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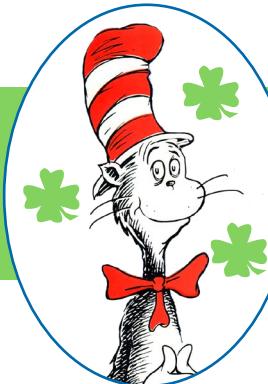
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3rd Grade
Performance
Feb. 26th

You ought to be thankful, a whole heaping lot,
for the places and people you're lucky you're not!
-- Dr. Seuss



Message from the Principal

We have had so much going on since our last newsletter. Our Towne Acres Chorus performed at the February school board meeting and did a wonderful job representing our school. I really appreciate the great crowd that we had to come to the meeting to support our students and our school. As I shared with the school board about our school, I could not help but think about the amazing students, families, and faculty that make Towne Acres a wonderful place to serve as principal.

Another treat for our school was our PTA fundraiser at Freddy's. We were able to raise almost \$500 that we can now invest in our students. We were told that this was actually the largest fundraiser that Freddy's has had up to this point. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who was able to come out and support our school. Being able to raise money for our school was certainly important, but I took even more joy in seeing our

Towne Acres families together at this event, spending time with one another and seeing our students smiling with their friends outside of school. It was a great night for our school!



February also brought us Digital Learning Day. Our students are accustomed to using technology every day, but our teachers went above and beyond to create unique learning opportunities for our students on

this particular day. Our fourth grade students acted as "tech tutors" with our kindergarten and first grade students to teach them how to use some exciting tech tools such as Chatterpix, Flipgrid, and Quiver. Our third grade teachers planned a day of rotations where each homeroom went to each third grade teacher to engage with different types of technology. Second grade students engaged in a number of technology related activities in their classrooms as well including Quiver, Flocabulary, and myOn. Ms. Patterson engaged students with our Dash robot that allows students to learn basic coding skills, engineering manipulatives, and virtual reality tools. Overall, it was an exciting day for our school!

The week before Spring Break is a very busy week. Our 2nd -4th grade students will be taking their ELA and Math checkpoints on March 6th and 7th then we will have our Camp Fair and Talent Show on March 9th . We have had a long stretch of school since we lost both of the "snow days" that were originally scheduled in February. I am proud of our students and teachers for continuing to work hard during this time. Spring Break will hopefully give us all a chance to rest, relax, and recharge before the final nine weeks. Thanks for everything you continue to do to make Towne Acres a wonderful place, and I hope everyone enjoys Spring Break.

Thanks,
Josh Simmons



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Message from the PTA President

February sure seemed like a long month, by the time this newsletter is published we will have made it through and onto March 2018! I know everyone is thankful for the warmer weather and our upcoming break, where we can enjoy some quality time with our kids.

I recently spoke with a new family that just joined our school, and they asked about what our PTA does and what we are known for at Towne Acres. After thinking for a minute, I concluded that we do a lot at our school but maybe we are such part of the fabric of our school, our commitment may not stand out as boldly. Although things change every year, our PTA is a constant that is always providing and growing. Yet, with social media and technology we are used to lots of change. Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter feeds we follow are constantly being updated with the most recent actions from across all the Johnson City Schools and as parents we now look for those constant updates. I know the image or idea I saw online yesterday is already forgotten by the time I see today's information. We hope all of you are able to see just how much we are doing for our school and all our kids.

I thought I would capture just a few things we have been working on this school year: The 3rd and 4th grade students have been mastering their way through our new maker space program and learning how to create things on Tinkercad, to print on our 3D printers. Our TATV system that streams online through a closed circuit and has the ability to be mobile, is fully up and running. We were able to purchase an iPad for Ms. Patterson to use with the kids during some of their library related arts time to help expose them to different ways of learning and reading. Towne Acres' PTA has been able to provide close to \$15,000 this school year to fund technology needs like those listed above.

