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Fall Carnival
Sept. 22nd

TOWNE ACRES TIMES

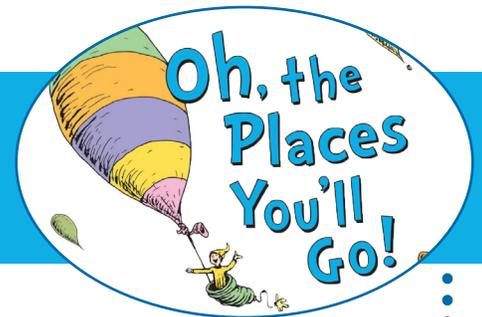
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Towne Acres Elementary PTA

You're off to Great Places! Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!
-- Dr. Seuss



Message from the Principal

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for making our Fall Carnival such a success! There were many hours spent preparing for this special event, so I would like to extend an extra big THANK YOU to all of those who had a hand in planning for Carnival. We were fortunate to have so many items donated for our auction and supplies sent in for a multitude of activities. An event like this cannot be successful without the help of volunteers to set-up stations, work at different activities, and help with the cleanup. Thank you all for making it happen!

The money raised from the Fall Carnival will be used to enhance our students' educational experience at Towne Acres. Technology resources, playground equipment, books for classrooms, and other items will be purchased for our students. We are grateful that our students will be

able to benefit so much because of everyone's work with the event.

It is hard to believe that our first quarter is already coming to a close. Fall Break is October 2-6, and we hope you enjoy this time with your family. Our first PTA general meeting is scheduled for October 23, and our fourth grade students will be performing. We will also have representatives from our central office staff, who will be here to share about the proposal for two middle schools in Johnson City. This was presented at the September school board meeting, and they are trying to share this plan with each school. I strongly encourage you to attend, if possible.

Thank you so much for everything you do to make Towne Acres great!

Kind regards,
Josh Simmons



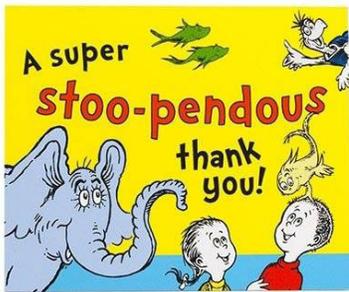
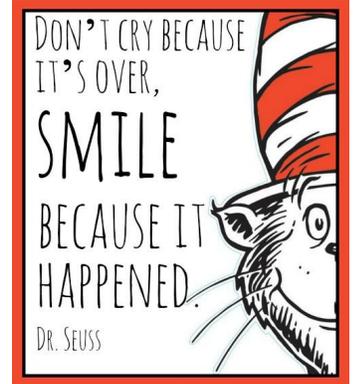


Message from the PTA President

To quote Dr. Seuss, "Don't cry because it's over, SMILE because it happened," he couldn't be more right. Our Seussville carnival on Friday, September 22nd, has come and gone. Many kids cried when it was time to leave because they were having so much fun and all of us parents can smile because it was another successful event at Towne Acres.

No words can express the amount of gratitude our school's PTA has to all the parents, faculty, sponsors and everyone in the community that supported us and helped make our carnival a huge success. The night was filled with games, food, entertainment, silent and live auction bidding, selfie pics and to finish it off, a movie under the stars. None of this would have been possible without everyone's generosity. We thank you from here and there and everywhere!

Of course, the carnival also wouldn't have been possible without our committee of parents that have worked tirelessly since the middle of summer, making all the preparations for the big day. So much work goes into this one big event, it is hard to imagine until you see it with your own eyes. As the PTA president this year, I got more exposure to the carnival planning, and I am beyond amazed at how hard everyone worked on all of the different committees, under the lead of our Trusty Carnival Chair, Melissa Larzo. Countless hours were put in by so many people leading up to the big day, whether it was making decorations, creating flyers, finding auction items, reaching out to the community for sponsorships, coordinating parent volunteers, collecting food and basket items in the classes, the list goes on. There are way too many people to recognize, but please know we appreciate each, and every one of you.

