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TOWNE ACRES TIMES

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Towne Acres Elementary PTA



1st Grade Performance
April 9th

**Congratulations! Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!
-- Dr. Seuss**



Message from the Principal

Wow! It is so hard to believe that we are in our final month of the school year. As we wrap up TN Ready testing for 3rd and 4th grades during the first week of May, we start to look toward the remaining weeks of school that are full of field trips, school events, and other activities. We hope this will be a fun and exciting time for all of our students.

Everything kicks off with our Towne Acres Pep Rally on May 4th at 2:00. Our cheerleaders have been working hard and are ready to perform for our students. Kindergarten students will be performing during our monthly PTA meeting on May 7th, and they are sure to impress. The Towne Criers Reading Awards will be held on Wednesday, May 16th (K-2 at 12:30, 3-4 at 1:45). Field Day is scheduled for Thursday, May 17th. This is a big event for our school, and we are always in need of volunteers for Field Day. If you are interested, please let us know. Graduating seniors who attended Towne Acres Elementary School will be returning on Friday, May 18th for our annual Senior Tea,



which provides a wonderful opportunity for these students and their teachers to reconnect. They will also share with us their plans for the future and some of their favorite memories from their time at Towne Acres. The Jonesborough Theater group will be performing for our students on May 21st as part of our Cultural Arts initiative. Our Fourth Grade Promotion and Awards Day will be on May 24th at 9:00 a.m. As you can see, May is going to be a busy month.

I would like to take the time to say a big "THANK YOU" to each of you for everything you do for our school. Our school continues to benefit because of amazing people like you! Our families have provided volunteer time in the classroom, helping in the cafeteria, serving on PTA and other committees, assisting with special events...the list can go on and on. Most importantly, thank you for investing in your children and for providing the love and care they need and deserve. Towne Acres is blessed to have wonderful students and families to work with each day!

Kind regards,
Josh Simmons



Message from the PTA President

As we close out the school year, I wanted to take a moment to thank all our parents, faculty, staff and volunteers for an amazing year. Because of our PTA's active involvement throughout the school, we were able to offer an action-packed year filled with so many positive and rewarding moments. We had a very successful Fall Carnival which set the pace for the entire year and allowed us the opportunity to accomplish so many things. We introduced some new events this year that involved our community and by continuing to support these new endeavors, we helped to enrich the educational experience of our children.

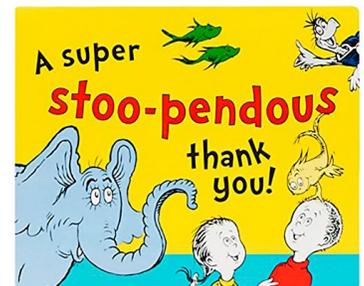
While it is easy to see our PTA in action throughout the school and at these events, I wanted to take a moment to highlight some of the things we were able to accomplish, thanks to all of your support:

Program/Expense	Cost Covered by PTA
Technology - iPads, Laptops, upgrade TATV system, MakerSpace	\$14,000
3rd and 4th grade out of town educational field trips	\$3,200
Extracurricular Student Enrichment	\$1,000
Library Books	\$1,500
Online Classroom Programs for all grades	\$6,000

These activities demonstrate a direct impact on our children's education. Without our support these items and programs would be a challenge for our school to be able to provide. This is why our community and school are so grateful for parents like you. Without your support our children would not have these wonderful opportunities.

As you read this newsletter, we are in our home stretch of the school year with only a few weeks remaining. PTA keeps moving along no matter the time of the year. We have so many things left to accomplish as we begin the month of May; we will present a scholarship to a deserving Towne Acres past student, celebrate our Towne Criers with Reading awards ceremonies on May 16th, host a fantastic Field Day on May 17th, help with Senior Day on May 18th...pew, so much to do! We still need your help to make all these events a success, so watch out for communications via email and Facebook to see how you can contribute. As well, on May 7th at 6:30pm, we will induct our new officers and present our 2018-2019 budget at the General Meeting. We would love to see you there.

This past year has been so memorable for me as PTA President. As I reflect back on all that we have accomplished, I am so THANKFUL for such a wonderful school that has so much to offer our children. The team that has served with me this year has been fantastic. I couldn't ask for more wonderful and helpful people to work with. Without such a team effort we never would have been able to have such a successful year. Towne Acres PTA is never about one person or one group of people doing it all. It is about so many individuals, committees and leaders, coming together to make our school what it is, a Super-Stupendous place to learn, teach and participate.



