

Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter

March 27th, 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming Holidays: We have Turkey Hill Students that celebrate the following holiday next week.

- **Palm Sunday:** Palm Sunday is a Christian holy day that remembers when Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed by people waving palm branches. It marks the beginning of Holy Week and is a time of both joy and reflection, as Christians remember this celebration and look ahead to Jesus' suffering and crucifixion.

Camp Invention: Spark Camp Invention is a hands-on, engaging program where students explore creativity, problem-solving, and innovation through fun STEM-based activities. Campers collaborate to design, build, and think like real inventors while developing confidence and critical thinking skills. Details below:

- Location: Peck Place School (500 Peck Lane, Orange, CT 06477)
- Dates: June 15–June 26, 2026
- Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (*For families needing full-day coverage, 21st Century will be offering an afternoon camp option.*)
- Grades: The program is open to children entering grades 1–6 (rising 1st–6th graders). Students entering 7th grade have the option to participate in our Leaders-in-Training (LIT) program.
- Tuition: Campers: \$440/Leaders-in-Training: \$340
- [Click here](#) to view this year's exciting activities.
- [Click here](#) for registration information.

21st Century Summer Camp: Please [click here](#) to see information about the 21st Century Summer Camp

Scoliosis: On April 7th, 5th grade girls will be screened for scoliosis per state requirements. If you would like to opt out, please contact Nurse Kathleen @ kmalone@orange-ed.org

Jaime Hulley: Did you know that The Jamie Hulley Foundation is our largest sponsor of our Drama Club here at THS? They are hosting their annual fundraiser. [Click here](#) for more information and to purchase a raffle ticket to keep this wonderful foundation going!

Kids Heart Challenge: We have wrapped up the Kids Heart Challenge and our school did a phenomenal job with it! Not only did the students learn about healthy habits, and ways to keep our heart strong, we also raised \$3,146.92 for the American Heart Association. Way to go Turkey Hill! Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the healthy heart challenge! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Vitti at mvitti@orange-ed.org

Reminder: Screen Time Finding the Balance: Orange Youth Services will be hosting guest speaker **Jeff Baer** LCSW, a psychotherapist, who will discuss the effects of screen use on developing brains, behavior, and the emotional well-being of young people. He will share realistic parenting strategies and practical techniques to help parents set healthy boundaries around screen use. Please join them for dinner, discussion, and childcare on **Monday, April 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Peck Place School.**

[Letter about the workshop](#)

[Flyer](#)

[Registration link](#)

Voluntary Family Reading History Questionnaire: Please see the letter linked below regarding the Voluntary Family Reading Questionnaire. If you have any questions about the Voluntary Family Reading History Questionnaire, please contact

Letter from your principal ([English version](#)) ([Spanish version](#)) ([Portuguese version](#))

[English Version of Reading History Questionnaire](#)

[Spanish Version of Reading History Questionnaire](#)

[Portuguese Version of Reading History Questionnaire](#)

Reminder: Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting is April 20th, 2026 @ 7pm

Reminder: 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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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](#)
 - [Camp Invention](#)
 - [Jaime Hulley Arts Foundation Raffle](#)
 - [Family Astronomy Night](#)
 - [Orange Historical Society 250th Anniversary of Revolutionary War Activities](#)
 - [Girls Youth Basketball Summer Camp](#)
 - [Amity Spartans Youth Football Spring Registration](#)
 - [Free Trees for Children](#)
 - [Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt](#)
- [PTO information](#)

PTO EVENTS

MY LITTLE GUY AND ME EVENT: Looking forward to seeing those who registered tomorrow. Please check your email for important event details and be sure you have completed the waiver.

 **PTO INFORMATION SESSION:** Interested in getting more involved at our school? Join us for an informal information session to **learn about the PTO Executive Board and Committee Chair roles.** This is a great opportunity for those who are curious about helping out now or in the future! Info Session: **Monday, 3/30 at 7:00 pm in the Turkey Hill Library** - Hope to see you there!

Following the session, we will open up submissions for Board members. If you wish to run for the 2026-2027 THS PTO Board, you must email turkeyhillpto@gmail.com with your name and position of interest prior to our April 10th meeting.

 **YEARBOOK PHOTOS: LAST CALL!!** Submit your photos from **My Little Guy & Me** event this weekend ASAP! Photo submissions for all other events and activities are now closed
[Click here to submit photos for the yearbook!](#)

 **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, 4/8.** Gift certificates are available for purchase and are a great option for birthday or holiday celebrations. Email ajdecrosta@aol.com to purchase gift certificates.

 **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
30th	31st	1st School Store Closed	2nd	3rd No School
6th	7th	8th	9th District Spelling Bee 5-7pm	10th Virtual PTO Meeting 9 am

TURKEY HILL SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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