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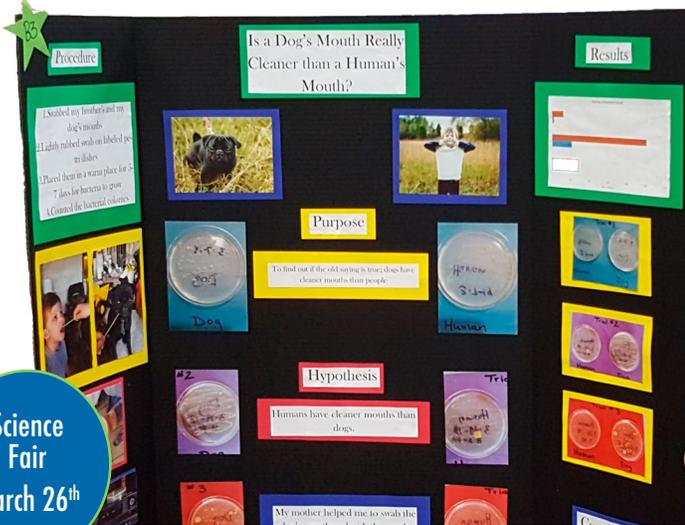
TOWNE ACRES TIMES

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Towne Acres Elementary PTA



Science Fair
March 26th

I know it is wet and the sun is not sunny.
But we can have lots of good FUN that is FUNNY.
-- Dr. Seuss



Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are already a couple of weeks into our final nine weeks of the 2017-18 school year! The final two months of the year are full of exciting activities and events at Towne Acres.

We would like to invite everyone to the Johnson City Schools Rejoice in the Arts program at the Johnson City Mall on Thursday, April 5th. Our fourth graders will be performing songs from their fall performance in front of JC Penney's from 6:40-6:55. Each school in our district will perform for approximately 15 minutes as well as have art work on display.

Kindergarten registration for Towne Acres will be held on April 17. We are extremely excited to be welcoming a new group of kindergarteners into our school. Our annual STEM Day will be held on Friday, April 20.

This event introduces our students to numerous STEM related careers as we have speakers and presenters from numerous organizations coming in to spend time with our students. I would like to issue a big thank you to all of those

leading and helping with our kindergarten registration and STEM Day!

TN Ready testing begins for our third and fourth grade students toward the latter part of the month. The first test (ELA 1) must be administered during the first week of the testing window so Towne Acres will be taking this test on April 18. We have chosen to limit the time spent testing each day. Prior to last year, students were often testing over two hours per day for an entire week. We are going to be able to limit testing to less than an hour each day, with the exception of one day when we will have 80 minutes of testing. All of our students will be able to test in the morning, which is typically "primetime" for testing. Since the afternoons will be full of fun review games and other activities, we want all of our students to be able to participate. Our goal is for the students to be fresh each day and able to do their best. Testing schedules will be sent home with all third and fourth grade students. We ask that you please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night and comes to school on time and ready to work. We will celebrate the end of testing on May 4 with our school-wide pep rally highlighted by our cheerleaders!

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I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for being so proactive with parent request days. Mrs. Powell, Mr. Keller, and I greatly appreciate you contacting us and the classroom teacher when requesting parent days. Having this information ahead of time allows us to code the absences in the appropriate manner. If you plan on using any parent request days over the last two months of school, please continue to email me ahead of time.

As I spend time in classrooms each day, I continue to be amazed at how incredible our students are. They ALL possess so many wonderful qualities, and I marvel at how our families and teachers work to support our boys and girls. I witness random acts of kindness and compassion on a daily basis as I come in and out of classrooms. I see students providing academic help to one another while others are providing a pat on the back or words of encouragement to a classmate who is experiencing difficulty. I see students who are creative and curious who think in ways that I never would have dreamed when I was an elementary student. Our students are a direct reflection of you, so I just want to say thank you for all you do for your child and for allowing me to be a part of your child's education.

Message from the PTA President

I hope that everyone enjoyed their Spring Break and is ready to finish out the last block of school with lots of enthusiasm and excitement. In these last 6 weeks of school, our minds jump to summer and even to the next year of school. We wonder what it will be like when our children go up to the next grade. Short of buying school supplies and enjoying the summer, we are mentally moving on to next year! As PTA President, I really want to say "Hold on! We still have time left in this year!!!", and we have lots of fun things planned. The many things left to do at the end of the year are on the calendar, including STEM Day on April 20th, Pep Rally on May 4th, Teacher Appreciation Week May 7th to 11th, Field Day on May 17th...the list keeps on going. If you can help us out with our last few events of the year we would really appreciate it.

Jumping ahead to 2018-2019 right along with everyone else, I'd like you to consider one thing...your willingness to serve as part of TA PTA. If you are a PTA member, I know you are willing, but where and how do you want to serve? Have you thought about what you might do as a leader of our PTA? Some leadership roles take lots of time and effort throughout the year, and some require less time and can be done from home. Not every role requires you to be at school every day and to serve hours upon hours. (No role is really like that - not President or even Carnival chair!) Our world is busy and our PTA is keeping up with the times and has loads of flexible positions for everyone - mom, dads, grandparents...



