

Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter

December 5th, 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

Volunteer Expectations: As we enter a busy season filled with school events, volunteer opportunities, and field trips, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation for our volunteers. Your time, enthusiasm, and commitment make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students and the strength of our school community. In order to maintain a safe and supportive environment, all volunteers shall review, sign, and adhere to [the Volunteer Code of Conduct](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping us maintain a positive environment for all staff, students, and families.

Orange Public Schools Preschool Lottery: Limited Openings for 2026-2027 Community Peer/Tuition-Based Program. The application deadline to enter the Lottery is January 29th, 2026. For more information -click here- [Preschool Lottery_for_2026-2027](#)

Cold Weather: As a reminder our students will be going outside for recess and at times gym class when the feels like temperature is 25 degrees or warmer. Please make sure that your child comes to school with appropriate outdoor clothing (coat, hat, gloves). If you need assistance in finding a coat for your child please contact Denise Arterbery at darterbery@orange-ed.org.

Class Pictures and Retakes/ Sibling Photos: Your child should come home with a class picture in their backpacks. These photos are complimentary and every student receives one. Additionally, Coffee Pond notified us that retakes and sibling photos will be here at Turkey Hill before winter break.

Holiday/ New Year Cards: We love receiving your holiday picture cards! We hang them on our front counter in the office and staff and students love seeing them as they walk by! If you have an extra one feel free to mail it to us at 441 Turkey Hill Road!

Reminder: Holiday Assistance: If your family is in need of food or gift support as we enter into the holiday season please contact our social worker, Meghan Bova, at mbova@orange-ed.org.

Reminder: Save the Date: Winter Concert Schedule: We are excited for our upcoming winter concerts this year!! Mr. Ryan has been planning for quite some time and they are sure to entertain! [Please click](#) here for the dates for our winter concerts.

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](#)
 - [Amazing Animal Ambassadors](#)
 - [Holiday Tree Lighting](#)
 - [Breakfast with Santa](#)
- [PTO information](#)

PTO EVENTS

 **THS HOLIDAY SHOP 2025:** The Holiday Shop will take place **Tuesday, 12/9 - Thursday, 12/11**. Each class is scheduled for a time to visit the Shop during the week (see the schedule below) and there will be a make-up day on Friday, 12/12. We are excited to offer many great gifts that students can purchase for family & friends at prices ranging from \$0.25 to \$8, with most items costing less than \$5. Budget envelopes have been sent home in which your student can bring back their shopping money on their shopping day. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to practice working within a budget and experience the joy of giving this holiday season!

Volunteers are needed! [Sign up to volunteer at the THS Holiday Shop!](#)

Bring a Bag Students are asked to bring in their own reusable bag on their shopping day that they will use to carry home their purchases. Any questions, reach out to Andrea DeCrosta at ajdecrosta@aol.com or Jamie Ottaviano at ottaviano0919@gmail.com

The class shopping days are:

Tuesday 12/9: Psaradellis, Sapienza, Zottoli, Marano's Math Class, Ginsberg's Third Period Class, Castelot, Kranz

Wednesday 12/10: Amat, Mongillo, L. Fortin, Baldwin's Math Class, Smolenski's Third Period Class, Sklanka, Malafronte

Thursday 12/11: J. Fortin's Third Period Class, Acker

NOTE: *4th Grade - your student is going with their Math teacher & 6th Grade - your student is going with their 3rd Period teacher*

 **RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS:** Want to make holiday shopping easy and support the THS PTO? Order gift cards with the [RaiseRight fundraiser](#)! A portion of all gift card sales (up to 20%) is donated to the PTO to support your school throughout the year. There is something for everyone with over 750 brands to choose from. [Browse the catalog here.](#)

 **AUTHOR VISIT - PRE-ORDER BOOKS:** *I Survived* author, Lauren Tarshis, will be visiting Grades 3-6 on **Monday, 1/12**. In advance of her visit, we have limited quantities of her books available for pre-order, to be signed and distributed to students following her visit. To ensure books arrive in time for her visit, **pre-orders will close on Friday, 12/19.** [Pre-order here!](#) Pre-ordered, signed books will be sent home with students following her visit on 1/12. Grades 1 & 2 will also have an author visit later this Spring. Stay tuned for details!

 **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT DAY:** We are still in need of volunteers for Junior Achievement Day for the following classes:

Grade 1 - Kranz & Malafronte

Grade 2 - Amat, L. Fortin & Zottoli

Grade 3 - Acker & Sklanka

Grade 6 - Smolenski

Junior Achievement Day will be held on **Friday, 1/16 from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm** with a snow date of 1/23. Volunteers will have a training session on Thursday, 1/8 at 6:30 pm to receive materials and an overview from our JA representative. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

[Sign Up to Volunteer for Junior Achievement Day](#)

Junior Achievement is an in-school, one-day program run by classroom volunteers in partnership with Junior Achievement of Southwest New England to bring financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career readiness instruction to our students. JA provides all the curriculum and materials, tailored by grade and delivered through stories and interactive games. It's a fun way to hear kids' takes on taxes, salaries, markets, interview skills, civic responsibilities, and more!

 **TURKEY TITAN SCHOOL STORE:** The school store will be open during lunch every other Wednesday. Gift certificates are available for purchase and are a great option for birthday or holiday celebrations. **The next scheduled opening is on Wednesday, 12/16.**

 **YEARBOOK PHOTOS:** Currently 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, 1/9 at 9:00 am.** Meetings are virtual via Google Meet. We hope you can join us! [Link to the January 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
8th	9th Holiday Shop	10th Holiday Shop	11th Holiday Shop	12th Holiday Shop
15th	16th	17th	18th 9am Winter Jamboree Performance for Grades 1 and 2 Families	19th 9 am Winter Concert for Grades 5 and 6 Families 12:30pm Winter Concert for Grades 3 and 4 Families
22nd	23rd Minimum day with dismissal beginning at 12:55 PJ Day	24th No school - Winter break	25th No school - Winter break	26th No school - Winter break
29th No school - Winter break	30th No school - Winter break	31st No school - Winter break	1st No school - Winter break	2nd No school - Winter break
5th Return to school.	6th	7th	8th	9th Virtual General PTO Meeting 9 am.

TURKEY HILL SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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