I wish the best to everyone over this coming summer break. I hope all of you get the chance to relax, enjoy your children and celebrate another successful school year. I look forward to seeing all of you in August, and I am excited to say you will be in good hands, as I pass on the PTA President torch to Melissa Larzo. I know she will do a great job and ensure we have another fantastic year.



Thank you for allowing me to serve as president and helping to make a difference in our children's education at Towne Acres Elementary!

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

Thank you!

Thanks to those who came out to support our Bojangle's Fundraiser. We were able to earn:





Mark your calendars!
The next general PTA meeting
will be held on May 7th
at 6:30pm in the Little Theater.
The kindergarten will be performing.

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

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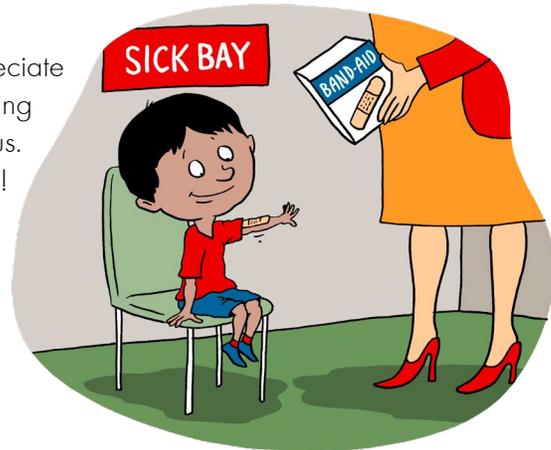
Faculty Representative

Allison Razo

Towne Acres Clinic

A big "Thank you!" to all of our clinic volunteers. We appreciate your willingness to help our students when they aren't feeling their best. Your TLC and kindness means a great deal to us. Thank you for making Towne Acres such a wonderful school!

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



The Booster Club's **BOOK FAIR** will be
Tuesday, May 15th thru Friday, May 18th!

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!



Summer Reading Opportunities

1 myON® is an awesome online reading program. Your child has already been introduced to this program and should know how to log on. You can read books and take quizzes on their website. You can also take an AR test on these books. Each grade level has created a myON® challenge for the summer for their rising students. Are up for the challenge?



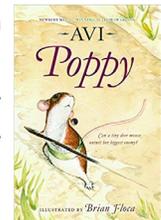
2 Great news, you will be able to take AR tests over the summer. Tests can be taken between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. **Please call before you come.** Books will also be available for check out if needed. More details to come.



3 The public library always has a summer reading program. More information will come home about that after our reading awards.



4 Rising 4th graders can also participate in an online book club with Mrs. Temm. This is an optional program where you will have the opportunity to read a book and respond on Canvas. We will be reading one of Mrs. Temm's favorite books, *Poppy*, by Avi. Everyone will read the same book (at your own pace) and complete online activities. If you are interested in joining the June book club please email Mrs. Temm at temml@jcschools.org for more information by June 1.



THE RESEARCH SAYS THAT SUMMER READING IS IMPORTANT!

- Despite conventional wisdom, six in 10 children ages 6–17 agree “I really enjoy reading books over the summer” (62%), with the main reasons being “I just enjoy reading” and “It’s a fun way to pass the time.”¹
- On average, kids read eight books over the summer; however, one in five 12–17-year-olds and one in five kids in lower-income families did not read any books at all last summer.¹
- Nearly half of parents with children ages 6–17 (48%) have heard of the “summer slide,” with lower-income parents far less likely to have heard of this (38%).¹
- An overwhelming nine in ten kids say they are more likely to finish a book they picked out themselves.¹
- Regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic level, or previous achievement, children who read four or more books over the summer fare better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one or no books over the summer.²
- Teachers typically spend between four to six weeks reteaching material that students have forgotten over the summer.³
- It’s estimated that the summer slide accounts for as much as 85% of the reading achievement gap between lower-income students and their middle- and upper-income peers.⁴
- Third-graders who can’t read on grade level are four times less likely to graduate by age 18 than a proficient reader.⁵

1. YouGov and Scholastic 2016
 2. J. Kim 2004
 3. K. L. Alexander, D. R. Entwisle, and L. S. Olson 2007
 4. R. Allington and A. McGill-Franzen 2009
 5. D. J. Hernandez 2011



May's Feature: Kindergarten

Kindergarten - Growing in our Learning!