Our Board of Managers will have several openings for leadership next year. Committee chairs are needed for Carnival, Yearbook, Hospitality, Scrapbook, Towne Criers Reading Program, Muffins for Mom and Donuts With Dad, to name a few. Serving as a committee chair for a Board position includes the opportunity to serve on our Board of Managers. We would like to continue our tradition of not having to do traditional fundraisers, such as selling chocolate, wrapping paper and magazine subscriptions, but that is only possible if we get enough help to make our Fall Carnival a success. Being part of our wonderful PTA at Towne Acres allows you to stay informed on what is happening around our school and community, and helps ensure we work together to see that the goals of PTA are met each year.

If you have questions and want to find out more, please don't hesitate to reach out, whether you are new at Towne Acres, or are entering your last year, there is a place for everyone. We can't make all the great things we do at our school happen without your help.



Sincerely,
Jennifer Hollinger
2017-2018 PTA President
taptapresident@yahoo.com



Don't forget!
No school on
Monday, April 16th!



Mark your calendars!

The next general PTA meeting will be held on April 9th at 6:30pm in the Little Theater. The 1st grade will be performing.

**Towne Acres Booster Club
Board of Directors 2017-2018**

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School Fundraiser Night



**Tuesday, April 24th
5 - 8 pm**

Dine in or drive thru at [Bojangles's](#)
(2108 W Mountcastle Drive)
on Tuesday, April 24th!

They'll donate 20% of their sales for that night to our school!

Tired of packing lunches for your kids or yourself? Want to be sure you are eating a healthy, well-rounded meal? Let [Fit+Meals](#) take care of the work for you! They offer fully cooked meal options in increments of 5 meals (5-35 meals). Each standard meal consists of (1) protein (3-6oz) & (1) side (3-4oz). Each serving is individually packaged in a recyclable 8oz container and just needs reheated when you're ready to eat. It's easy! You can order online by selecting the number of meals you want, then selecting your protein and sides, along with their portion sizes. Then check out and select where you'd like to pick up the meals. There are multiple convenient pick-up locations on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, including the JC Farmers Market, the Kingsport Farmers Market, the State Street Farmers Market, the old Kmart parking lot, and the Fit+Meals Shoppe, in Piney Flats.

Be sure to use "TA" promo code for 15% off your order!



[ORDER ONLINE @ FPMTRICITIES.COM](#)



Mark your calendars!

The Booster Club's **BOOK FAIR** will be Tuesday, May 15th thru Thursday, May 17th!

The **WALK-A-THON** will be on May 17th in conjunction with Field Day. Students can raise money for the Booster Club + win prizes like "Principal for the Day," "Coach for the Day," or "Librarian for the Day". Local mascots will be in attendance as well!

Towne Acres Clinic

The Towne Acres Clinic is in need of volunteers! This is a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to get involved at our school. No special training is needed; we only provide basic TLC (bandages, ice packs, crackers). All of our open time slots are listed online at Signup.com. You do not need to commit to volunteering on a regular basis – even helping once is appreciated! Each volunteer slot (1-2 hours) is listed individually. We currently have openings on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

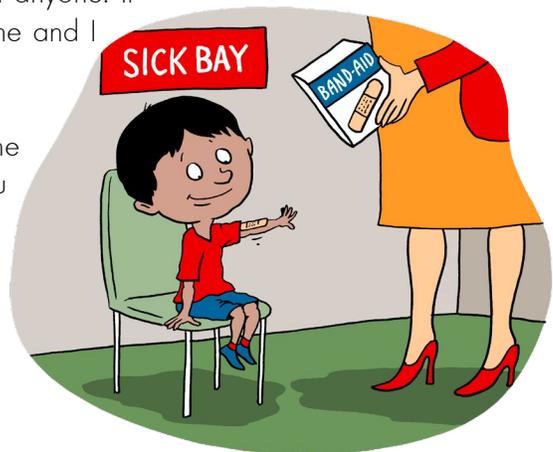
Here's how to sign up in 3 easy steps:

- 1 Click this link to see our SignUp on Signup.com: <http://signup.com/go/M81Sjx>
- 2 Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3 Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on Signup.com.

Note: Signup.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Also, the Clinic Sign Up page can be accessed from the Towne Acres website. Simply select "PTA" from the drop down menu and scroll down to the "Clinic Sign Up" button.

Thank you,
 Jennifer Tucker
 Clinic Coordinator
 423.794.7226
seitztucker@gmail.com





April's Feature: First Grade

Towne Acres First Grade

"On the way to the top, the learning never stops!"

Towne Acres First Grade has been very busy all year. It has been a year of many **firsts** for us. Students are reading their **first** chapter books, taking their **first** minute math tests, and preparing to write and present their **first** reports and their **first** dioramas. Our students are learning how to be successful readers and accurate mathematicians, as well as super spellers, wonderful writers, and class-act citizens.

First grade is a lot of hard work! We're learning all about reading and language. We have created storyboards and presented our favorite books to our class. We just completed our Habitat Dioramas. We know how to solve problems and practice adding and subtracting in math. We can count by 5's and 10's, and we're even counting to 120 and beyond. We can even count backwards! We also explore Science through our space, weather, seasons, insects, animal habitats, and plant units. We map out our world through our Social Studies units including our community, our families, the presidents, and many holidays. First grade is full of life and learning!

