Dear Turner Families,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Spring Break! I hope that you found some time to unwind and relax. This part of the school year is always very busy and packed full of activities. Please remember to get set up as volunteer so that you can join us for those special days with your student.

We are very excited to do our first Spring Fling this month. On April 13th we will have all kinds of family activities and games for our Turner families. Watch for details about this event coming soon!

We just had our kindergarten registration window. Don’t worry if you missed it- you can still stop by and pre-register your student for kindergarten. Kindergarten Orientation Night will be April 18th starting at 5:30. We hope to see you there!

- Dr. Toll

We Are Tiger-iffic!
Students in grades 3rd – 6th will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) for ELA Writing, Science, ELA Reading and Mathematics. If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Melissa Long at 321-676-570.

The Turner Elementary State Testing Schedule is as follows:

3rd grade FSA Reading – April 2nd and April 3rd
4th – 6th grade FSA Writing – April 2nd
4th – 6th grade FSA Reading May 1st and May 2nd
3rd – 6th FSA Math May 7th and May 8th
5th grade NGSS Science May 9th and May 10th

We had a fun filled Music Madness month in March. Students participated in a listening contest and picked their favorite Composer. Students enjoyed playing rhythms and reciting poems, body director, crazy eighths, and hopscotch around a rotation of instruments placed in a circle. The standard and concept covered was LISTENING TO MUSIC, TIMBRE, and TONE COLOR.

End of Year Event: All are welcome to come and support this wonderful event.
What? Celebration of the Arts!
Who? Students in Orchestra, Second Grade, and Fourth Grade will be performing.
When? Thursday, April 25th.
Time? 6:00 p.m.
Where? Turner Cafeteria

Please return all Orchestra and Chorus uniforms after April 25th.

Mrs. Borkowski
Music Teacher

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First graders are very excited to be going on a field trip to the Field of Dreams Park on April 4th. We will enjoy a very nice playground and enjoy a picnic lunch. Students have continued to work hard to pass iReady reading and math lessons. Last month they passed their grade level goal and got to see Dr. Toll and First grade teachers kiss a pig! Hilarious! They loved it!

Second grade Happy April! As spring activities pick up, please remember that students should be reading at least an hour a week. This may seem small but it truly is important. Reading at home helps academic achievement in the classroom. It is not too late to schedule a parent/teacher conference if you have concerns. You can contact your child’s teacher by phone, email, or a note.

Third grade Phew, we’re almost through 3rd grade! Reading FSA is complete and Math FSA is right around the corner (May 7th and 8th). We can see the finish line, and we’ve worked hard for it! Our math concepts continue to get more complex and WE LOVE THE CHALLENGE! In the next few weeks it is crucial for students to be at school, be on time, and not get checked out. Please help us prepare our 3rd graders by encouraging the importance of being in school every day, all day :) Thank you for all the support!

Fourth graders please continue to read 15 – 20 minutes each evening. Also, continue to review your math facts each night. You can pick up a pack of addition, subtraction or multiplication flash cards at the dollar store! Our FSA schedule is as follows: FSA Writing is April 2nd, FSA ELA is May 1st-2nd, and FSA Math is May 7th-8th.

Box Tops for Education
Please clip and send Box Tops to school in a small baggie with the name of your child’s teacher written on the outside. There will be incentives for the class that donates the most Box Tops!
Stressed About Testing?
Remember the following:
Laughing reduces stress & test anxiety
Parents play a critical role in the ability to calm pre and post-test anxiety. Continue to provide your child with positive praise and reinforcement with phrases such as, “You’ll do great!” “You got this.” “I love you no matter what”
Keep your child’s daily routine the same all year long, including on test days. Although it is a good idea to ensure a good night’s sleep and to be well feed prior to the big test, changing bedtime or making kiddos eat a huge breakfast can lead to anxiety.
Allow your child time to decompress after their testing day.
Testing is important. It helps guide instruction and provide supports to those students in need, but testing is not the be all and end all.

Spring Fling
4/13/19
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Tickets are $1 each
- All food purchases will require money, please bring cash
- There will be face painting, rock painting, slime making, cake walk, and many other fun activities

If you have a child that will be entering Kindergarten in August 2019, please join us for Kindergarten orientation!
April 18th at 5:30pm
Turner media center

Pride of Turner
We are always looking for dedicated, enthusiastic, goodhearted parents to join The Pride of Turner (Parent Teacher Organization) for the 2018-2019 school year. Contact Lisa Stanley for more information.
stanley.lisa@brevardschools.org
321-676-5700

Field Trip!