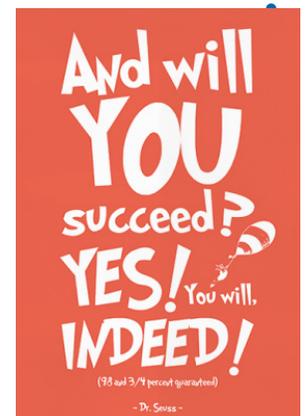


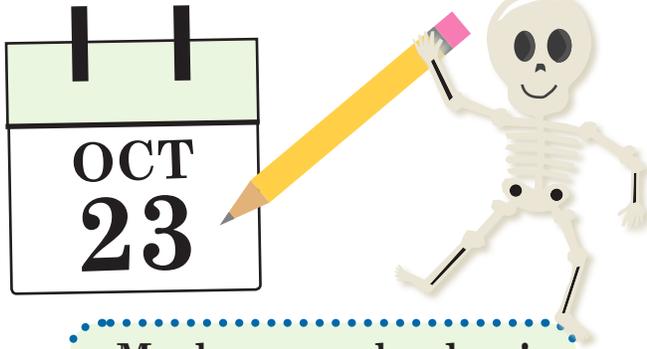
I would like to do a special thanks to the committee chairs, as they have put in 2 to 3 months of work leading up to this event; Melissa Larzo, Melina Christian, Christine Hutchinson, Julia Williams, Shelly Martinez, Emmalea Johnston, Catherine Layne, April Dalpiaz and Kristy Seeley. With the help of their teams, they were able to make the Seussville Carnival a night for everyone to remember. The money raised from Carnival will help our school to be able to provide so many new things; like upgrading our TATV system, purchasing new computers and iPads, adding new books to the library, creating a maker space program and so much more.

I think Dr. Seuss had it almost right when he said, "And will you succeed? Yes you will indeed! 98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed!". We definitely did succeed, but I think it is safe to say 100% guaranteed, due to all the help we had from so many wonderful people involved with Towne Acres Elementary!



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





Mark your calendars!

The first general PTA meeting will be held on October 23rd at 6:30pm in the Little Theater. The 4th grade will be performing.

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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
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October's Feature Grade: 4th Grade

In keeping with the Dr. Seuss theme of the year, the 4th grade students would like to share the places they plan to go when they grow up!

Mrs. Bowman's Class

- Gus Christian – Inventor
- Clara Crowe – Veterinarian
- Kaden Cutlip – Professional baseball player
- Elena Delaune – Volleyball coach
- Myra Deshazer – Fashion designer
- Matthew Eaton – Engineer
- Jonathon Hansard – Mechanical engineer
- Emmie Hollinger – Scientist
- King Jackson – Video game designer
- Josie Johnson – Engineer
- Kendall Kusenda – Video game designer
- Xander Oshoniyi – Professional soccer or baseball player
- Emily Powell – Preschool teacher
- Emma Rhea – Veterinarian
- Bryson Shipley – Nurse
- Haydon Smelser – Secret Service agent
- Skyler Vanover – Entomologist
- Cooper Wells – Anatomist

Mr. Murphy's Class

- Dayvion Blair – Master Builder
- Reid Brown – Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer
- Meredith Duffy – Librarian
- Sophia England – Teacher
- Isabella Greene – Teacher
- Jackson Hoagland – Police Officer
- Swink Hutchinson – Computer Scientist
- Grace Jenkins – Surgeon
- Christian Lehman – Video Game designer
- Mila Lipford – Doctor
- Isabella Mayse – Veterinarian
- Allie McCurry – Artist
- Sayer Olson – Builder
- Nicholas Pohland – Scientist
- Keane Sood – Marine Biologist
- Jaxson Stout – Baseball Player
- Charlie Walker – MLB Baseball Player
- Jacob Ward – MLB Baseball Player
- Winnie Yang – Author