In October, we took a field trip to Fender's Farm where we explored the pumpkin patch. We loved picking and decorating pumpkins, choosing a funny gourd, and an ear of popcorn. In March, we enjoyed a play about one of our favorite first graders, Junie B. Jones. In April, we will take a field trip to Bays Mountain and visit the animals and the stars.

Another **first** for our first graders is our new students to Towne Acres. The following students did not attend Towne Acres last year making this their **first** year at our school and deserving a great big welcome!

first grade

Cooper Bradford
Ava Grace Lillie
Zoey McConnell
Aizah Singh

Ruby Coppinger
Zane Lilly
Kaden Morris
Sophia Soloman
Julianne Sutphin

Isabella Hilton
Zealan Lilly
Conner Perdue
Erik Sutphin



Keep reading
to see what
animals we
would be...

If I were an animal...

Mrs. Good's Class



- I would be a **giraffe** and would live in the **grassland** habitat. - **Liv Blankenship**
- I would be a **poison dart frog** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Cooper Bradford**
- I would be a **poison dart frog** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Rishi Brahmhatt**
- I would be a **scorpion** and would live in the **desert** habitat. - **Dylan Bumgarner**
- I would be a **viper** and would live in the **desert** habitat. - **Mason Daniel**
- I would be a **tiger** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **John Louis Eilers**
- I would be a **wolf** and would live in the **forest** habitat. - **Isabella Hilton**
- I would be a **red eyed tree frog** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Braxton Hyatt**
- I would be a **tiger** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Bennett Horne**
- I would be a **tree frog** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Bruce Hunter**
- I would be a **wolf** and would live in the **forest** habitat. - **Cammi Kusenda**
- I would be a **poison dart frog** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Finn Lewis**
- I would be a **cheetah** and would live in the **grassland** habitat. - **Colton Lovelace**
- I would be a **cheetah** and would live in the **grassland** habitat. - **Sophia Miller**
- I would be a **wort hog** and would live in the **grassland** habitat. - **Zaylen O'Neil**
- I would be a **cheetah** and would live in the **grassland** habitat. - **Campbell Phillips**
- I would be a **scorpion** and would live in the **desert** habitat. - **Hayden Shipley**
- I would be a **panda** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Krishnika Singh**
- I would be a **prairie dog** and would live in the **grassland** habitat. - **Abrielle Ward**



Mrs. Pfeiffer's Class

- I would be a **crocodile** and would live in the **wetlands** habitat. - **Myles Booker**
- I would be a **monkey** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Skyler Dykes**
- I would be a **harp seal** and would live in the **arctic** habitat. - **Xander Elrod**
- I would be a **clownfish** and would live in the **ocean** habitat. - **Millie Jones**
- I would be a **rhino** and would live in the **grasslands** habitat. - **Jeremiah Lane**
- I would be a **red fox** and would live in the **forest** habitat. - **Elyse Larzo**
- I would be a **horse** and would live in the **savannah** habitat. - **Layla Levesque**
- I would be an **eagle** and would live in the **forest** habitat. - **Zane Lilly**
- I would be an **elephant** and would live in the **grasslands** habitat. - **Brielyn Martinez**
- I would be a **clownfish** and would live in the **ocean** habitat. - **Cruz Martinez**
- I would be a **jaguar** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Zack Matherne**
- I would be a **sloth** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Annslie Morris**
- I would be a **cheetah** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Kaden Morris**
- I would be an **elephant** and would live in the **grasslands** habitat. - **Eli Nemier**
- I would be a **spider monkey** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Lydia Palmatier**
- I would be a **shark** and would live in the **marine life** habitat. - **Erik Sutphin**
- I would be a **red fox** and would live in the **forest** habitat. - **Julianne Sutphin**
- I would be a **snake** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Paxton Temm**
- I would be a **cheetah** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Isaiah Van Gerpen**
- I would be a **zebra** and would live in the **grasslands** habitat. - **Hayden White**





If I were an animal...

Mrs. Taylor's Class



- I would be a **shark** and would live in the **ocean** habitat. - **Jackson Baker**
- I would be a **tiger** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Rishi Bhattacharya**
- I would be a **white tiger** and would live in the **jungle** habitat. - **Layla Boggs**
- I would be a **caribou** and would live in the **forest** habitat. - **Kaylee Callaway**
- I would be a **porcupine** and would live in the **forest** habitat. - **Theo Christian**
- I would be a **fox** and would live in the **woodlands** habitat. - **Ruby Coppinger**
- I would be a **polar bear** and would live in the **arctic** habitat. - **Brinkley Harris**
- I would be a **lion** and would live in the **Africa** habitat. - **Jemma Hoagland**
- I would be a **shark** and would live in the **ocean** habitat. - **Cate Jenkins**
- I would be a **desert fox** and would live in the **desert** habitat. - **Zealan Lilly**
- I would be a **snake** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Spencer Long**
- I would be an **elk** and would live in the **savannah** habitat. - **Zoey McConnell**
- I would be a **bear** and would live in the **forest** habitat. - **Travis Miller**
- I would be a **bear** and would live in the **forest** habitat. - **Rohan Papireddy**
- I would be a **lemur** and would live in the **jungle** habitat. - **Dalton Perry**
- I would be a **snake** and would live in the **forest** habitat. - **Luke Ringley**
- I would be a **camel** and would live in the **desert** habitat. - **Sophie Solomon**
- I would be a **sea turtle** and would live in the **ocean** habitat. - **Alba Thomsen**



