkeyhillpto@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer for these 2 classes.

PTO Committee Volunteers

Last call for committee volunteers! my.cheddarup.com/c/th-s-pt-o-committees-23-24
We are in wonderful shape with a committee chair and volunteers for every single PTO event and activity committee for this year! Thank you - our THS families are amazing! We will be

closing the volunteer sign-up for the year on **Friday, 9/24** in order to get committee chairs their volunteer lists. Each chair will start with this list when they begin planning and organizing their event or activity.

THS PTO Membership: Join the PTO by 9/30 to get your FREE school directory!

<https://bit.ly/member2324> All families are invited to join the THS PTO. *We are currently at 46% of THS families - help us reach our goal of 100% family membership.* Questions? Please contact Missy Verdura, THS PTO Treasurer, at treasurerthspto@gmail.com. If you are in need of financial assistance for PTO dues, please contact our principal, Denise Arterbery at darterbery@orange-ed.org or 203-891-8040. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Turkey Titan School Store: Status for Wednesday, September 20: **OPEN**

School supply item prices range from \$0.25-\$5.00. Turkey Hill baseball and winter hats, bags, cups, mugs and water bottles - prices range from \$3.00-\$22.00. Gift certificates are available for purchase - email laura.yencho@gmail.com or ajdecrosta@aol.com for info.

Picture Day: Save the date - Thursday, October 5th. More details to come home in backpacks next week.

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
18 Fun Run Kick Off	19	20 School Store	21	22 Wear your THS Spirit Wear
25 No School	26	27 School Store	28 THS Fun Run Gr.4,5,6 12:40 - 1:40 Gr.1,2,3 1:45 - 2:45	29

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