Mrs. Razo's Class

- Lana Alharbi – Arabic Teacher
- Emerson Buchanan – Karate Teacher
- Eliza Casey – Baker
- Carmelita Delapaz – Chef
- Kegan Elrod – Soldier
- Jordyn Fish – Third Grade Teacher
- Eme Geaslin – Kindergarten Teacher
- David Lee – Lego Designer
- Saxon Mattison – Astrophysicist
- Shreeyan Papireddy – NFL Quarterback
- Ellie Rentz – Pathologist
- Sam Rueckert – Surgeon
- Trey Shively – Computer Engineer
- Emmalynne Sutterlin – Veterinarian
- Rylee Temm – Soccer Player
- Alexis Wells – Soccer Player
- Brock Wilhjelm – You Tuber
- Bryson Wilhjelm – Navy Seal
- Timothy Williams – Professional Golfer

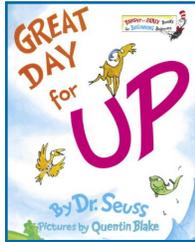
Mrs. Temm's Class

- Sultan Alonaizi – Pilot
- Trinity Bowen – Police officer
- Tian Chiang – YouTuber
- Weston Cleveland – YouTuber
- Sophia Dollar – Pediatrician
- Charlotte Dowdy – News anchor
- Topher Hare – Famous baseball player
- Nyla Kirkland – YouTuber
- Griffin Lewis – Professional soccer player
- Danica Marin – Veterinarian
- Anthony Mascola – Construction engineer
- Lily McAllister – Teacher
- Alona McMahan – Professional horseback rider
- Mason Misener – YouTuber or scientist
- Evan Tunnell – Police officer
- Kaylee Vannoy – Pharmacist
- Akshay Vashist – Doctor/scientist
- Nicholas Yakubenko – Video game designer



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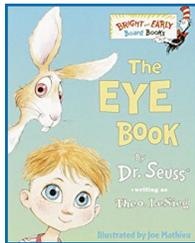


Great Day for Up

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Elena Delaune and Danica Marin

Cameraman: Evan Tunnell

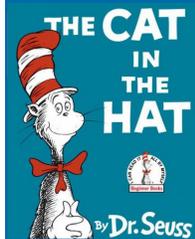


The Eye Book

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Sophia Dollar and Lily McAllister

Cameraman: Griffin Lewis



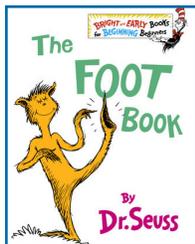
The Cat in the Hat

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Emmie Hollinger and Emma Rhea

Cameraman: Haydon Smelser

Equipment: Kaden Cutlip



The Foot Book

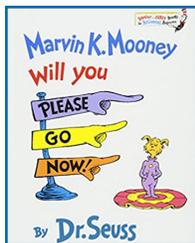
by: Dr. Seuss

Intro: Jackson Hoagland

Reader: Dayvion Blaire

Cameraman: Trinity Bowen

Equipment: Skyler Vanover



Marvin K. Mooney Will You Please Go Now!

by: Dr. Seuss

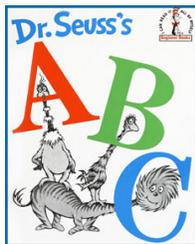
Readers: Myra Deshazer and Emily Powell

Cameraman: Kendall Kusenda



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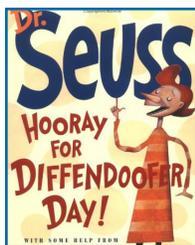


The ABC Book

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Clara Crowe, King Jackson, Josie Johnson

Cameraman: Jonathon Hansard



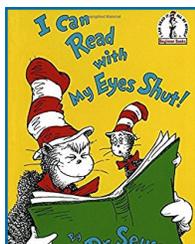
Hooray for Diffendoofer Day!