Mrs. Willis's Class

- I would be a **jaguar** and would live in the **rain forest** habitat. - **Reed Bennington**
- I would be a **sloth** and would live in the **rain forest** habitat. - **Khaliyah Carney**
- I would be a **toucan** and would live in the **canopy** habitat. - **Ava Carter**
- I would be a **great white shark** and would live in the **ocean** habitat. - **Connor Condry**
- I would be a **toucan** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Harper Dalpiaz**
- I would be a **shark** and would live in the **ocean** habitat. - **Ambrose Dunne**
- I would be a **cheetah** and would live in the **grasslands** habitat. - **Lucas Goins**
- I would be a **tiger** and would live in the **rain forest** habitat. - **Ender Hansen**
- I would be a **jaguar** and would live in the **grasslands** habitat. - **Emma Hensley**
- I would be a **jaguar** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Eli Hugley**
- I would be a **hedgehog** and would live in the **forest** habitat. - **Logan Kirkland**
- I would be a **narwhal** and would live in the **ocean** habitat. - **Ava Lillie**
- I would be a **sea turtle** and would live in the **ocean** habitat. - **Omisha Long**
- I would be a **toucan** and would live in the **rainforest** habitat. - **Knox Nottingham**
- I would be an **elephant** and would live in the **grasslands** habitat. - **Aiden Nucci**
- I would be a **shark** and would live in the **ocean** habitat. - **Jasper Roberts**
- I would be an **elephant** and would live in the **grassland** habitat. - **Nick Schulz**
- I would be an **elephant** and would live in the **grasslands** habitat. - **Annie Vela**

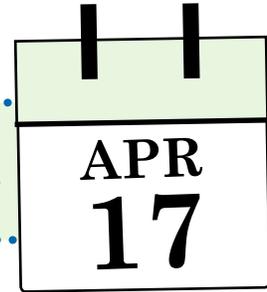




KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TIME!

Towne Acres will be welcoming our newest and youngest students during Kindergarten Registration on April 17th. We need volunteers on this day to welcome parents and students, help serve refreshments, answer questions, and share their love for our TA community. If you can donate your time, or refreshments, or both, please contact Jen Rueckert at jennifer.rueckert@yahoo.com or 304.283.3996.

Date: April 17, 2018
Time: 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.



Do you have a child to register this year? Your child must be five years of age **on or before** August 15th.



Please bring the following documents:

- Proof of Age Affidavit (i.e., Birth Certificate - mother/hospital copy, hospital letter, etc.). Please bring a copy to be kept in permanent school record. Note: Copies of Birth Certificates may be obtained daily from the Washington County Health Dept. (219 Princeton Rd.). Please call for an appointment (975-2200).
- Tennessee Certificate of Immunization (white form from Health Dept. or private provider). Immunization Record which includes the following: 5 DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus) *(4 if dose given after 4th birthday), 4 polio (4th dose must be after 4th birthday), 3 hepatitis B, 2 hepatitis A, 2 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), 2 Varicella (chicken pox—immunization or proof of disease).
- Health examination, signed by health care provider and dated after 08.01.17 (Appointments for examinations should be made as soon as possible).
- Copy of child's social security card (if a social security number is unavailable, the school will assign a Personal Identification Number or PIN).
- Proof of residency/address (i.e., lease, water or power bill).

If you have not already received them, you can contact Mrs. Powell in the front office to obtain all of the necessary forms that will need to be completed at or before Registration Day.



Girls on the Run \$1,000 SCHOOL CHALLENGE!

Register your family and friends for the Girls on the Run 5K on May 5th and you can help our school win \$1000! **The top two GOTR sites with highest participation in the 5K will win \$1000 for their school.** Make sure you select "Towne Acres" during registration. Anyone can run or walk for a school, so spread the word!

Save \$5 if
 you pre-register
 before
 APRIL 23rd!

- Organizer:** Girls on the Run Northeast Tennessee
- Website:** <http://www.stronggirlsrun.com>
- Date:** Saturday, May 5, 2018
- Time:** Race begins at 9:00 AM at South Side Elementary in Johnson City, TN.
- Location:** Race will start and end at South Side Elementary

Questions?

