Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter
October 16, 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

MINIMUM DAYS: 10/20 and 10/22 are minimum days for parent teacher conferences. Dismissal begins at 12:55pm.

REMINDER: THS NIGHT AT TREAT FARM: Treat Farm will welcome all THS students and families to a fun night on the farm on Friday October 23, 2026. As you may be aware, the corn maze was damaged in the last major storm, but Farmer Jeff has opened the farm up for hayrides and other Fall fun just for us! **Sign up** HERE

Please register for each portion of the event you plan to attend.

- **5:00-6:30pm** Soccer activities by KidsUnited, grades 1-4 (optional, free)
- **5:00-6:30pm** Fun on the farm - food trucks, decorate pumpkins, hay rides, scavenger hunt **Tickets are $5 per child.** Adults may accompany their children at no charge.
- **6:30-8:30pm** outdoor movie - Hotel Transylvania on the farm sponsored by Kids United ***limited to the first 200 registrations***

Food Trucks: Silver Sands Pizza & Bake Bake Hooray (warm beverages and desserts) will be on site for cash purchases. **Registration ends Monday, October 19th.**

KidsUnited*:* Indoor soccer development for kids ages 1.5–9. Fun, age-appropriate classes that build soccer skills and confidence. *Opening November 6 in Orange!*
Book a FREE trial: kidsunited.com/orange

REMINDER: HALLOWEEN AT THS: Please see the linked letter regarding Halloween Celebrations at Turkey Hill. Please Click Here to see it.

REMINDER: VETERANS DAY: Our Veterans Day assembly will take place on November 11th with a snow date of November 12th. If you have a veteran in your family that you would like to honor please fill out the form that went home in backpacks earlier this week. Click here to see the form.

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.

- **School News**
- **Community Events**
  - Amity Dance Team Fall Clinic
  - Town of Orange Holiday Program
  - Funtober at the Fairgrounds
- **PTO Information**

PTO EVENTS

📚 **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:** The Scholastic Book Fair returns to the Turkey Hill School gym from October 19th through 22nd! Students will have the opportunity to preview the fair on Monday 10/19, and then return to shop with their classes throughout the week. With every purchase made, our school earns up to 50% in Scholastic Dollars, which are used to buy books and equipment for our library.

📕 **Payment Options:** We accept cash, checks (made out to Turkey Hill School PTO), and credit cards (from parents only). Please note that kid debit cards such as Greenlight have not worked in the past, so it is recommended that you send a backup payment option. Additionally, Scholastic requires us to charge tax on all purchases, so please take a moment to explain this to your children and **send enough money to cover the 6.35% tax.** Helpful Tax Rate Calculation Sheet

📙 **E-Wallet:** Don't want to send your child with cash? Set up a safe and secure E-Wallet through our Scholastic homepage. Create an account for your child (one account per child; E-Wallets may not be shared between siblings), choose the amount to add, and our volunteers will look up your child's E-Wallet by name and teacher at checkout. Any unused E-Wallet funds will be converted into an e-gift card for you to use at Scholastic.com or at a future fair. **If you have an unused balance from a previous fair, please log-in to your account to convert it to an E-Wallet for this fair.** Our volunteers cannot access past E-Wallets or gift card balances.

📔 **Teacher E-Wallets:** Instead of traditional teacher wish lists, you can now contribute directly to your classroom teacher's E-Wallet! This allows them to shop for books and resources to enrich their classrooms. Click here to find your child's teacher's E-Wallet to support your classroom libraries by Sunday 10/18.

📗 **Friends and Family Shopping Opportunities:** The book fair will be open on Tuesday 10/20 and Thursday 10/22 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm during teacher conferences for you to shop. You can also join us on Thursday 10/22 from 9:00 am to 12:45 pm for Friends & Family Day. Students will be called out of class to shop when their special friend or family member arrives.

📘 **Scholastic Homepage:** Visit our homepage to set up an E-wallet, preview the fair, or shop online! Online purchases made through November 1st also benefit our school!

👕 **LAST CALL FOR THS SPIRIT WEAR!:** Get your official 2026-2027 THS spirit wear featuring the winning student design! We offer hoodies, t-shirts and long sleeves in youth and adult sizes, as well as pajama and sweat pants. All orders will be processed and delivered to school and sent home with students approximately 3 weeks after the store closes. Email turkeyhillpto@gmail.com with any questions.
Order here by Sunday, October 18th!

🎨 **FINAL CALL FOR ART GOES TO SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** Art Goes to School is a PTO-sponsored cultural arts program that delivers approximately 3 to 4 art enrichment lessons to the classrooms throughout the year. We are looking for 2-4 volunteers for each classroom to present the AGTS lessons to their child's class this year! If you have any questions about AGTS, email the chairs Karen Kriss kwkriss1@gmail.com or Michele Montanaro Msmontanaro@gmail.com.
Sign up here by Friday, October 16th to volunteer.

🥧 **THANKSGIVING PIE & COOKIE DOUGH SALE:** Back by popular demand, the Lyman Orchards Pie and Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough sale is officially open!

Order online **by October 19th** and make sure to share your unique link with friends and family members who want to order too. **Pie pick up will be Monday, November 9th from 3:30 - 5:30.**

👩🏻‍🏫 **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 next scheduled opening is on Wednesday, 10/21.** 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:** The next PTO meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10/22 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 October 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
19th Scholastic Book Fair Pie Orders Due Board of Education Meeting 7pm	20th Scholastic Book Fair Minimum Day for Parent Teacher Conferences. Dismissal at 12:55pm	21st Scholastic Book Fair School Store is Open	22nd Scholastic Book Fair Minimum Day for Parent Teacher Conferences. Dismissal at 12:55pm General PTO Meeting 8pm (Virtual Click Here)	23rd THS Night at Treat Farm 5pm

26th Fire Department Visits Grade 1	27th	28th Grade 5 Visits Bryan Andrews House	29th	30th Halloween Parade on track 1:30pm

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