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Mason Misenar and Akshay Vashist

Cameraman: Anthony Mascola

Equipment: Topher Hare

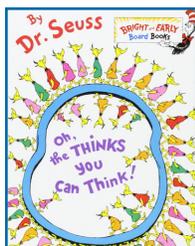


I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Cooper Wells and Matthew Eaton

Cameraman: Xander Oshoniyi



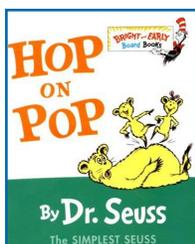
Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Charlotte Dowdy and Alona McMahan

Cameraman: Nyla Kirkland

Equipment: Kaylie Vannoy



Hop on Pop

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Jordyn Fish, Kegan Elrod, Eliza Casey

Cameraman: Lana Alharbi

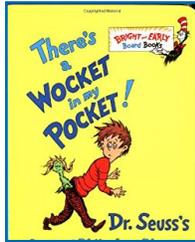
Equipment: Carmelita Delapaz





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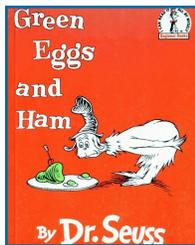
There's a Wocket in my Pocket!

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: David Lee, Shreeyan Papireddy, Ellie Rentz

Cameraman: Trey Shively

Equipment: Sam Rueckert



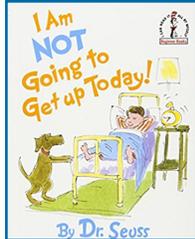
Green Eggs and Ham

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Rylee Temm, Eme Geaslin, Timothy Williams

Cameraman: Alexis Wells

Equipment: Bryson Wilhjelm



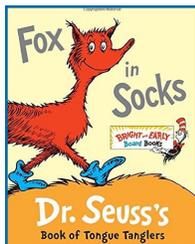
I am NOT Going to Get up Today!

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Grace Jenkins, Mila Lipford, Isabella Mayse

Cameraman: Christian Lehman

Equipment: Swink Hutchinson



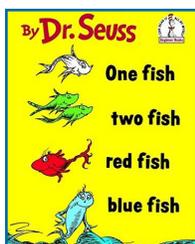
Fox in Socks

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Meredith Duffy, Isabella Greene, Sophia England

Cameraman: Charlie Walker

Equipment: Meredith Duffy



One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

by: Dr. Seuss

Readers: Keane Sood and Jacob Ward

Cameraman: Sayer Olson

Equipment: Nicholas Pohland





TOWNE ACRES Yearbook 2017-2018

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year!

At Towne Acres, our goal is to make sure that each and every student has at least 1 "candid" photo in the yearbook this year! This is YOUR yearbook! So, we are all in this together and need submission of your pictures...what you have so far, and then what you'll get through the rest of the school year. Pictures could be from class parties, field trips, fall carnival, sports, PTA events, extracurricular activities, related arts, spirit week, teachers, cafeteria, Educare, community service, school clubs, field day, talent show, etc.

Please submit all photos to the email address below. Don't forget to include a brief description, grade, and the names of everyone in your photo.

Emmalea Johnston, 2017-2018 Yearbook Coordinator
towneacresyearbook@gmail.com





FIRST® LEGO® League Robotics



FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL) Robotics



FLL is up and running at Towne Acres! Through the support of the PTA, and outstanding parents who stepped up to be Coaches, Towne Acres has TWO awesome teams for FLL this year. One team is coached by David McAllister and Melina Christian; the other is coached by Erin Misenar and Nick Johnson.



The FLL Coaches will guide and inspire the team through the discovery and competition season. The team will meet regularly to learn the FLL core values, develop a project that proposes a solution to a real-world problem, build the LEGO mission models, and program the robotics software to carry out the designated missions for the FLL Qualifier at ETSU (December 2nd).