Contact Mrs. Temm at temml@jcschools.org



Science Fair Winners



Cooper Wells, Biological
 Charlotte Dowdy, Physical



Shreeyan Papireddy, Biological
 Clara Crowe, Physical



Swink Hutchinson, Biological
 tie - Nicholas Poland, Physical
 tie - Emily Powell, Physical



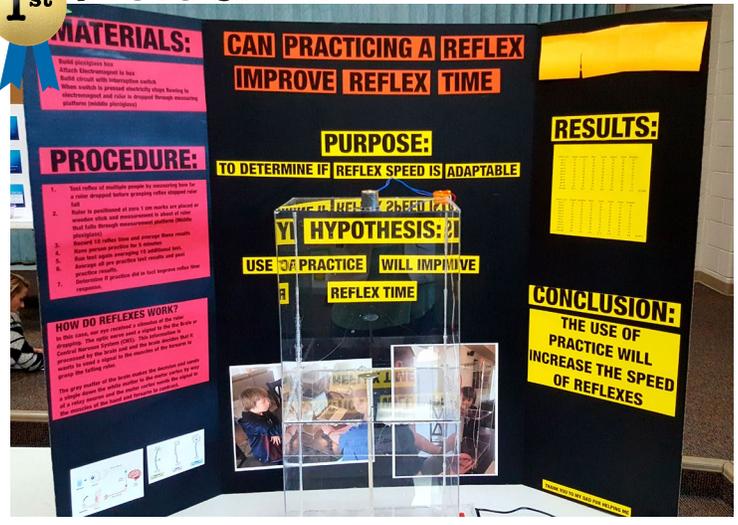
Left to right - Swink Hutchinson, Nicholas Poland, Emily Powell, Clara Crowe, Shreeyan Papireddy, Cooper Wells
 Below - Charlotte Dowdy



1st Physical



1st Biological





STEM WARS

may the F=ma be with you!

The STEM Wars Saga will continue on **Friday, April 20th** at Towne Acres Elementary School. Parents, members of the community and local businesses will be coming as Jedi Masters to teach the younglings the ways of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The program will be a half day for grades kindergarten through second, and a full day for the third and fourth grade, with a lunch provided for all speakers.

If you would like to help out by volunteering to help our speakers, please contact Melina Christian at mpahigianis@gmail.com or 423.220.9789.

It's always a great day and this year promises to be the same! There will be presentations on remote controlled aircraft, pinewood derby racing, chemistry, Blair Academy for the Arts, Hamm Radio club, Snap Circuits, magnets, lights, sous de vide, the Hands on Museum, and more!



Mark your calendars!

Field Day will now take place on **Thursday, May 17th**, instead of Friday, May 18th. Please make the change on your calendars and plan to come help out that day! Please contact Erin Misener at erin.misener@yahoo.com or call 423.202.5803 if you'd like to help!

We need your help!

We are in desperate need of parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles that would like to volunteer in the **Cafeteria**. You can volunteer for one day a month to several days a week. The job duty is easy!!! All you have to do is show up, help open lunches, pass out straws and have fun with all the children. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact Margo Ward at 423.895.1379 or svetnam1@hotmail.com.





FIRST® LEGO® League, Jr. Update

This school year, Towne Acres wanted to spark more STEM awareness in younger grades, so we sent out an interest-form to start a FIRST® LEGO® League Junior program. There were over 40 interested students in 2nd- and 3rd-grade, but official FLL, Jr. teams only allow six students per team.

We did not want to exclude anyone, so we divided the students into two "LEGO Club" groups (about 20 students in each), extending the meetings throughout the school year, incorporating the FLL, Jr. "curriculum", but also challenging the students with teamwork projects, following technical directions, and the ever-popular "Master Builder" days where they had a theme in which to use their imaginations for building from over 100 pounds of random LEGOs.



The meetings ended in the last week of March, but all LEGO Club students will come together on April 12th for their 'end-of-season' celebration and 'Expo'. Sometime during that same week, the Expo will be open for everyone (dates & times TBD). Please take the opportunity to come in and see the display of the major highlights, challenges, and building projects from this year's imaginative and creative groups of 2nd- and 3rd-graders.



COACHES NEEDED! Next year, depending on volunteer coaching support, we hope to have official **FLL, Junior** teams (maximum of six students each with two coaches per team) along with at least two **FLL** teams (next year's 4th-graders; maximum of ten students each with two coaches per team).

If you are interested in being a "coach" for either FLL or FLL, Jr. for the next school year (2018-2019), keep an eye out for information coming home in April. In the meantime, visit www.firstinspires.org and explore these programs.

NEWS RELEASE! The FIRST® LEGO® League has released the 2018-2019 Challenge Overview 'teaser' for FLL: INTO ORBITSM THEME: Explore living in and traveling through space.

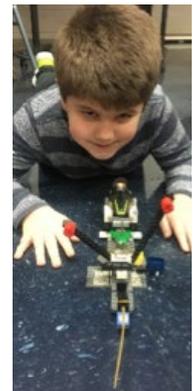
"Gather your crew and get ready to explore, challenge and innovate in the demanding and inspiring expanse we call space! The 2018/2019 FIRST® LEGO® League season requires you to work together to break out of your earthly constraints. Do you have what it takes to go INTO ORBITSM?"

FLL teams will choose and solve a real-world problem in the Project. They will also build, test, and program an autonomous robot using LEGO® MINDSTORMS technology to solve a set of missions in the Robot Game. Throughout their experience, teams will operate under Core Values celebrating discovery, teamwork, and Gracious Professionalism®."

[Note: Usually the challenge for FLL is very similar for FLL, Junior. For example, this year's challenges were "Hydrodynamics" and "Aqua Adventure", respectively.]

In having both FLL and FLL, Junior at Towne Acres, we hope to grow interest beyond 4th-grade and fill in the "robotics gap" for when the students get to the more advanced (and highly acclaimed) Science Hill High School FIRST® Robotics Competition Team in grades 9-12, ages 14-18.

