

Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter

December 12th, 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

CAS Art Awards: The Connecticut Association of Schools hosts an awards night in celebration of students who excel and show great interest in the performing and visual arts. Each school may select one sixth grader for each category. This year our award recipients are Eli L. for performing/musical arts and Madeleine Z. for visual arts. A reception will be held in February honoring all recipients. Congratulations!!

Grades 3 and 5 CogAT Scores: The score reports for CogAT assessment arrived. Students in grades 3 and 5 will come home with the score reports next week. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Student Council Countdown to Winter Break: Please [click here](#) to see our annual student council countdown to winter break spirit week!

Student Council PJ Day for the Kids: On December 23rd, donate \$1 or more and wear PJ's in support of kids at Connecticut Children's Medical Center who wear their PJ's for long periods of time while enduring treatment. This is a state-wide initiative raising funds, spirits, and awareness for kids battling cancer. You can send in a donation with your child on the 23rd or you can make a donation online at: <https://give.connecticutchildrens.org/team/790756>

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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](#)

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](#)
 - [Breakfast with Santa](#)
- [PTO information](#)

PTO EVENTS

 **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

Grade 3 - Acker & Sklanka

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
15th 7:00 Board of Education Meeting	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 Students return to school.	6th	7th	8th	9th Virtual General PTO Meeting 9 am.

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