Towne Acres Kindergarten is excited about sharing some of our adventures in the May issue of the Towne Acres Times. Oh, what a time we are having! We can't wait for our turn on stage to perform our musical, *Prime Time Nursery Rhymes - A Musical Twist to Poetic Favorites*. We can't wait to entertain the audience with a spectacular performance!



Kindergarten has actively learned many new things and has made a lot of new friends, while preparing for first grade.

School is a lot of hard work, but so much fun! We are learning about reading, writing, and exploring science and social studies through thematic units and hands on activities. We love reading and listening to fiction and nonfiction stories. Kindergartners are learning how to become great authors by working on

our writing skills daily through meaningful experiences. We are practicing narrative, informational, and opinion writing. We love to count by 1's, 5's, and 10's to 100 and beyond! Each class has worked hard learning to solve addition and subtraction problems. We are practicing being math problem solvers by explaining our thinking. Kindergartners are on their way to becoming excellent mathematicians. Wow, we have grown in our learning!



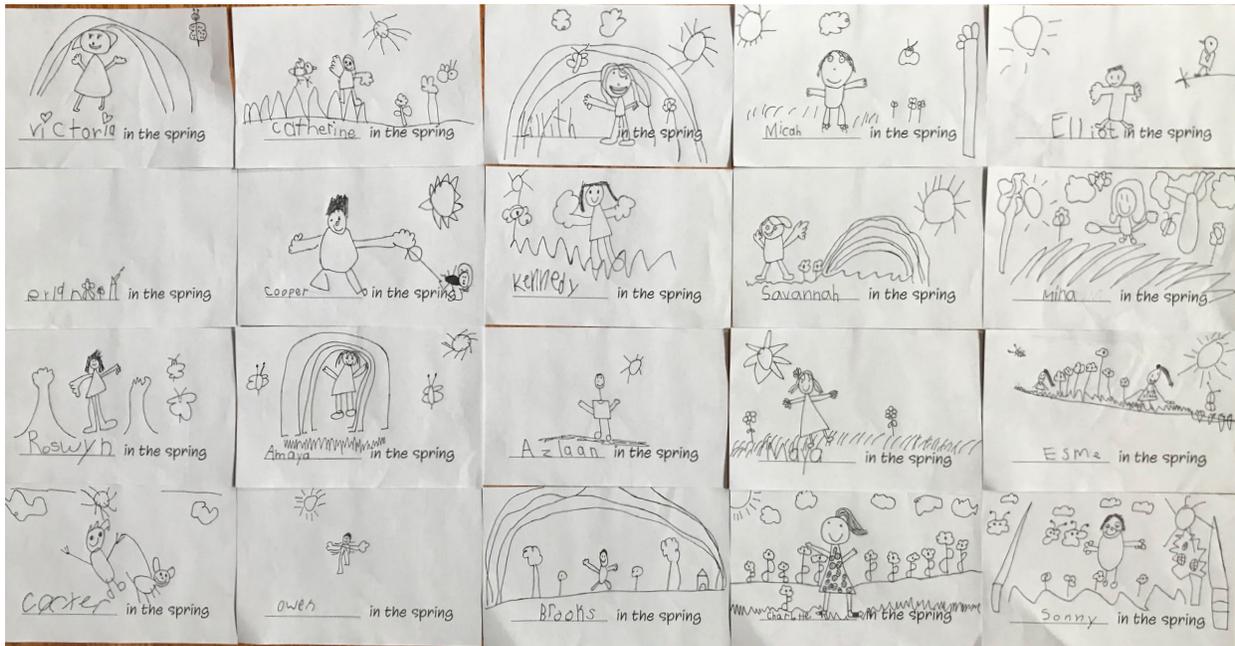
In October, we visited Stickley Farms. We enjoyed going on a hayride, exploring a corn maze and decorating pumpkins. We had our 4th annual farm breakfast at Towne Acres. We dressed up like farmers, prepared food with the help of parents, and participated in activities that helped us understand farm life. In March, we traveled to Kingsport to watch the production of *The Cat in the Hat*. We took this opportunity to discuss story elements. We look forward to our LAST field trip to Real to Reel Cinema to watch the movie, *Jungle Book* as a culminating activity to our jungle unit. Many thanks to our parent chaperones for all of their help this year!