Linda Glisson, Coach-FLL, Jr., 2017-2018, TA.FLLjr@yahoo.com





Towne Criers Reading Program

Congratulations to the following students for completing their 400 minutes of reading for January! Keep up the good work!



Aitken

Sanjana Bangaru
 Ann Marie Batt
 Flynn Conduff
 Naomi Gluzberg
 Andrew Grindstaff
 Maverick Mackie
 Elin Mattison
 Riley Mercer
 Emerson Penny
 Ty Pitts-Wade
 Jacob Swatzell
 Adam Tucker
 Ella Wharton
 Susanah Williams

Campbell

Isla Allchurch
 Leo Bailey
 Adeline Belanger
 Alison Berry
 Emory Christie
 Evan Davis
 Sophia Johnson
 Ruthie Martin
 Bella Perrigan
 London Plummer
 Jacey Sandos
 Abhay Vashist
 Liam Walker
 Wyatt Walker
 Michael Ward

Howard

Tori Burkette
 Catherine Church
 Lillith Coronel
 Micah Driver
 Elliot Dyer
 Cooper Fleeman
 Kennedy Howard
 Savannah Jenkins
 Mina Kimmel
 Maya Osborn
 Esme Reed
 Carter Richardson
 Brooks Wilhjem
 Charlotte Williams

Ward

Ansu Adhikari
 Magnolia Allen
 Riley Blankenship
 Kamryn Clark
 Eliana Clements
 Zace Ethridge
 London Griffin
 Eli Hurley
 Lula Johnston
 Mikayla Kevern
 Ashleigh Lewis
 Brock Ragan
 Clara Sutterlin
 Cameron Williams
 Tyler Williams
 Ilyas Yavas

Goad

Cooper Bradford
 Rishi Brahmbhatt
 Dylan Bumgarner
 Mason Daniel
 John Louis Eilers
 Bennett Horne
 Bruce Hunter
 Cammi-Grace Kusenda
 Finn Lewis
 Colton Lovelace
 Sophia Miller
 Zaylen O'Neil
 Campbell Phillips
 Abrielle Ward

Pfeiffer

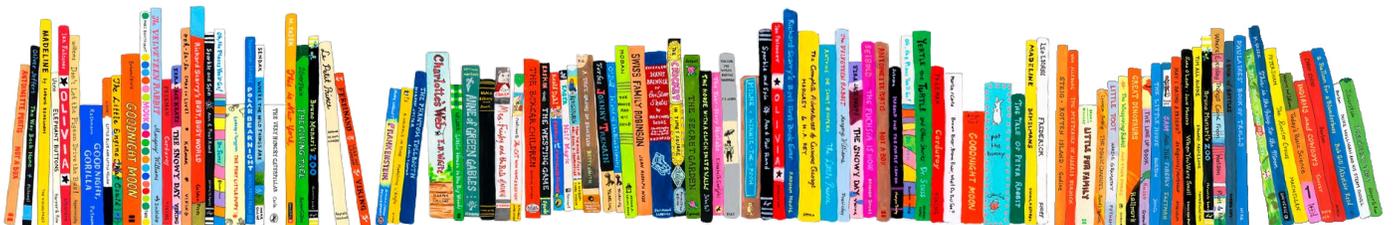
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 Emma Hensley
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 Omisha Long
 Aiden Nucci
 Jasper Roberts
 Nick Schulz





Towne Criers Reading Program



Congratulations to the following students for completing their 400 minutes of reading for January! Keep up the good work!

Eger

Bow Allchurch
 Dikshaa Bhonde
 Olive Davis
 Henry Elb
 Mac Gillert
 Hailey Hollars
 Gabriel Irwin
 Madilyn Mercer
 Isla Osterman
 Zach Pierson
 Dante Rodgers
 Will Terranera
 Jayden Williams
 Yakub Yavas

Loving

Reagan Bishop
 Mykenzie Bradshaw
 Nick Evans
 Sophia Hansard
 Ivy Hansen
 Owen Henley
 Paige Hollinger
 Eli Jenkins
 Colton Jones
 Brady Ledbetter
 Ella Simpson
 Lily Strickland
 Jasmine Umanzor
 Millie Wilkinson

Robinson

Finn Belanger
 Hudson Berry
 Sophia Dalpiaz
 Connor DeVault
 Lavi Mociran
 Kennedy Phillips
 Emma Jo Ringley
 Hank Wells
 Ben Williams
 Danica Williams

White

Gus Adams
 Makenah Brown
 Ben Campbell
 Alec Conduff
 Sophia Cui
 Mason Dempsey
 Shelby Fields
 Owen Fowler
 Travis Glisson
 Evy Haywood
 Aubrey Lilze
 Londyn Oshoniyi
 Addison Smith
 Reagan Sutterlin
 Ellis Thomsen
 Gabriel Watkins
 Avery Whitson

Bunch

Sean Bushell
 Santiago Cerna
 Benjamin Cleveland
 Kylie Gilliland
 Zach Keeler
 Ryder Osterman
 Lynna Pham
 Emily Strode
 Michael Terranera
 Anna Whitson
 Ryan Woods

