

Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter

March 6th, 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

School Calendars: Please see the calendars and holiday lists linked below. The 2025-2026 calendar has been updated to reflect the additional days due to our recent snow days. Also, The 2026-2027 is linked for your planning purposes.

- [2025-2026 Updated School Calendar](#)
- [2025-2026 Holidays](#) (Not all holidays are a day off.)
- [2026-2027 School Calendar](#)
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Minimum Day: As a reminder 3/10/26 is a minimum day for parent teacher conferences. Dismissal will begin at 12:55. Please update Pik My Kid if there will be any changes to your child's dismissal.

A Message from Student Council:

- **Book Drive:** Student Council is hosting a book drive to support Read to Grow, a statewide nonprofit dedicated to building strong foundations for lifelong learning by increasing children's access to books. Their vision is for every child in Connecticut to have books of their own at home. We are collecting high-quality, gently used children's books to help make this vision a reality from March 9th until March 19th. Please ensure all donated books are clean, odor- and mold-free, and in excellent condition—no torn or missing pages or covers. (Please note that we are unable to accept former library books.) Thank you for helping us put great books into the hands of children who need them most!
- **Dress Up Week:** Next week, we are celebrating the joy of reading with a fun-filled Read Across America Week! Join us for themed dress-up days that serve as a reminder of the excitement, adventure, and opportunities that reading brings to our lives. We hope everyone joins in the fun—and, of course, takes some time to enjoy a good book! [Click here](#) for the schedule.

Reminder: Kids Heart Challenge: This year Orange Public Schools is partnering with the American Heart Association to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge. Our goal is for 100% of our families learning the lifesaving skill of Hands-Only CPR! It only takes a few minutes to learn, and it can make all the difference in an emergency. Additionally, during the month of March in P.E. class, students will be learning about healthy habits to enhance their well-being and playing fun games to correspond with the heart challenge! Below you will find information on how to register your child for the challenge. Students who register will receive a wristband, and there are other chances to earn more prizes. If 50% of our families sign up our school will earn a \$500 gift certificate for physical activity and recess equipment to support the health of our school community! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Vitti at mvitti@orange-ed.org

To register your child go to: <http://www2.heart.org/goto/TurkeyHillElementary> and complete Finn's Mission: Complete all 7 steps, learn Hands-Only CPR, and be entered to win two Super Bowl tickets!

Reminder: End of School Year Events: [Click here](#) to see a list of end of year events - if there are changes or additions to this list as the year goes on we will add it in red so you know that it is a new addition.

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: Here you will find copies of all of the notices we typically send home by email or with your child or community events.

- [School News](#)
- [Community Events](#)
 - [Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt](#)
 - [Orange Soccer Registration](#)
 - [Robotics Fun Ages 6-9 & Robotics Fun Ages 8-14](#)
 - [Skate with the Amity High School Hockey Team](#)
- [PTO information](#)

PTO EVENTS

☀ **TALENT SHOW:** Reminder there will be a **MANDATORY rehearsal on Tuesday, 3/10 at either 6pm or 7pm.** An email was sent out this week with scheduled times.

📧 The deadline to register an act has passed, but ticket sales are now open! Ticket price includes one prepackaged snack and drink per person during intermission.

[Click here to purchase talent show tickets](#) by **Monday, 3/9.**

🦃 **TURKEY GRAMS:** An honored **6th grade tradition** at Turkey Hill is Turkey Grams in the yearbook. Families and friends are invited to purchase space in the yearbook to honor their 6th grader as they transition from Turkey Hill onto the middle school. [Turkey Grams can be purchased here](#) Turkey Grams are for **6th graders ONLY** and must be purchased with photos received no later than **Sunday, 3/15**, no exceptions. For questions, email thsyearbook2526@gmail.com.

🧑 **MY LITTLE GUY & ME EVENT:** All THS little guys and a loved one are invited to join friends on **Saturday, 3/28 from 10am - 12pm** at *IT! Adventure Ropes Course* for a morning of fun! The price is \$68/couple minimum and \$34/each additional child, and includes the full ropes course (including *Little IT* for any who do not meet the minimum height requirement for the main course), snacks, photo and a small favor. We hope to see all THS Little Guys there! [Click here to get your tickets](#)

Location: *It Adventure Ropes Course* inside Jordan's Furniture, 40 Sargent Dr, New Haven, CT 06511

📖 **YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE BY 4/10:** The online store is open for yearbook orders! [Order yours here](#) today, click Order Yearbooks and use password: TurkeyYB. The price is \$30, with the option to have your cover personalized for an additional \$10. **All orders must be placed by April 10th.** You can also check to see if you have already ordered your yearbook at the link as well. [Yearbook order instructions](#)

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS All 6th graders will receive a FREE copy of the yearbook courtesy of the PTO. **Please do not submit an order for 6th graders** unless you wish to purchase additional copies. You may request a personalized cover (\$10) for your free yearbook by emailing thsyearbook2526@gmail.com

✏ **TURKEY TITAN SCHOOL STORE:** The school store will be open during lunch every other Wednesday. **The next scheduled opening is on Wednesday, 3/11.** Gift certificates are available for purchase and are a great option for birthday or holiday celebrations. Email ajdecrosta@aol.com to purchase gift certificates.

📷 **YEARBOOK PHOTOS:** Now accepting photos from **Bingo Night, Valentine's Day parties and Little Lady & a Loved One.** We are also still accepting photos from all in-school activities: **Art Goes to School, AV Club, Band, Library & Orchestra.** [Click here to submit photos for the yearbook!](#)

■ **MONTHLY PTO MEETING:** The next PTO meeting is **Friday, 4/10 at 9:00 am**. Meetings are virtual via Google Meet. If you would like to suggest an item to be added to the meeting agenda, email turkeyhillpto@gmail.com by Wednesday, 4/8. We hope you can join us! [Link to the April PTO Meeting](#)

STAY IN TOUCH! Want to stay up to date on ALL that is happening at THS?

- Follow us on [Facebook](#)
- Get [Remind texts](#) for important updates
- Sync our [THS PTO calendar](#) to your own
- Find links to all the latest on the [THS PTO website](#)
- We welcome your questions and feedback! Email us anytime at turkeyhillpto@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9th Read Across America	10th Minimum Day - Evening Conferences	11th School Store Open	12th Talent Show 6-8pm	13th Irish Step Dancing Assembly
16th BOE Meeting 7pm	17th	18th	19th	20th No School - Professional Learning for Teachers

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