We also want to thank the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for their generosity in awarding our school grants (\$648!) to cover the team registration fees for both FLL and FLL, Jr. Programs. "Shout out to TVA!"



"This year's Global Challenge is 'Hydro Dynamics'. The teams will learn all about water – how we find, transport, use, or dispose of it. If you have any connections with 'experts' in the field of hydrodynamics, places that would make good field trips, or other learning experiences for this topic, please contact the coaches. [Water treatment plant, water bottling, hydrology, storm water management, water use in agriculture, energy production by water, etc.]

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Nick Johnson nicholas.em.johnson@gmail.com



FIRST® LEGO® League, Junior (FLL, Jr.) Inaugural – Rookie Year

Any interested 2nd- and 3rd-graders at Towne Acres will be welcome to participate in this non-competitive after-school STEM program, supported by the PTA and TVA. The number of students interested and the available days will determine the schedule. Starting in mid-October.



They'll explore a real-world scientific problem, create a Show Me poster that illustrates their journey of discovery and

introduces their team, and construct a motorized model of what they learned using LEGO elements. In the process, teams learn about teamwork, the wonders of science and technology, and the FIRST® LEGO® League, Jr. Core Values, which include respect, sharing, and critical thinking.

We are **NOT** accepting student names at this time. The interest form will come home with all 2nd- and 3rd-graders soon. If you are interested in participating as a coach, volunteer, or sponsor, please contact **Linda Glisson** at TA.FLLjr@yahoo.com (please note the "jr" in the email address).

"Get pumped for the FIRST® LEGO® League, Jr. 2017/2018 season. In the AQUA ADVENTURE Challenge, more than 40,000 children will navigate the uncharted waters of this important resource."





CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to
Mrs. White's 2nd grade class
who signed up the most PTA members!



The class will celebrate with a Chick-Fil-A lunch party after break!!

We are currently at **426 members** and our school **goal was 425**,
so thank you for supporting our school and joining the Towne Acres PTA!



Towne Acres PTA Membership Help us Get Our Year off to a Good Start OUR GOAL: 425 members

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 _____
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Happenings in the Tri-Cities

Date	Time	Event	Description	Location	Cost
10/1	6:00 pm	Ranky Tanky	Charleston Based Quintet	ETSU - Culp Auditorium	\$20 adults \$12 children \$5 ETSU ID
10/2, 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.
10/7	10:30 am - noon 	Family Lego Day	Bring the whole family to build Lego creations.	Johnson City Public Library	Free
10/6-8	All Day 	International Story Telling Festival	This world renowned event celebrates storytelling at its most magical.	Downtown Jonesborough	Varies. Click here for pricing.
10/14	7:30 pm	Johnson City Symphony Orchestra	<i>Eternal Love</i>	Mary B. Martin Auditorium at Milligan College	 Varies, \$15-40
10/14-15	All Day	Doer River Gorge Fall Festival	Family fun, craft vendors, train excursions and more!	Doer River Gorge 	Free admission. Food and some activities available for a fee.
10/21	11:00 am 	READING Paws	Reading to a trained listening dog (ages 5-9).	Johnson City Public Library	Free. Call 434-4458 to sign up for your time.
10/21	7:30 pm	Men in Song Choral Festival	Festival celebrating male choristers throughout the region.	Mary B. Martin Auditorium at Milligan College	Free
10/24	7:00 pm	A Capella Unplugged	ETSU's three a cappella groups go acoustic.	Willow Tree Music Room & Coffeehouse	\$5 cover charge
10/27	5:30 - 7:30 pm 	Hand On! BOOISEUM	Candy, games, science experiments, crafts, and more!	Hands On! Museum	Free for members, \$3 for non-members (age 0-2 free)
10/28	3:30 pm	On Broadway	Family friendly show, featuring a variety of great Broadway hits	Mary B. Martin Auditorium at Milligan College	Free 



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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](#).