We extend a BIG Towne Acres welcome to our new students: Rylan Eker, Adalee Green, Roswyn McConnell, and Brooks Pate. We look forward to many more learning adventures and a successful end of the school year!

kindergarten

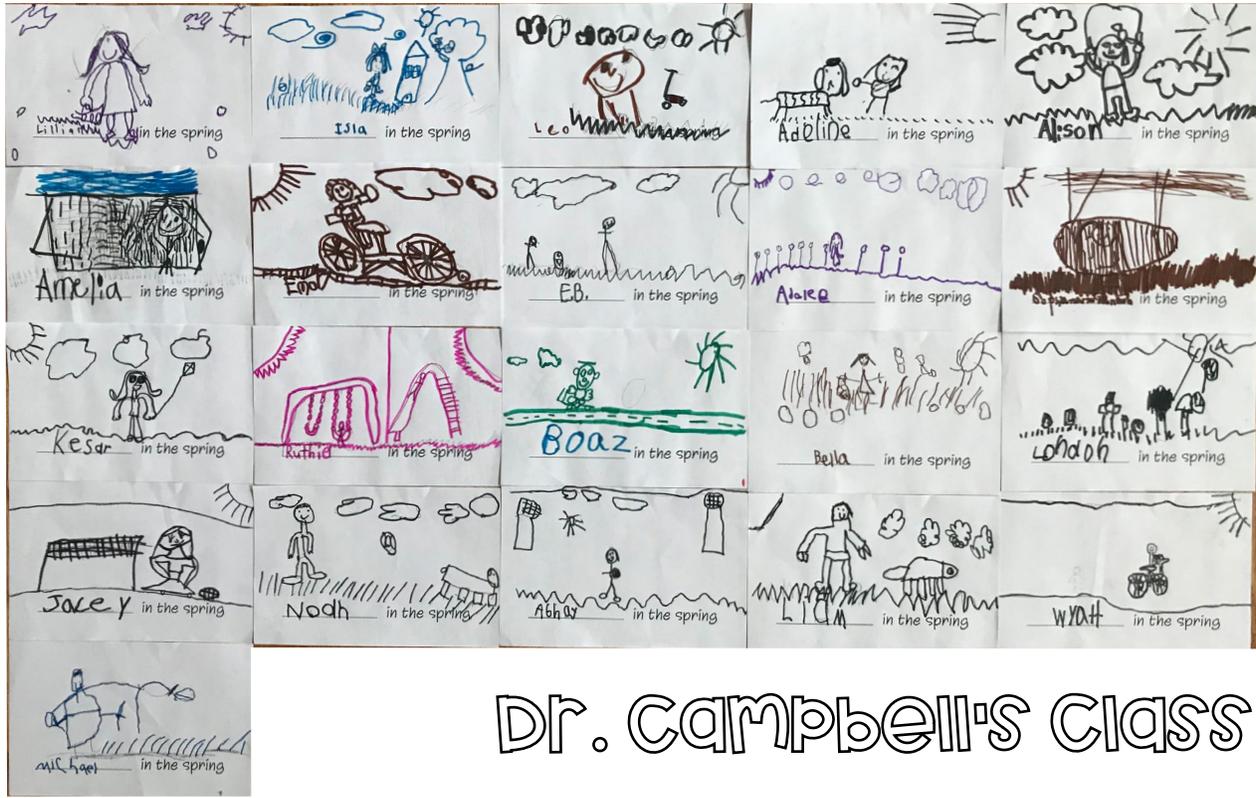
In the spring...



Mrs. Howard's Class



In the spring...



Dr. Campbell's Class



Mrs. Ward's Class

Science Fair Winners

1st Biological
 Upper East Tennessee Science Fair
 Swink Hutchinson



Left to right - Mrs. Bowman, Swink Hutchinson



State PTA Contest Winners



SAFETY POSTER

Award of Merit: Inaaya Aziz



REFLECTIONS



Literature
 Award of Merit: Emmie Hollinger



Left to right - Inaaya Aziz, Emmie Hollinger

The Podium is Always Within Reach by Emmie Hollinger

The podium is always within reach
 You just need to listen, you just need to seek
 Follow what your coaches teach
 Learn from your mistakes and you may get a peek
 Of what it feels like to stand on top
 Remember the podium is always within reach
 If you keep trying and never stop
 When you make it on the podium you may screech
 It is such an exciting feeling you don't want to miss
 Go for the win and you will see, the podium is always within reach
 Let the podium air, run through your and feel the bliss
 Win or lose, always do your best and put your hard work to the test



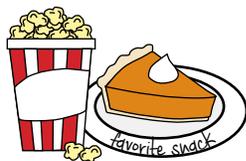
Teacher Appreciation Week

Please join us in celebrating our teachers and adopted staff members for Teacher Appreciation Week! Look for details coming home in your child's backpack.

