

Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter

September 8, 2023

School News:

Power School Permissions Reminder: In PowerSchool you will see many tabs in the left-hand navigation menu. Please visit the PowerSchool Registration tab and update any information that you see inaccurate on that form. Also, please remember to **read and check off all the Policy Permissions and Agreements**. In order to use school technology, parents must acknowledge this on PowerSchool. If permission is not granted, students will not be allowed to use district technology. Also, please visit the Alert Solutions Tab to update your contact preferences.

Lunch and Online Payments: Our Food Services Staff is committed to providing wholesome, nutritious meals that students will enjoy. Information regarding the Free and Reduced Lunch program and a downloadable application as well as Lunch menus will be posted on our website at www.oess.org. **If your household qualifies for free or reduced meals based on posted income guidelines, please complete an application.**

Orange Public School meals will no longer be free beginning with the 2023-24 school year. However, those students who are qualified for "Reduced" lunch will continue to have free lunch (i.e. \$.40 "Reduced" charge will be paid by the State of CT instead of the student's household).

Families can load money into their child's Power School account for the purchase of lunch, milk and snack by logging into RevTrack at <https://orange.revtrak.net/tek9.asp>. Please email techsupport@orange-ed.org if you have any log in issues. Of course, you may send in cash or a check (made out to: Orange Food Services) in an envelope labeled with your child's name for us to add to the account. Due to rising costs of food and supplies it has been necessary to increase the price of lunch to **\$3.15 per day. If a child chooses to purchase a milk only the price has remained the same - \$.60**. Please contact Christine Koch at ckoch@orange-ed.org with any questions.

Guidelines for Keeping a Sick Child Home: Please [click here](#).

Fundraiser for Smilow: Thank you to all who donated!! We raised \$2,700 today! Ms. Malafronte will ride in the Closer to Free Ride tomorrow and is the top fundraiser for the entire ride!! Go Ms. Malafronte!!!!

Student Entries in Orange Country Fair: [Click Here](#) for more information.

An Evening for the Arts Jamie Hulley Event: If you are interested in supporting the Jaime Hulley Arts Foundation please click [here](#).

Approaching the School Bus: As we begin the school year we'd like to remind all of our community members of the rules for stopping when a school bus has stopped with its flashing lights on. [Click Here](#)

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

THS Fun Run: Registration is open NOW! We're only ONE week away from our THS Fun Run and our students and staff are so excited! We're looking forward to having fun and building community together.

★ [Log into MYBOOSTER.COM today to get started!](#) ★

Just for registering, you can enter our PARENT SWEEPSTAKES to win free admission to a PTO event of your choosing. In order to be eligible for the drawing, you must register before kickoff on 9/18/23. This year if we get 80% of our whole school registered by the THS Fun Run, our WHOLE SCHOOL gets a Dj'd Recess!" Thank you for supporting our school - we are grateful for our amazing school community!

Monthly PTO Meeting: All families are invited to attend our first General Meeting, Tuesday, 9/12 at 8PM via Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/aoz-cepx-ffu>

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 43% 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!

Library Volunteers: **Library volunteers still needed!** Thank you to all who already signed up to volunteer for library duty in your child's class. We are still in need of volunteers for the following classes:

Kranz	Ryczer	Acker	Zottoli	Sapienza
Thursday 10:50AM	Tuesday 10:50AM	Tuesday 11:35AM	Thursday 11:35AM	Thursday 10:05AM

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/thslibraryvolunteer23-24> Questions? Please contact Meghan Rabuse, THS PTO Co-President and Library Volunteer Coordinator, at turkeyhillpto@gmail.com.

PTO Committee Volunteers: PTO Committee volunteers - sign up to volunteer for any of our event or activity committees here: <https://bit.ly/committees2324>

If you aren't able to volunteer as a room parent or for the library, we have loads of other options for families that fit all different schedules - be it an evening or weekend social event, a one day event like Field Day or Junior Achievement. When it comes time to start planning these events and activities, the people who have signed up here are the ones we reach out to. Sign up for as many or as few opportunities as you would like. All we do is only possible through YOUR help!

Turkey Titan School Store: Beginning on September 13th, the School Store will open each Wednesday during lunch. The store allows students to independently shop for

school supplies and THS gear while practicing valuable math and monetary skills! All proceeds from the store directly support our school. Current funds have recently been approved to purchase a new public announcement system that will be used during assemblies, concerts and other events!

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.

Scholastic Book Fair: Thank you THS! We raised \$1200 Scholastic Dollars for our library. Save the date for our next fair 10/16-10/20.

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/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

Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11	12 General PTO Meeting 8pm (Virtual - click here for link)	13 School Store Opens	14	15 Wear your THS Spirit Wear
18 Fun Run Kick Off	19	20 School Store	21	22 Wear your THS Spirit Wear

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