Behind the scenes there are bunch of parents collecting photos at all our events, field trips and special occasions, to help ensure we have a wonderful yearbook at the end of the year. The yearbook is something all the kids and teachers really look forward to and wouldn't be possible without the help of our PTA. On that same front, all of our volunteers are another way PTA makes an impact. We have so many volunteers come in and out of our school, each and every day to help in the cafeteria, clinic, reading, classroom help, the list goes one. Those friendly faces who help to pass out straws and to lend a hand opening those "oh so hard to open" Lunchables and Go-Gurts, and the clinic volunteers that help when children don't feel well, certainly don't go unnoticed. Room Parents in each class serve to help the teachers with much more than three parties a year. Parents that tally Towne Criers Reading Logs and cut out Box Tops are always there to lend a hand. Some people are able to do a little bit and some people are able to do much more. Each volunteer hour offers support to our school and is always appreciated.

As we spend time keeping up with what is happening on social media, let's take some time thinking about how great the relationship is between parents, staff and teachers at Towne Acres. Let the images of what your PTA does be lasting images, not ones we forget with the very next post. Towne Acres PTA is blessed with so many who share their time, their donations and their talent to make our school the best it can be.



Enjoy your spring break!

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

Do you know a high school senior who attended Towne Acres? Remind them that scholarship applications are due March 18, 2018.
See the PTA website for details!





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.

School Fundraiser Night

Thank you!!

A big thank you to all the families, their friends, Towne Acres teachers, and staff that came out to support our Freddy's Fundraiser. As well, we would like to thank **Beth Simpson** for taking charge of the sticker brigade and making sure all the kids went home wearing

one on the big day and the **teachers** for encouraging kids to participate in spirit day to support our school. It was a great night to join together, have fun, support a local business and raise



We look forward to doing it again!

Coming up in March we will be supporting another local business, who will be giving back to our school for all Towne Acres families that use their services. Tri Cities College Nannies + Sitters + Tutors has offered to partner with our school, and give back to Towne Acres directly. For every family that signs up from March 1st to 31st, 2018, a portion of the registration fee will be given back to our school.

This is an easy way for our school to make money and for our families to benefit from the services. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the company directly and check out the flyer on the back page.



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Don't forget!

Daylight Saving Time

begins March 11th
+ **Spring break**
is March 12th - 16th!

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.

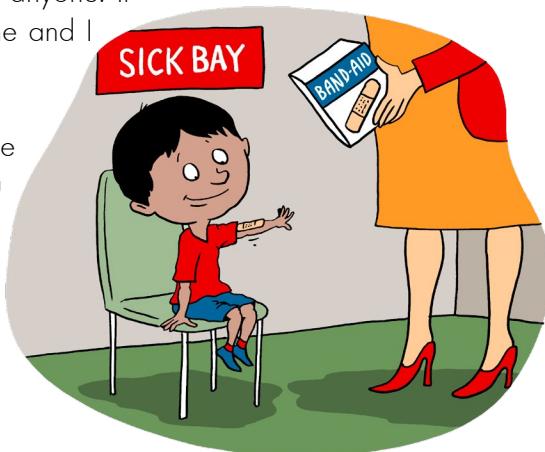
Also, the Clinic Sign Up page can be accessed from the Towne Acres website. Simply select "[PTA](#)" from the drop down menu and scroll down to the "[Clinic Sign Up](#)" button.

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



Mark your calendars!

Spring pictures will be
Wednesday, March 21st
for Grades K-1 +
Thursday, March 22nd
for Grades 2-4.





March's Feature: Related Arts



Great things are happening in our Library Media Center! Our book fair was a BIG success! We were able to purchase nonfiction books, educational building blocks, and "toad-stool" seating for our computer area.

Library

and Math) activities for our third and fourth graders. We are coding robots, 3D printing, using virtual reality, and constructing.

All students are actively engaging in a high-quality digital literacy and citizenship program. "Kids who learn to use digital media wisely can accomplish amazing things – learn new skills, explore new worlds, build new ideas, and change the world." www.commonsensemedia.org



To find what our children are reading and to learn more, visit our website at <http://www.towneacrespatterson.weebly.com>. I want to thank all our wonderful volunteers: Linda Keller, Daniel Lewis, Youree Mattison, Rebecca Johnson, Jen Fowler, and David Kimmel.