Hull

Kara Barrett
 Caden Brummel
 Haiden Christian
 Isaac Daniel
 Andrew Easterwood
 Lorraine Hunter
 Natalie Jernigan
 Natalie Kevern
 Hayden MacIver
 Anna Van Gerpen

Kibelbek

Supreet Akadkar
 Inaaya Aziz
 Ensley Baker
 Erin Eilers
 Cooper Greer
 Auron Rodgers
 Austin Stevens
 Ian Tucker

Turner

Owen Burkette
 Blaiklee Cole
 Will Davenport
 Zoe Emery
 Owen King
 Tessa Larzo
 Owen Lewis
 James McAllister
 Mikkenlee Smith
 Jack St. Clair
 Lucas Tysinger

Bowman

Gus Christian
 Clara Crowe
 Elena Delaune
 Emmie Hollinger
 Xander Oshoniyi
 Emily Powell
 Emma Rhea
 Cooper Wells

Murphy

Meredith Duffy
 Grace Jenkins
 Mila Lipford
 Nicholas Pohland
 Charlie Walker
 Jacob Ward
 Winnie Yang

Razo

Eliza Casey
 David Lee
 Saxon Mattison
 Shreeyan Papireddy
 Sam Rueckert
 Trey Shively
 Emmalynne Sutterlin
 Rylee Temm

Temm

Weston Cleveland
 Topher Hare
 Griffin Lewis
 Anthony Mascola
 Lily McAllister
 Mason Misenaar
 Evan Tunnell
 Akshay Vashist
 Nicholas Yakubenko

Happenings in the Tri-Cities

Date	Time	Event	Description	Location	Cost
4/2, 9, 16, 23, 30	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Tale to Tail 	Reading to a trained listening dog (ages 5-9).	Johnson City Public Library	Free. Call 434-4458 to sign up for your time.
4/5	4:00 pm	Book Worms 	Hear Tea Rex by Molly Idle and have a tea party with a special guest (ages 5-8).	Johnson City Public Library	Free. Call 434-4458, or click on link, to register.
4/7	7:30 pm	Symphony of the Mountains: Twist of Faith Concert	Featuring: Voices of the Mountains, ETSU Choir, Highlands Youth Ensemble and Milligan College Concert Choir	Toy F. Reid Eastman Employee Center	\$30
4/10	7:30 pm	BucsWorth Men's Choir	TMEA All-State Conference send-off concert.	St. John's Episcopal Church	Free
4/12	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Book Tasting 	See what JCPL has to offer and start building your summer reading list (ages 8-12).	Johnson City Public Library	Free. Call 434-4348, or click on link, to register.
4/14	10:30 am - 12 pm	Family Lego Day 	Make Lego creations	Johnson City Public Library	Free
4/15	3:00 pm	An Irish Spring	Milligan Women's Chorale + HYE will perform selections of the program for their upcoming Ireland tour.	Mary B. Martin Auditorium, Milligan College	Free
4/20	7:30 pm	A Choral Journey	A collaboration of the ETSU Choirs + Chamber Orchestra	First Presbyterian Church	\$10
4/21	11 am - 12 pm	READING Paws	Read to a trained listening dog.	Johnson City Public Library	Free. Call 434-4458 to register.
4/27	7:30 pm	ETSU Jazz Ensemble "Rock Music"	Rock and Pop classics featuring the music of the Beatles, Guns and Roses, the Police and more.	ETSU D.P. Culp Center	\$10
4/28-29	4/28: 10 am - 5 pm 4/29: 12 - 5 pm	Spring Garden Fair	Springtime activities on an 1850s farm and the sale of thousands of plants, garden accessories and related crafts.	Exchange Place (4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport)	Adults: \$5 Kids under 12: Free



We Need You!

Will you have a little extra time on your hands this upcoming school year? Would you like to get involved with the PTA? We have several positions that will be opening up and we would love for you to get involved! If any of the following sound interesting to you, please contact Jenn Hollinger (current PTA President) at TAPTAPresident@yahoo.com, or Melissa Larzo (incoming PTA president) to let them know!

- **Carnival Co-chair:** *This position is super important if we want to keep from doing all sorts of fundraisers!* Will plan and execute the fall carnival with sub-chairpersons.
- **Cultural Arts:** Provides information and resources to encourage enrichment of basic curriculum through introduction of cultural arts programs, ideally one in the Fall and one in the Spring, including but not limited to plays, musicians, artists, and authors.
- **Hospitality:** Directs and supervises committee that arranges functions for several events throughout the year.
- **Legislative:** Reports regularly to PTA Board on legislation pertinent to PTA interests. Will organize a committee that may attend monthly School Board meetings.
- **Reading:** Provides leadership and resources to school on reading programs, enhancement of basic library services, assists the Visiting Author Program, and promotes the Towne Criers reading program
- **Yearbook:** Coordinates with the assistance of TA office staff all aspects of yearbook, including preparation, meetings with sales representatives, correspondence, and meeting all deadlines. Responsible for soliciting sponsorships if needed, and for promoting the sale and distributing yearbooks upon arrival.
- **Cafeteria:** Provides published monthly calendar of volunteers for the staffing of the school cafeteria during the student lunch hours. Serves as a liaison between parents, students, and school concerning cafeteria issues.
- **Contests:** Coordinates the Citizenship Essay Contest, and promotes good Citizenship throughout the school year. Plans and executes the National PTA Reflections Contest at the local level. Responsible for the execution of the State PTA Safety Poster Contest in the fall.
- **Field Day:** Assists school personnel with organization and activities associated with Field Day in May.
- **Green & Clean:** Coordinates campus beautification projects throughout the school grounds. Coordinates volunteers in preparing school grounds prior to school opening. Oversees school recycling program with the help of Student Council.
- **Muffins for Moms + Donuts for Dads:** In charge of executing these special events in November on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. Coordinates volunteers to set up, clean up and serve.
- **Scrapbook:** Will compile and organize any and all information regarding events and activities at Towne Acres throughout the year to be placed in a unique and neatly assembled scrapbook.