Monday



Tuesday



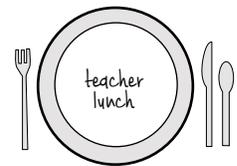
Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



On Field Day, we will have Chick-Fil-A for lunch. Please look for forms to come home if your child would prefer to bring their own lunch. We will also enjoy:

Inflatables

Olson's Tae Kwon Do

ETSU Soccer

CrossFit



Here's looking at an awesome field day this year!! Please visit <http://signup.com/go/EsYaNPb> to sign up to help! We need everyone to help with an awesome field day!!! Please contact Erin Misenaar at erin.misenaar@yahoo.com or call 423.202.5803 with questions!

Students are to wear their class T-shirts for Field Day, so be sure to get those clean and ready! If your student does not have a class T-shirt, please have them wear their class color that day:

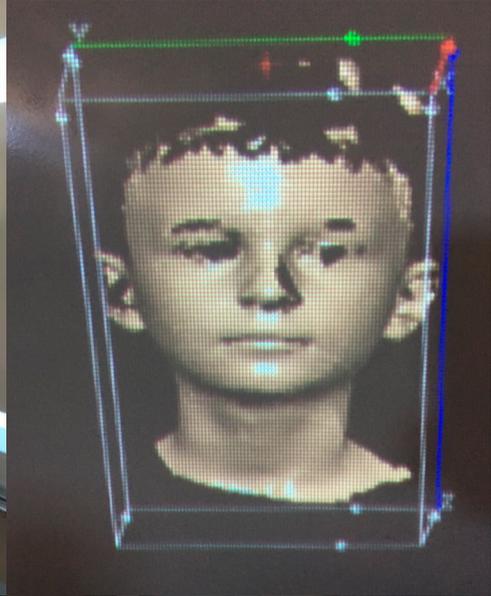




may the $F=ma$ be with you!

Thank you to everyone who helped participate in STEM Day this year. The students had a terrific time! Robots, heart valves, coding, 3D printing, airplanes, firetrucks, Scuba, slime, and so much more. You can check out a [great video from the day on our Facebook page](#). Here are some pictures from the day!







Towne Criers Reading Program

Congratulations to the following students for completing their 400 minutes of reading for February (F) and March (M)! Keep up the good work!



Aitken

Sanjana Bangaru (M)
 Ann Marie Batt (F/M)
 Flynn Conduff (F/M)
 Naomi Gluzberg (F/M)
 Andrew Grindstaff (F)
 Maverick Mackie (F/M)
 Elin Mattison (F/M)
 Riley Mercer (F/M)
 Arya Panchal (F)
 Brooks Pate (M)
 Emerson Penny (F)
 Ty Pitts-Wade (F)
 Lillian Suttle (F/M)
 Jacob Swatzell (F/M)
 Adam Tucker (F/M)
 Susanah Williams (F/M)

Campbell

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

Howard

Tori Burkette (F/M)
 Catherine Church (F/M)
 Lillith Coronel (M)
 Micah Driver (F/M)
 Elliot Dyer (F/M)
 Cooper Fleeman (F/M)
 Kennedy Howard (F/M)
 Savannah Jenkins (F/M)
 Mina Kimmel (F/M)
 Maya Osborn (F/M)
 Esme Reed (F/M)
 Carter Richardson (F/M)
 Charlotte Williams (F/M)

Ward

Ansu Adhikari (F/M)
 Magnolia Allen (F/M)
 Riley Blankenship (F/M)
 Miley Bowling (F)
 Kamryn Clark (F/M)
 Eliana Clements (F/M)
 Myah Ebberts (F)
 Zace Ethridge (F/M)
 Eli Hurley (F/M)
 Lula Johnston (F/M)
 Mikayla Kevern (F/M)
 Ashleigh Lewis (F/M)
 Brock Ragan (F/M)
 Clara Sutterlin (F/M)
 Tyler Williams (F/M)
 Ilyas Yavas (F/M)