Amazon Smile

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

Hello Towne Acres Parents! Just a friendly reminder to keep sending in those box tops! I will make our first submission on November 1st, so please send in all box tops by **Monday, October 23rd** to allow us time to cut/count. As an incentive, we will be providing the class that submits the most box tops from August thru the end of October a pizza/ice cream party.

For more information on Box Tops, including a list of participating products, go to BTFE.com. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to continue making our school's Box Tops for Education™ program a huge success. Thanks for your help!

Kelley Lewis, Box Tops Coordinator





Towne Acres School Calendar 2017-18 (Aug-Jan)

August 1	Open House, 5:30 p.m.
August 2	First Day of School, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
August 14	PTA Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (Little Theater)
August 16	Family Engagement Night, 6:00 p.m. (Little Theater)
September 1	Mid-Term progress reports go home
September 4	Holiday – Labor Day
September 11	PTA Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (Little Theater)
September 12	Fall Individual School Pictures
September 12-30	Parent/Teacher Conferences (after school hours)
September 18-22	Towne Acres Spirit Week
September 22	Fall Carnival, 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
September 29	End of first nine-week term
October 2-6	Fall Break
October 11	Report cards issued
October 13	Fall Picture Retakes
October 16	PTA Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (Little Theater)
October 23	PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Little Theater) – 4th grade performance
November 3	Fall Parties
November 7	Parent Teacher Conferences – No School
November 10	Mid-Term progress reports go home
November 13	PTA Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (Little Theater)
November 20	PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Little Theater) – 2nd grade performance
November 13-17	Book Fair in the Library
November 14	Donuts with Dad, 7:15 a.m. – 8 a.m. (Cafeteria)
November 16	Muffins with Mom, 7:15 a.m. – 8 a.m. (Cafeteria)
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 11	PTA Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (Little Theater)
December 19	Winter Parties
December 19	Student ½ day, beginning of Winter Break, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
December 19	End of second nine-week term
January 4, 2018	Students return from Winter Break
January 5	Report cards issued
January 15	Holiday for students and staff (MLK Day)
January 22	PTA Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (Little Theater)
January 23	Family Engagement Night, 6:00 p.m.





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

February 1	Mid-Term progress reports go home
February 2	No School (No Snow Day)
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)
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 16	Reading Awards (grades K-2 from 12:30-1:30; grades 3-4 from 1:30-2:30)
May 18	Field Day
May 21	Senior Day
May (TBA)	4th Grade Field Trip (tentative)
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. ***

Carnival Thank You Notes!

from the Carnival Chair

I hope everyone had a great time at our Fall Carnival! What a beautiful evening it was to get together and have some fun with our TA families and community. This is truly a highlight of the entire school year for many of our children!

This was a huge event to make happen, and we are so grateful for all the help. Thank you to **Jenn Hollinger, Jennie Fowler, Jen Rueckert, and Melina Christian**, Carnival consultants who were involved from start to finish and helped in more ways than I can mention, thank you so much; **Catherine Layne**, whose job as treasurer will probably never be more demanding; **Melina Christian** and her team, **Elizabeth Johnson, Amber Bumgarner, and Alison Jones**, as well as others mentioned below, who