Happy Reading!
Ms. Donna Patterson
patterson@jcschools.org



It's show time at Towne Acres! Art classes have been very busy preparing for several art shows. Our Family Engagement night art show on January 23rd was a great success. Every student in the school participated! We also have 45 pieces of art on display at the

Johnson City School Board office for the entire month of February. Our final show of the year will be the Rejoice in the Arts event at the Johnson City Mall on April 5th, 2018.



Mrs. Louann Sharp
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March's Feature: Related Arts



guidance

No matter what age your kids are, seeing upsetting or threatening things on the news can have an emotional impact long after the news story is over. As parents, it can be challenging and uncomfortable at times to find ways to respond effectively to our children's fear and confusion. The following are some tips excerpted from the National Association of School Psychologists:

Suggested Points to Emphasize When Talking to Children

Reassure children that they are safe. Let their questions be your guide as to how much information to provide. Keep your explanations developmentally appropriate.

Early elementary school children need brief, simple information with reassurances that their school and homes are safe and that adults are

there to protect them. Give simple examples of school safety like reminding children about exterior doors being locked, the presence of our SRO, and emergency drills practiced during the school day.

Upper elementary and early middle school children may be more vocal in asking questions about whether they truly are safe and what is being done at their school. They may need assistance separating reality from fantasy. Discuss efforts of school and community leaders to provide safe schools.

Review safety procedures. This should include procedures and safeguards at school and at home. Help children identify at least one adult at school and in the community to whom they go if they feel threatened or at risk.

Schools are safe places. School staff works with parents and public safety providers (local police and fire departments, emergency responders, hospitals, etc.) to keep you safe. The school building is safe because ... (cite specific school procedures). Talk about the difference between the possibility of something happening and the probability that it will affect our school community.

We all play a role in the school safety. Be observant and let an adult know if you see or hear something that makes you feel uncomfortable, nervous, or frightened.

There is a difference between reporting, tattling or gossiping. You can provide important information that may prevent harm by telling a trusted adult what you know or hear. Help children to understand the difference between the **possibility** of something happening and **probability** that it will affect you (our school community).

Make time to do things that you enjoy, sticking to your normal routine, and being with friends and family help make us feel better and keep us from worrying about the event. Ensure that children get plenty of sleep, regular meals, and exercise. Encourage them to keep up with their extracurricular activities but do not push them if they seem overwhelmed.

As always, we are here to support and assist your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime.

Jennifer Banner, School Counselor
bannerj@jcschools.org





March's Feature: Related Arts



MUSIC

This is a busy time of the year for all of our students in the TA music world. The 4th grade Chorus performed at the Feb. school board meeting, receiving many accolades. 3rd and 4th graders are beginning to learn to play the recorders, which will enable them to play woodwind instruments in the future.

Our 3rd grade classes entertained us all at our school assembly and the PTA meeting, with their show "Let's Jam! It's Our Band." 2nd graders are playing the C Major scale on the keyboards and learning the Treble Clef notes. 1st grade is preparing for their show, "It's a Hit!", coming in April,... "Let's play ball!" Kindergarteners are reinventing the Mother Goose Rhymes and doing some dancing at the same time.

Our talent show is coming up on Friday, March 9th beginning at 1:00. Our third and fourth grade students will be showing off their talents for the school.

"Rejoice in the Arts" is coming up on Thursday, April 5th at the Johnson City Mall. This event is a full evening of Johnson City Schools' music and art showcase. I want to personally invite you and your family to support our T.A. musicians and the entire Johnson City Schools' music and art programs. Many thanks for all of your support for your child's musical education and experience.

Best regards,
Brent Billheimer
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To start off, I would like to give a great thanks from Coach Jeffries for the many family and friends for sending awesome healthy students to Towne Acres. We are putting a great emphasis this 2017-2018 school year on the many varieties of sports and games. We recently completed our basketball unit and are currently wrapping up our soccer unit this nine weeks.



With every student and class here at Towne Acres, my desire is to instill leadership and creativity in every student. There are games and activities that I have created that have become student favorites such as Castleball, Pirates, Yoshi and Sprotball to inspire students to use their personal creativity which I will put to the test in the next 9 weeks with a group assignment, "Create Your Own Game". So get the creative vibes going guys!! Also looking forward to another fun filled successful Field Day. We encourage all friends and family to come out and enjoy.

Coach Jeffries
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CONGRATS!