Goad

Cooper Bradford (F/M)
 Rishi Brahmhatt (F/M)
 Dylan Bumgarner (F)
 Mason Daniel (F/M)
 John Louis Eilers (F)
 Isabella Hilton (F/M)
 Bruce Hunter (M)
 Cammi-Grace Kusenda (F)
 Finn Lewis (F/M)
 Colton Lovelace (F/M)
 Sophia Miller (F/M)
 Zaylen O'Neil (F/M)
 Campbell Phillips (F/M)
 Abrielle Ward (F/M)

Pfeiffer

Myles Booker (F/M)
 Skyler Dykes (F/M)
 Millie Jones (F/M)
 Ellie Larzo (F/M)
 Layla Levesque (F/M)
 Zane Lilly (F)
 Brielyn Martinez (F/M)
 Cruz Martinez (F/M)
 Zack Matherne (F/M)
 Annslie Morris (F/M)
 Lydia Palmatier (F/M)
 Paxton Temm (F/M)
 Isaiah Van Gerpen (F/M)
 Hayden White (F/M)

Taylor

Jackson Baker (F)
 Rishi Bhattacharya (F/M)
 Layla Boggs (F/M)
 Kaylee Callaway (M)
 Brinkley Harris (F/M)
 Cate Jenkins (F/M)
 Spencer Long (M)
 Rohan Papireddy (F/M)
 Dalton Perry (F)
 Luke Ringley (F)
 Alba Thomsen (M)

Willis

Reed Bennington (F/M)
 Khaliyah Carney (F/M)
 Ava Carter (F/M)
 Harper Dalpiaz (F)
 Ambrose Dunne (F/M)
 Lucas Goins (F/M)
 Ender Hansen (M)
 Emma Hensley (F/M)
 Ava Grace Lillie (M)
 Omisha Long (F/M)
 Aiden Nucci (F/M)
 Jasper Roberts (F/M)
 Nick Schulz (F/M)





Towne Criers Reading Program

Congratulations to the following students for completing their 400 minutes of reading for February (F) and March (M)! Keep up the good work!

Eger

Bow Allchurch (F)
 Dikshaa Bhonde (F)
 Henry Elb (F/M)
 Mac Gillert (F)
 Dagny Hensley (F)
 Gabriel Irwin (F)
 Madilyn Mercer (F/M)
 Isla Osterman (F/M)
 Zach Pierson (F)
 Dante Rodgers (F/M)
 Will Terranera (F/M)
 Jayden Williams (F/M)
 Yakub Yavas (F/M)

Loving

Reagan Bishop (F/M)
 Davis Crowe (F/M)
 Nick Evans (F/M)
 Sophia Hansard (F/M)
 Ivy Hansen (F/M)
 Owen Henley (F/M)
 Paige Hollinger (F/M)
 Ruwaifi Hoque (F)
 Eli Jenkins (F/M)
 Carl Johnson (F)
 Colton Jones (F/M)
 Brady Ledbetter (F/M)
 Ella Simpson (F/M)
 Jasmine Umazor (M)
 Millie Wilkinson (F/M)

Robinson

Finn Belanger (F)
 Hudson Berry (F)
 Sophia Dalpiaz (F)
 Lavi Mociran (F)
 Tory Oudom (F)
 Kennedy Phillips (F)
 Emma Jo Ringley (F)
 Ben Williams (F)
 Danica Williams (F)

White

Gus Adams (F/M)
 Makenah Brown (F/M)
 Ben Campbell (F/M)
 Alec Conduff (F/M)
 Sophia Cui (F/M)
 Owen Fowler (F/M)
 Travis Glisson (F/M)
 Evy Haywood (F)
 Londyn Oshoniya (F/M)
 Addison Smith (M)
 Reagan Sutterlin (F/M)
 Ellis Thomsen (F/M)
 Gabriel Watkins (F)
 Avery Whitson (M)

Bunch

Sean Bushell (F/M)
 Benjamin Cleveland (F)
 Tyler Estep (F/M)
 Kylie Gilliland (F/M)
 Zach Keeler (F/M)
 Ryder Osterman (F/M)
 Lynna Pham (F/M)
 Emily Strode (F/M)
 Michael Terranera (F/M)
 Ryan Woods (F/M)