solicited all the goods and services that went to our auction and were involved in planning, set-up, and decorating; also **Melina's family** who helped with cafeteria set-up, hung banners and signs, and many other ways; **Julia Williams**, who planned, organized, and wrapped our awesome classroom baskets; **Shelly Martinez**, who was responsible for all the wonderful classroom art projects and Time with Teachers; **Tracie Walker**, who coordinated and helped to distribute information to the room parents; **Room Parents**, for all the work it takes to recruit volunteers to work the Carnival and to get all the donations we need, thank you; **Emmalea Johnston**, our volunteer coordinator, who sent flyers all over Johnson City to round up volunteers from local schools and other organizations, and her fearless assistants, **Logan and Sydney Myers**, who manned the volunteer table all evening during Carnival; **Christine Hutchinson**, who got the word out via social media and helped with auction and in many other ways; **Lisa Keeler**, who got word out to the community about the event; **Jessica Mackie**, who was there to help make copies (whether I was or not); **Kristy Seeley**, who kept the PTA website up to date with carnival and auction information, designed so many of our flyers, posters, and other literature, and helped so much on Friday; **Erin Misenaar**, another faithful Carnival consultant who also took on the role of bake sale planning, decorating, and layout; **Jennifer Bradford**, who planned the transformation from TA courtyard to Seussville and made (by hand!) and hung most of the decor, fabulous job; **Mehta Reed**, who helped all afternoon with decorations; **Lenora Penny**, who planned the fabulous cupcake walk; **Boyce England**, who built the games for us and spent most of the day getting them all set up; **Nick and Alexis Greene**, who donated the Brew-Gloo, collected all the ice cream and root beer, and sold root beer floats all night; **April Dalpiaz**, who provided the popcorn machine and spent her Thursday evening making cotton candy; **Blake Tyree**, who provided some muscle and braun during set-up; **Youree Mattison and Cori Horne**, who ran Spirit table sales; our cheer coaches, **Alexis Greene, Jennifer Brown, Lynn**

All the thanks



we can thank!



Carnival Thank You Notes!

from the Carnival Chair

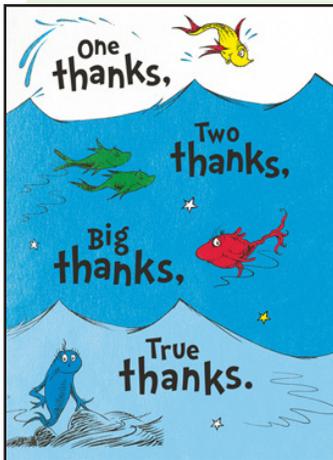
Rhea, Amber Wilkinson, and Dionne Ganger, who worked so hard with our group of cheerleaders to pull off another awesome performance on the field; **our Fabulous Towne Acres Teachers**, who have tolerated the endless sea of blue Carnival papers over the past few weeks and devoted their whole Friday evening to serving meals, putting together an awesome and entertaining performance, and/or selling tickets; **Bethany Morris**, who was in charge of ordering meals, a huge undertaking; **Jennifer Tucker**, who filled Carnival ticket and meal orders, another big responsibility; **Tim Haywood**, for his generous donations toward our bake sale and prize booth; **Lucy and Jeff Martin**, who helped all day Friday; **Shawnta Shipley, Ginger Carter, Tatsiana Yavas, Shelly Kohl and Mr. and Mrs. Kohl, Avery Kibelbek, Cassi McAllister, and the family of Katie Ragan**, who all generously gave up most of their day to help with bake sale, cupcake walk, prize booth organization, and so much more on Friday; **Jessica and Shawn Sutterlin**, who helped from early Friday morning until everything was cleaned up that night, and helped to put out fires during Carnival; **Jenn and Shawn Hollinger**, who helped all day and evening, set up the movie and cupcake walk and were among the last to leave, **Carl and Jennifer Eilers**, who were part of the awesome clean-up crew; **Matt and Jen Rueckert**, who helped all day in so many ways, helped with movie set-up, and stayed late until the work was done; **Kristi Estes**, former TA PTA president, who helped decorate and then stayed for the party; **Officer Eric Hilton**, who donated his speaker system for the movie and provided security during the event, thank you for your service; **Wendy Wilson**, who donated the Selfie Station; **Tom Taylor**, who broadcast his show live from the school Friday morning and publicized our Carnival during the show; the entire front office staff, **Ms. Powell, Ms. Craig, and Ms. Barnett**, for all their help and for tolerating my endless presence in their workspace the past month plus; **Mr. Keller**, for offering all his technological expertise to the auction committee, helping with clean-up, and staying long after the clean-up crew had left to tie up loose ends; our custodial staff, **Mr. McCord, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Norris**, for all their help