We would like to congratulate
XANDER OSHONIYI
runner up in the **city-wide** Spelling Bee!



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, either presenting or 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 Misenar at erin.misenar@yahoo.com or call 423.202.5803 if you'd like to help!





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 to let her know!

- **President-Elect:** Upcoming President for 2019-2020 school year; Acts as an aide to the President, or in their place in their absence.
- **Second Vice-President/Membership:** Oversees all membership activities of the PTA, particularly the membership drive in the fall each year. Keeps accurate records pertaining to members, collection of monies, and recognition for membership and award winners at the school.
- **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.
- **Faculty/Staff Appreciation:** Plans and supervises any and all ideas regarding ways to show the faculty and staff of TA that the PTA recognizes and appreciates them. Hosts monthly teachers' luncheons and coordinates with room parents chair for Teacher Appreciation week 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.
- **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.
- **Spirit:** Will work with a committee to determine the spirit sale items for the year. Responsible for inventory of all merchandise, sale, and monies associated with merchandise.
- **Field Day:** Assists school personnel with organization and activities associated with Field Day in May.
- **Hospitality:** Directs and supervises committee that arranges functions for several events throughout the year.



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 svethnam1@hotmail.com.





PTA Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following contest winners at the **city level**.



CITIZENSHIP ESSAY

Pre-K/Kindergarten

1st: Arya Panchal

Grades 1-2

2nd: Campbell Phillips

Grades 3-5

3rd: Inaaya Aziz



SAFETY POSTER

Pre-K/Kindergarten

1st: Arya Panchal

Grades 1-2

Honorable Mention:
Krishnika Singh (Aizah)

Grades 3-5

1st: Inaaya Aziz

REFLECTIONS



Literature

2nd: Emmie Hollinger (3-5)

Music Composition

1st: Grace Jenkins (3-5)



Photography

1st: Grace Jenkins (3-5)



Visual Arts

2nd: Arya Panchal (K-2)

Honorable Mention:

Eleanor Simpson (K-2)

March 9th
9 - 11:30 am
2018 Towne Acres
Camp Fair



Summer vacation may seem far away, but the best time to plan for summer camps is now! Join us **Friday, March 9th from 9 - 11:30 am** to get more information about local camps and activities. The following organizations will have representatives present to answer all of your questions!

4-H (4th-8th grades)
Bancroft Bible Camp
Bays Mountain
Blackthorn Club
Blair Academy of the Arts
Boy Scouts
Boys & Girls Club
Eastridge Academy of Music
ETSU Renaissance Camp
Girl Scouts
Gray Fossil Museum
Hands ON! Museum

Heart of TN Gymnastics
Into the Fire
Johnson City Parks & Recreation
Johnson City Country Club
Jonesborough Repertory Theatre
Masterpiece Mixers
MOMAC Studio
Olson's Martial Arts
The Birthplace of Country Music
The Wellness Center
WF Stables





FIRST® LEGO® League, Jr. Update

It's never too early to discover STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). FIRST® LEGO® League, Junior is designed to introduce STEM concepts to younger kids while exciting them through a brand they know and love – LEGO®. The program focuses on building interest in STEM through a real-world challenge – to be discovered through learning, research, teamwork, hands-on construction, critical thinking, and imagination.

Towne Acres Elementary School began their FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL) robotics program last year (2016-2017), which is for children in grades 4-8 and ages 9-16 (so always made up of only 4th-graders at TA). This year, we also wanted to spark the STEM awareness in younger grades, so we sent out an interest form to start a FIRST® LEGO® League **Junior** program. Official FLL, Jr. teams only allow six students per team, yet there were over 40 students in 2nd- and 3rd-grade who wanted to participate.



Therefore, for this initial year, it is more of a "LEGO Club" since there are two groups of 20 students who meet a couple times per month to learn about FLL, Jr. Core Values, discuss this year's scientific challenge regarding water and hydrodynamics ("Aqua Adventure"), but mostly just get to use their imaginations with about 100 pounds of LEGOs.

Next year, **depending on volunteer coaching support**, we hope to have official FLL, Jr. teams who will go on to engineer a 'solution' to the annual challenge, create a 'show-me' poster from their research, build a moving model that represents their solution, and attend any local or nearby "Expos" to display their work.