Hull

Kara Barrett (F/M)
 Caden Brummel (F/M)
 Isaac Daniel (F/M)
 Calleigh Dorton (F/M)
 Andrew Easterwood (F)
 Natalie Jernigan (F/M)
 Natalie Kevern (F/M)
 Logan Rhodes (M)
 Anna Van Gerpen (F/M)

Kibelbek

Supreet Akadkar (F/M)
 Inaaya Aziz (F/M)
 Ensley Baker (F/M)
 Erin Eilers (F)
 Cooper Greer (F/M)
 Radiance Owens (F/M)
 Auron Rodgers (F/M)
 Nevaeh Sanders (F)
 Austin Stevens (F/M)
 Ian Tucker (F/M)

Turner

Owen Burkette (F/M)
 Blaiklee Cole (F/M)
 Will Davenport (F/M)
 Zoe Emery (F/M)
 Macy Ganger (M)
 Owen King (F)
 Tessa Larzo (F)
 Mahri Layne (M)
 Owen Lewis (F/M)
 James McAllister (F/M)
 Max Reece (F/M)
 Mikkenlee Smith (F/M)
 Soniyah Taylor (F)

Bowman

Clara Crowe (F/M)
 Emmie Hollinger (F/M)
 Josie Johnson (F)
 Xander Oshoniya (F/M)
 Emily Powell (F/M)
 Emma Rhea (F/M)
 Gilotra Suvén (F)
 Cooper Wells (M)

Murphy

Reid Brown (F/M)
 Meredith Duffy (F/M)
 Swink Hutchinson (M)
 Grace Jenkins (F/M)
 Mila Lipford (M)
 Nicholas Pohland (F/M)
 Charlie Walker (F/M)
 Jacob Ward (F/M)
 Winnie Yang (F/M)

Razo

Eliza Casey (F/M)
 Saxon Mattison (F/M)
 Shreeyan Papireddy (F/M)
 Sam Rueckert (F/M)
 Trey Shively (F)
 Emmalynne Sutterlin (F/M)
 Rylee Temm (F/M)

Temm

Weston Cleveland (F)
 Sophia Dollar (F/M)
 Charlotte Dowdy (F)
 Topher Hare (F)
 Griffin Lewis (F)
 Anthony Mascola (F/M)
 Lily McAllister (F/M)
 Mason Misenar (M)
 Evan Tunnell (F/M)
 Nicholas Yakubenko (F/M)

Happenings in the Tri-Cities

Date	Time	Event	Description	Location	Cost
5/1-19	All Day	Biome Zones	Unearth the wonderful world of biomes in honor of Earth Day. Experience animal adaptations with blubber gloves + uncover the illusion of camouflage with a candy sorting survival challenge.	Hands on Museum	\$9 for museum admission (ages 3+)
					
5/1-26	Varies	Alice in Wonderland	This brand new adaptation of a timeless classic celebrates the wonder of imagination – a must see for the whole family!	Barter Theater	\$14 - 16
					
5/5	10:00 am	I Love Mom Kids Canvas	Includes instruction, supplies, 12x12 canvas and snack! Ages 5 and up.	Into the Fire	\$20 per child. Call 926-2529 to pre-register.
					
5/7, 14, 21	4:00 pm - 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.
					
5/11, 18, 25	6:00 pm	Founders after 5	Music concert series that occurs in Downtown Johnson City	Founders Park	Free
					
5/12	10:30 am - 12 pm	Family Lego Day	Make Lego creations	Johnson City Public Library	Free
					
5/19	11 am - 12 pm	READING Paws	Read to a trained listening dog.	Johnson City Public Library	Free. Call 434-4458 to register.



Rising 5th grader?



Come check out [Indian Trail Intermediate School](#) from 6 to 7 pm on Tuesday, May 1st. You can visit the school and meet some faculty.



FIRST® LEGO® League, Jr. Update



The "LEGO Club" students came together after school on April 12th for their 'end-of-season' celebration and 'Expo'. This Expo was open for everyone during the day to display their major highlights, challenges, and building projects from this year's imaginative and creative groups of more than 40 students in 2nd- and 3rd-grade. LEGO vehicles, dream homes, space stations, space ships, holiday items, water rescue, picture frames, and even food. The group's mini-figures were also a big hit!
Thank you to all parents who helped pitch in for this energetic end-of-season celebration!



