

Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter
September 22, 2023

School News:

Picture Day: All students will have their individual and class pictures taken on **Thursday, October 5th**. To order: visit mylifetouch.com / Picture Day ID: EVT7JZT23
Informational envelopes from Lifetouch will be sent home next week with additional order and payment instructions. You may also receive an email directly from Lifetouch with Picture Day information if you have ordered from them in the past. Retakes are scheduled for 11/16.

Halloween Parade: Please [click here](#) for details.

Grade 6 SOAR Program: The Orange Police Department has revamped the DARE program that is offered to 6th graders. The new program is called SOAR (Students of Orange Acting Responsibly). The topics presented are very similar to that of DARE, however Officer Bailey and Knepper bring a lot of relevant topics/cases that occurred in the town of Orange to this new program. This program will run for 8 sessions during the school day starting the week of 10/2.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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.](#)

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: So far we have raised \$12,500!! Boosterthon is offering a BONUS PRIZE OPPORTUNITY for all students! It's for this weekend only, so time is limited to earn this extra reward. Log into MYBOOSTER.COM to learn more about this prize! Reminder: We're raising \$17,000 for our outdoor classroom project and general PTO funds that will directly impact students and staff here at Turkey Hill School. We can't do this without your help! Don't forget - The THS Fun Run Obstacle Course is happening on Thursday, 9/28!!! You are invited to watch the fun - Grades 4-6 run at 12:40 PM, Grades 1-3 run at 1:45 PM. All students will receive a Fun Run shirt on Thursday.

THS Night @ Treat Farm Corn Maze: Save The Date - Friday, 10/13

Join us for our annual fall celebration: THS Night at the Treat Farm Corn Maze! On Friday, October 13th, Treat Farm will welcome all THS students and families to navigate their way through the corn maze. Sessions will be offered at 5pm, 6pm, and 7pm and space will be limited. Additional information, flier and registration link to follow in the coming weeks.

THS Shirt

We have an official THS Shirt design selected for 2023-2024....congratulations to Adrian A. for her winning Turkey Titan emblem. You can see it here on our [Facebook page](#). Thank you again to all the artists who submitted designs, and all our THS staff and students for voting. We are working to get the online spirit wear store up and open. Look for a link to order here in the Gobbler next week!

Library Volunteers

We are still in need of volunteers for the following 2 classes: **Acker, Tuesdays 11:35 AM and Zottoli, Thursday 11:35 AM**. 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 **Sunday, 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 50% 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 27: **OPEN**

Gift certificates are available for purchase - email laura.yencho@gmail.com or 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 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](https://www.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
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 Wear your THS Spirit Wear
2 Grade 6 SOAR Program starts	3	4 School Store	5 Picture Day	6 Wear your THS Spirit Wear

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