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www.towneacrespta.weebly.com

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Towne Acres PTA Membership
OUR GOAL: 425 members
We met our goal with 427 members this year!

It is easy to become a PTA member! Membership fees are \$5.00 per member.
Simply fill out the attached form with each member's name and send it
back to school with your child along with the total amount of fees owed.

Thank you for supporting our students and our school by joining Towne Acres PTA!

Please list all of your Towne Acres students in the form below. Please provide the name for each member in the "Membership Information" section. Finally, have ONE of your students return this form along with payment in an envelope. The cost is \$5.00 PER Member. Each student will receive credit for the total number of memberships purchased. Please make checks to Towne Acres PTA. Additional forms can be provided if needed. Thanks so much for your support!

** There will be a small service fee for those paying with credit card **

Towne Acres Student _____ Teacher/Grade _____
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MEMBER NAMES

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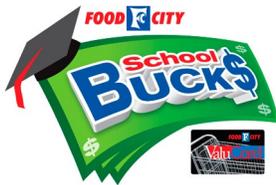
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Kroger Community Rewards

Register your Kroger Shopping Card at www.kroger.com/communityrewards

Follow the online directions under "Community Rewards" to register your Kroger Plus Shopping card and designate Towne Acres as your selected school.



Food City School Bucks

Go to www.foodcity.com, then to the "Community" section, then "School Bucks," and register your Food City Valucard for School Bucks and designate Towne Acres (ID # 40775) as your selected school.



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Simply make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide our school ID (70092919) at checkout and Towne Acres will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies! It's a small act that can make a huge difference.



Box Tops for Education™

Look for [specially marked products](#) with the Box Top logo. Clip and save them to turn in to your child's teacher. Each box top is worth 10¢ for our school. The PTA has contests during the year to see which classroom can turn in the most labels! You can also earn bonus box tops while you shop with the [Box Tops Bonus App](#).



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Dear Towne Acres Families,

We have decided to do one more little collection before school lets out. We will continue to collect box tops for the month of April. Those extra box tops will be saved and added to the fall total, but don't worry.... we will provide a fun incentive to the class that sends in the most for March and April. Thank you so much again for all your hard work! Keep the clipping going!

Kelley Lewis
 Box Tops Coordinator





Towne Acres School Calendar 2017-18 (Feb-May)

February 2	Mid-Term progress reports go home
February 2	No School (No Snow Day) School in session!
February 8	Class Group Pictures
February 9	Valentine's Day Party
February 12	PTA Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (Little Theater)
February 19	No School (No Snow Day) School in session!
February 26	PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Little Theater) – 3rd grade performance
March 9	End of third nine-week term
March 9	Camp Fair, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
March 9	Talent Show (grades 3 & 4), 1:00 p.m.
March 12-16	Spring Break
March 19	PTA Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (Little Theater)
March 21	Spring individual school pictures K-1
March 21	Report cards issued
March 22	Spring individual school pictures 2-4
March 30	No School (Good Friday)
April 2	No School (No Snow Day)
April 5	Rejoice in the Arts (Johnson City Mall)
April 9	PTA Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (Little Theater)
April 9	PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Little Theater) – 1st grade performance
April 16	Vacation Day – No School
April 17	Kindergarten Registration, 9 - 11:30 am or 1 - 3 pm (Little Theater)
April 18	TN Ready testing - TCAP ELA Part 1 Assessment (Writing)
April 20	Mid-Term progress reports go home
April 20	STEM Day/Science Day
April 23 - May 4	TCAP Testing Window (Exact Testing Schedule TBA)
May 4	End of Year Pep Rally
May 7	PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Little Theater) – Kindergarten performance
May 14	PTA Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (Little Theater)
May 14	4th Grade Field Trip
May 16	Reading Awards (grades K-2 from 12:30-1:30; grades 3-4 from 1:30-2:30)
May 17	Field Day
May 18	Senior Day
May 24	Awards Day, 4th grade promotion, Last Day of school, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
May 25	Snow Day (School Day if all snow days are used)



*** Dates may change due to unplanned school closings during the year. ***
*** Days lost due to inclement weather are added on to the end of the year. ***



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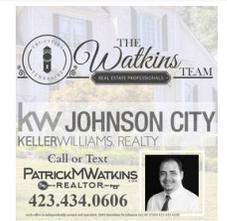
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