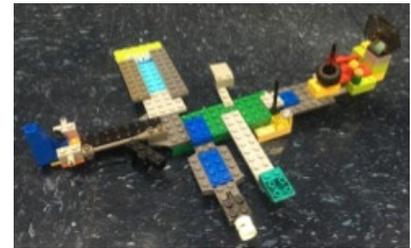
COACHES NEEDED! Next year, depending on volunteer coaching support, we hope to have official **FLL, Junior** teams (maximum of six students each with two coaches per team) along with at least two **FLL** teams (next year's 4th-graders; maximum of ten students each with two coaches per team).



We are uncertain at this time if we are going to have the parental support for an after-school "LEGO Club" like we had this year. We won't know until the next school year begins. So, if you are interested in being a "coach" for either an official FLL or FLL, Jr. team for the next school year (2018-2019), please read the information coming home in your student's folder soon. Until then, one of the best ways to explore the programs is to visit www.firstinspires.org and see if coaching is for you.

NEWS RELEASE! The FIRST® LEGO® League has released the 2018-2019 Challenge Overview 'teaser' for FLL.
NAME: 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®."

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. **Let's GO!**

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

**FIRST
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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We Need You!

Parent Involvement Opportunities 2018-2019

Volunteering through PTA is an excellent way to support the educational experience of our children. Many volunteer positions involve only a little time, and the rewards are great! You can serve from home or work, on your lunch hour, or on your phone or computer – you name it! Several areas of service are just right for new parents to jump right in and volunteer with no experience needed. Through PTA involvement you gain satisfaction through helping your child's school.

Below is a list of the volunteer positions we have open at Towne Acres. If you are interested in helping out or learning more about what is entailed, please contact Jennifer Hollinger, taptapresident@yahoo.com, or Melissa Larzo, melissalarzo@gmail.com. We look forward to having your help!

- **Carnival:** Get involved right away by assisting at our one yearly fundraiser, the School Carnival. This is a fun way to help out with many different opportunities to be involved! Co-chaired with another parent.
- **Cultural Arts:** This committee works to broaden our children's appreciation of art and culture. Coordinates and promotes the three PTA contests that happen once a year in Oct/Nov.
- **Family Engagement:** This committee works closely with our parent and family volunteers to help meet the needs of the school and the PTA.
- **Field Day:** This is always a wonderful conclusion to a great school year! The PTA and our teachers put on this fun event in May and could use your help organizing this fun day.
- **Green + Clean:** Help beautify the school grounds and organize two environmental programs, one in the fall and one in the spring, for the students and families.
- **Hospitality:** Love to entertain? Several events are scheduled for students throughout the year where help is needed in providing refreshments and serving during the events.
- **Legislative:** Report on federal, state and local regulations that affect our children and school.
- **Muffins + Donuts:** Help organize and prepare for our annual breakfasts with Moms and Dads in November.
- **Reading:** Help provide leadership and resources to the school on reading programs and library services. Assist with Town Criers, our monthly reading incentive program.
- **Scrapbook:** Help create a PTA scrapbook for the 2017-2018 school year. You will be asked to take pictures or collect pictures from other parents, and help layout pages for the scrapbook.





Simple Ways to Raise Funds for our School!



Kroger Community Rewards

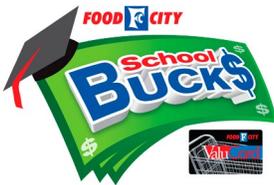
Register your Kroger Shopping Card at www.kroger.com/communityrewards

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.



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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Do your online shopping on Amazon? Go to www.smile.amazon.com and search for **Towne Acres Booster Club** to select. Every time you shop through the link above, you'll earn money (0.5% of your purchase) for our school.



Dear Towne Acres Families,

We have finished up collecting BoxTops for this school year, but please make sure you save any that you get this summer and start turning them in again in the fall! Thanks so much for another great year!

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, 2:00 p.m.
May 7	PTA Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (Little Theater)
May 7	PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Little Theater) – Kindergarten performance
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, 9:00 a.m. Last Day of school, 11:30 a.m. dismissal



*** 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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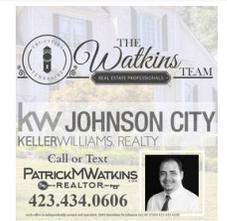
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