

Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter

September 18, 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

Fun Run: Thank you for all of your support with our Fun Run Fundraiser! We have surpassed our goal of raising \$16,000 and the number keeps climbing!

Reminder: GRADES 3 AND 5 COGAT ASSESSMENTS: Grades 3 and 5 will take the Cogat Assessment the week of September 21st. Please [click here](#) for more information.

REMINDER: FREE BREAKFAST: Beginning October 1st, Orange Public Schools will begin offering free breakfast to all students everyday.

- [Click Here](#) for the flyer
- [Click here](#) for an informational letter

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS: We have Turkey Hill Students that celebrate the following upcoming holidays.

Yom Kippur: Yom Kippur is one of the holiest days of the Jewish year. It is a special time for reflection, forgiveness, and thinking about how we can make good choices and be kind to others. We wish all of our families observing Yom Kippur a peaceful and meaningful day.

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

- [School News](#)
- [Community Events](#)
 - [Car Safety Seat Day](#)
 - [Funtober at the Fairgrounds](#)
 - [Amity Youth Lacrosse](#)
 - [Orange Soccer Association](#)
 - [Cub Scouts](#)
 - [Amity Travel Basketball](#)
 - [Jamie Hulley Evening for the Arts](#)
 - [Amity Aquatics](#)
- [PTO information](#)

PTO EVENTS

 **WELCOME AND KEY PTO DATES:** A huge welcome to all our new families and welcome back to all our THS returning families! PTO has already been hard at work planning the year's activity calendar, and are so excited to bring back so many of our Turkey Titan traditions, as well as introducing a few new events and volunteer opportunities this year.

These are the key dates and upcoming deadlines you don't want to miss.

- [Join the PTO](#) by 9/30 to get your FREE school directory!
- First PTO Meeting of the year is Thursday, 9/24 at 8:30 pm - join via [Google Meet here!](#)
- PTO Committee volunteers - [sign up to volunteer](#) for any of our event or activity committee

 **THS SHIRT 2026-27:** We have a winner... congratulations to **4th grader Hayley D.**! Her unique, never done before feather design collected 35% of nearly 300 staff and student votes to be officially chosen as the 2026-2027 THS Shirt design. Stay tuned for a link to order THS spirit wear featuring this year's winning design coming later this month!

 **THS PTO MEMBERSHIP:** Join the PTO by 9/30 to get your FREE school directory! All families are invited to join the THS PTO. Help us reach our goal of 100% family membership. Membership dues are \$20 per family, and are one of the largest sources of funding for the PTO. Each year, the PTO budget funds social events, like last week's family picnic, student enrichment activities, like author visits, Art Goes to School, and the Turkey Titan Printing Press, provides curriculum enhancement stipends to every teacher at THS, covers field trip buses for all students, and more! PTO by-laws and our insurance require that all volunteers for PTO programs (board members, room parents, library volunteers, AGTS, event and activity committees) be registered members of the PTO. Click Here to [Join the THS PTO](#)

 **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for library duty. We are still in need of volunteers for the following classes:

- L. Fortin (1) - Thursday 12:50pm
- Amat (2) - Monday 10:50am
- Mongillo (5) - Thursday 2pm
- J. Fortin (6) - Monday 12:05pm

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these classes, even if it's only 1-2x a month, please email turkeyhillpto@gmail.com.

 **PTO COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:** There are many opportunities for families to get involved at THS. We have options that fit all different schedules - be it an evening or weekend social event, or a one day event like Field Day or Junior Achievement. When it comes time to start planning these events and activities, we reach out to the people who have signed up here. Sign up for as many or as few opportunities as you would like. All we do is only possible through YOUR help!
[PTO Committee Volunteer Sign Up](#)

 **PTO BOARD OPPORTUNITY:** We are currently looking for an additional Board appointee to serve as an **Academic Chair**, helping to organize ongoing in-school programs like Library Volunteers, Art Goes to School, Author Visits, etc. If you are interested in getting more involved and serving on the PTO Board, please email turkeyhillpto@gmail.com

 **TURKEY TITAN SCHOOL STORE:** The school store will be open during lunch every other Wednesday. **The first scheduled opening is on Wednesday, 9/23.** The store allows students to independently shop for school supplies and THS gear while practicing valuable math and monetary skills! Gift certificates are available for purchase and are a great option for birthday or holiday celebrations. Any schedule changes will be posted in the Gobbler.

 **YEARBOOK PHOTOS:** Currently accepting 1st Grade Orientation, Back to School Picnic, First Day of School & Fun Run photos. Photos should be of school events and preference for inclusion in the yearbook will be given to photos that include more than one student. Email thsyearbook2627@gmail.com with questions. [Click here to submit photos for the yearbook!](#)

 **MONTHLY PTO MEETING:** First meeting of the year is Thursday, 9/24 at 8:30 pm. All families are welcome to join this virtual meeting. To increase participation, we have set our monthly PTO meetings for the 4th Thursday of every month in the evening. Meetings are virtual via Google Meet. We hope you can join us! [Link for the September PTO Meeting](#)

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

- Follow us on [Facebook](#)
- 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
21st No School	22nd Drama Club Rehearsal Afterschool Finance Subcommittee meeting 6:30pm @BOE BOE Meeting 7pm	23rd Cogat Testing Grades 3 and 5	24th Cogat Testing Grades 3 and 5 Drama Club Rehearsal Afterschool Virtual PTO Meeting - 8:30 pm	25th Cogat Testing Grades 3 and 5
28th	29th Drama Club Rehearsal Afterschool	30th	1st Drama Club Rehearsal Afterschool	2nd

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