If you would like to chaperone a field trip, you MUST complete the fingerprinting process and complete the volunteer application online.
If you have questions about the application process, please contact Lisa Stanley 321-676-5700 or come to the office for assistance.

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K and 1st Grade Sight Words

Did you know that sight words consume 80% or more of the words we read? Sight words need to be recognized instantly by our young readers. Sight words are words that everyone needs to be able to recall at ‘flash speed’ (less than 3 seconds). Sight words cannot be sounded out. They are words that MUST be memorized. And they must be quickly recognized in order to achieve reading fluency. Once children have learned and memorized their basic sight words, they will read more fluently and with greater comprehension.

What does it mean to “master” a sight word? A child should recognize the targeted sight word three times in a row for three days in a row. The child should be able to identify and say the word quickly, showing that they know the word by sight.

Kindergarten teachers focus on specific sight words throughout the school year. With your help at home each evening, your kindergartener will be sure to learn all of the sight words by the end of the school year! Please be sure to set aside 5-7 minutes each evening to help your child learn his/her Sight Words. Thank you for taking the time to ensure your child’s success!

K sight words the 1st nine weeks of school: I like see the and at as
K sight words the 2nd nine weeks of school: we go to come me with my you what are now can had in it
K sight words the 3rd nine weeks of school: not is at so but from on this be that will your for they up his them said then was
K sight words the 4th nine weeks: all she when by he there or were word do have one out their

1st Grade Students are expected to know the first 100 Fry Sight Words by the end of the school year. Please make it a point to practice these words with your child each evening. If you need suggestions for helping your 1st grader learn these words, please call your child’s teacher ASAP.

Fry’s First 100 Words

1. the 21. at 41. there 61. some 81. my
2. of 22. be 42. use 62. her 82. than
3. and 23. this 43. on 63. would 83. first
4. a 24. have 44. each 64. make 84. water
5. to 25. from 45. which 65. like 85. been
6. in 26. or 46. she 66. him 86. called
7. is 27. one 47. do 67. into 87. who
8. you 28. had 48. how 68. time 88. an
9. that 29. by 49. their 69. has 89. its
10. it 30. words 50. if 70. look 90. now
11. he 31. but 51. will 71. two 91. find
12. was 32. not 52. up 72. more 92. long
13. for 33. what 53. other 73. write 93. down
14. on 34. all 54. about 74. go 94. day
15. are 35. were 55. out 75. see 95. did
16. as 36. we 56. many 76. number 96. get
17. with 37. when 57. then 77. no 97. come
18. his 38. your 58. them 78. way 98. made
19. they 39. can 59. these 79. could 99. may
20. I 40. said 60. so 80. people 100. part
Volunteers are vital to the success of Turner. Volunteer opportunities include: reading to students, listening to students read, preparing materials, assisting with picture day, helping in the computer lab, and helping during vision/hearing screenings or during PBIS celebrations, chaperoning field trips and many other tasks. Volunteers are also needed on the 3rd Tuesday of every month for Try it Tuesday! Any amount of volunteering is greatly appreciated!

Do you have questions about the volunteer application process? Please contact Lisa Stanley either by email at stanley.lisa@brevardschools.org, call the school at 321-676-5700, or come to the office for assistance.

I love Turner!

Morning Car Loop—Please DO NOT stop in front of the double doors. Pull your car all the way forward before letting your child exit the vehicle. When you stop at the double doors, only 3-4 cars can unload. When you pull all the way forward, 7 – 8 cars can unload. Our goal is to make the morning car loop move along as quickly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

Afternoon Car Loop – Be sure that your car tag is hanging from your review mirror. Car tags are used to verify the driver is allowed to pick up the listed children. Please DO NOT remove the tag until your child has gotten into your car. Thank you for helping dismissal run smoothly!

The Parent Survey will be available online from April 1st to April 19th. Your opinion is important to Turner. The information gathered is used when writing our School Improvement Plan and the Title 1 Plan. Translated materials are available. Watch for the link and information to be sent home.

Translated materials are available upon request.