If you are interested in being a "coach" for either FLL (next year's 4th-graders; maximum of ten students per team) or FLL, Junior (maximum of six students per team) 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 what FLL and FLL, Jr. is all about.

In having both FLL and FLL, Jr. 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 Science Hill High School FIRST® Robotics Competition Team for students in grades 9-12, ages 14-18.



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

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LEGO®
LEAGUE JR.**
Ages 6-9

**FIRST
LEGO®
LEAGUE**
Ages 9-16*

**FIRST
TECH
CHALLENGE**
Ages 12-18

**FIRST
ROBOTICS
COMPETITION**
Ages 14-18



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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 _____

Towne Acres Student _____ Teacher/Grade _____

Towne Acres Student _____ Teacher/Grade _____

MEMBER NAMES

Member _____ Member _____

Member _____ Member _____

Member _____ Member _____

Member _____ Member _____





Happenings in the Tri-Cities

Date	Time	Event	Description	Location	Cost
3/1	4:00 pm	Book Worms 	Hear Naoko Stoop read Red Knit Cap Girl and play flashlight games.	Johnson City Public Library	Free. Call 434-4458, or click on link, to register.
3/1-3	7:30 pm	Disney's Tarzan (The Broadway Musical)	Experience all the high flying fun of Phil Colin's hit musical, live on JCCT's stage.	Johnson City Community Theatre 	\$12
3/2	6:30 pm	Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration 	Storytime, games, and activities	Barnes & Noble (Franklin Terrace)	Free
3/5,12, 19, 26	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.
3/10	10:30 am - 12 pm	Family Lego Day	Make Lego creations 	Johnson City Public Library	Free
3/16-17	16 th , 17 th : rehearsal 17 th : 7:30 p.m. concert	Women In Song Concert	2 nd annual Women In Song festival, led by Joan Szymko.	Mary B. Martin Auditorium, Milligan College	\$10 suggested donation
3/17	10 am - 12 pm	Easter Eggstravaganza 	Easter Egg Hunt for ages 0-12. Find the golden egg filled with a FREE Easter Bunny Photo package + Easter basket!	The Mall at Johnson City (lower level in front of Hollister)	Free
3/17	11 am - 12 pm	READING Paws	Read to a trained listening dog.	Johnson City Public Library	Free. Call 434-4458 to register.
3/22	7:30 pm	Appalachian Tuba Euphonium Quartet		ETSU Main Campus - Mathes Hall	Free
3/23	7:30 pm	BucAppella Opening Concert	BucAppella Choral Festival	ETSU Main Campus- Culp Auditorium	Adults: \$10 Students: Free
3/24	7:30 pm	Master Classics Series IV: Russian Romance		Seeger Chapel at Milligan College	Adults: \$40 Students: \$15 Seniors: \$35





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Simple Ways to Raise Funds for our School!



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**5% Back to
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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.

Office Depot

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.

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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,

Wow! Thank you so much for submitting all your box tops over the past few months. We ended up with a grand total of **5,869 box tops** which results in a check for **\$586.90** made directly to Towne Acres to spend on Instructional Technology. Thank you to every person who participated, especially the parents in **Mrs. Aitken's class** who collected the most box tops this submission, with a total of **882**! As promised, they will receive either a pizza or ice cream party. But don't be discouraged if your class didn't win, because we have decided to do one more little collection before school lets out. We will continue to collect box tops for the months of March and 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 those two months. Thank you so much again for all your hard work! Keep the clipping going!

Kelley Lewis, Box Tops Coordinator



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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
April 2	No School (No Snow Day)
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 20	Mid-Term progress reports go home
April 20	STEM Day/Science Day (tentative)
April 17 - May 4	TN Ready testing
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)



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*** Days lost due to inclement weather are added on to the end of the year. ***





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#1 _____

Teacher _____

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Teacher _____

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Teacher _____

If you would like to donate money to help a child who is less fortunate receive a yearbook, simply add the donation amount of your choice to your total from above.

Any questions about yearbooks can be directed to Emmalea Johnston at 423.773.9555 or towneacresyearbook@gmail.com. Please email your pictures as well this week! Thank you!



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