Carnival Thank You Notes!

from the Carnival Chair

in the days leading up to Carnival Friday; **Ms. Daphne and the Cafeteria Staff** for providing a way to transport all our baked goods around the school; **Dr. Simmons**, for reviewing things, approving things, meeting with me so many times, and living and breathing all things Carnival with us the past few weeks; and last but not least, my husband **Cris Larzo** for tolerating my inability to use clip art or print a page from home, and for helping in so many ways all day Friday as well as the past few months. I'm sure there are many others I've failed to mention, but please know that your contribution has made a difference and is very much appreciated!



The above mentions are all part of our Towne Acres family, past and present. There were also several groups outside our school who volunteered their time, including: **Daniel Boone Key Club, North Point Community Church, Science Hill Hospitality and Tourism Committee, Science Hill High School Junior ROTC, and other Daniel Boone and Science Hill High School students.** We are also grateful for the generous donations from our sponsors and vendors. Carnival couldn't happen without their support! Please see the back of the newsletter for more information.

One of PTA's values is to partner with a wide array of people and groups in order to better serve and advocate for every child. It truly does take the work and generosity of many, many people to make our great school even better, and over the past two months I've seen us living out this value. We as a community are helping to provide resources that will further the educational success, health, and wellbeing of every child at our school. I hope that as a member of our TA family you realize that you're a part of that!

In the next newsletter, I'll update you on Carnival earnings and how we hope to help the school in the coming year with the proceeds, so stay tuned! I hope everyone has a relaxing fall break!

Melissa Larzo
Carnival Chairlady





Carnival Thank You Notes!

from the Classroom Basket Chair

Thank you, THANK YOU to all who helped with Classroom Baskets this year! What an amazing year it was...those Amazon Wishlists really brought in some great items, and the feedback from parents was that they loved how easy it was! Thanks to all the Room Parents for making that happen. Wrapping the baskets came together in record time this year...another FIRST that would have been impossible without our awesome volunteers:

*Jenn Hollinger, Erin Misenar, Jessica Sutterlin, Sheridan Nichols, Alison Jones, Anisa Gluzberg, and Shweta Khalakar for making those baskets look amazing!

*Kristy Seeley, Bethany Morris, Elizabeth Goins, and Christine Hutchinson for helping clear bid sheets, technical support, and checking out winners.

*All the Room Parents for gathering items and ensuring we had great things with which to fill the baskets.

*Everyone who helped set up the day of Carnival, and anyone I may have missed...so many people jumped in, willing to help wherever there was a need, and it was much appreciated!

I had a great time again this year; thanks to all the people who were involved in making it happen.

Thank you!
Julia Williams

from the Silent Auction Chair

Thank you to everyone for making the Fall Carnival Auction a success! It really takes a great, dedicated crew to bring the items together, set up and organize the display, and execute the evening of Carnival!

It would not have been the success it was without the hard work of Christine Hutchinson, Kristy Seeley, Amber Bumgarner, Elizabeth Johnson, Emmalea Johnston, Shelly Martinez, Julia Williams, Melissa Larzo, and Jenn Hollinger. These women went out into the community and surrounding areas to seek and gather amazing items for auction! That takes a lot of time – email, in person, and written requests. Phone calls, texts – it keeps going! They did a great job to bring together a great variety of items. A big thank you to the TA community for coming to the auction and buying these items!

Thank you!
Melina Christian



from the Class Art Projects Chair

I want to thank all of the room parents for their help with the art projects. Also, thank you Ms. Patterson for allowing us to use the library and her office while gathering fingerprints for the art projects.

Thank you!
Shelly Martinez



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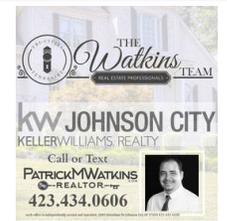
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