Dear Turner Families,

It’s hard to believe that February is here, and we are more than halfway through this school year. It seems to go by so fast! February is jam packed with family activities here at Turner. Make sure that you mark your calendars for these events- you won’t want to miss out!

If you are the parent of a fifth grader, you will want to make sure that they are attending our science Saturday program. The last remaining sessions will be on February 2nd and 9th from 9AM-12PM.

Our annual sweetheart lunch is on February 14th. Make sure that you get your RSVP in so that we have enough food for everyone. You can also buy a carnation for your sweetheart for $1. Students can bring in money now to pre-order. What a great way to make your child smile by having a flower delivered to them on Valentine’s Day!

Make sure to keep your child reading each night. Read with them and ask them questions about what you are reading. The school Book fair will be back at Turner from February 25th-March 1st. This is a great opportunity to pick out a book to read together. It truly makes a difference when we show our children the importance of literacy.

- Dr. Toll
Do you know the difference between Fiction and Non Fiction? It is important that students can identify the difference between the two genres. When reading to/with your child, help them identify whether the book is a Fiction or Non Fiction book.

**FICTION**
- not real
- read in order
- illustrations
- beginning, middle, end
- characters, setting
- problem & solution

**NON FICTION**
- real
- read to learn
- graphs, charts, photographs
- table of contents
- glossary, index, bold words
- information, facts, directions, details

**Non Fiction** can be about: People, animals, history, science, places, plants, jobs, sports, hobbies, cultures, and so much more.
- tells about something real
- includes true facts
- often has photographs
- includes text features such as captions, headings & labels
- teaches the reader something

1. Read a **FICTION BOOK** to/with your child.
2. Let your child roll the die.
3. Ask your child whatever questions the die lands on. Encourage your child to be specific in their response.
4. Have fun!

1. Read a **NON FICTION** book to/with your child.
2. Ask your child 3 – 5 questions about the book or a section of the book.
   - Choose a diagram, map, chart, graph, or image that is important to the text. Explain why it is important.
   - What are 2 new pieces of information that you learned from your reading?
   - What is the main idea (what is it mostly about)? What are 3 details from the text that support the main idea?
   - Were there any text features that helped you better understand your reading?
   - What did you find interesting as you were reading?
   - Explain the most interesting thing you learned from the reading and why it stood out for you. Be specific and refer back to the text.

We Are Tiger-iffic!
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!

Cafeteria News

VALENTINE’S LUNCH
FEBRUARY 14TH

Parents/guests MUST sign in through the front office and MUST display their yellow sticker on their chest so it is visible by any school employee.

A parent volunteer will be selling lunch tickets for $3.10. Cash or check is accepted. Guests will receive a ticket for their lunch. Guests and students will be eating in the commons area.

The following students auditioned and were selected to go to the All County Music Festival at the King Center on Feb. 23rd.

Chorus:
Elise Wendt Amari Crosby
Kylee Arnold Anna Svinareff
Seraphina Crisman Arieannah Grimm
Melissa Mayfield Mikayla Marrs

Intermediate Strings:
Haley Imel

Beginning Strings:
Adrian Tobin Kara Brown

All 5th grade students are going on a field trip to see our very own professional Brevard Symphony Orchestra at the King Center. The theme this year is SUPERHEROES. Students will listen to music from various movies like: Batman, Ironman, The Avengers, The Incredibles, and Superman. All students in music class are participating in activities to learn all about the orchestra instrument families.

There will be no more chorus for the remainder of the school year. Only those students selected to go to the All County Music Festival at the King Center will be rehearsing. Please return your uniform ASAP.

Mrs. Borkowski
Music Teacher
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

The Turner Food Pantry has been established to help all members of our Turner family. There are numerous boxed and canned goods available.

If you are in need of items from the Turner Food Pantry, please contact Mrs. Hudder
321-676-5700 ext. 52226
hudder.pricilla@brevardschools.org

The School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) is available in the front office or online. To view the report online go to FLDOE and search SPAR. SPAR reports may be requested and translation is available upon request. http://doewebprd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspars/year1617/schl1617.cfm?dist_number=5

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!

Pride of Turner

Grade Level News

First grade classes continue to keep the playground clean by taking one day of the week to pick up trash before playing. This is making a big difference! Thanks, students!

First graders are taking their first field trip of the year at the end of February. Detailed information will be sent in a letter on January 31st. We will see The Very Hungry Caterpillar at the King Center, followed by a picnic lunch.

Second grade has a field trip coming up to Erna Nixon Park on February 6! Please make sure your permission slip and $5 is in! We are looking forward to a fun, science filled day!

Third grade is hoping to raise money for our upcoming SeaWorld field trip. There will be a 3rd grade Spirit Night at Pizza Vola on Minton Road! This event will help cover some of the cost of transportation. If you’re interested in joining us for some delicious pizza and to help a great cause, please mark your calendars for the evening of February 20th! Details about the exact time will be sent home soon. Hope to see you there!

Fourth grade is going to Fort Christmas for the Florida Living History Festival on February 7th. We can’t wait for the students to learn more about Florida history on this field trip! If you would like to get a sneak peek of the amazing experiences available at Fort Christmas, please visit https://www.nbhd.com/godo/FortChristmas/.
Many grade levels have upcoming field trips. If you would like to be a chaperone, you **MUST** complete the fingerprinting process and complete the volunteer application online.

If you need assistance or have questions about the application process, please contact Lisa Stanley ASAP. You may email at stanley.lisa@brevardschools.org, call the school at 321-676-5700, or come to the office for assistance.

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### Books Kids LOVE

Children love reading side by side with parents/guardians. Below is a list of books kids LOVE! Visit your local library and check some out today. Settle down on the couch, on a blanket in the yard, or curl up next to your child at bedtime and enjoy some of these incredible books together.

**Kindergarten**
- Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems
- Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site by Sherri Duskey Rinker
- Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

**Grade 1**
- The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
- Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel
- Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena
- Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
- The Complete Tales & Poems of Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Minnie
- Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo

**Grade 2**
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- Ivy + Bean by Annie Barrows
- Stuart Little by E.B. White
- Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
- Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White
- Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary

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We Are Tiger-iffic!
School attendance is mandatory in the state of Florida and has become a National Initiative called: Every Student, Every Day. The Florida State Statue (1003.21) indicates all children are to attend school regularly during the entire school term. This initiative has been launched in the state of Florida in an effort to eliminate chronic absenteeism. If your child is chronically tardy or absent and you need assistance, please contact your child’s teacher, Ms. Hudder or Mrs. Stanley.

Please remember to contact the school office at 321-676-5700 the day that your child is absent AND send a note to your child’s teacher the day your child returns to school. If students are absent for medical reasons, send a doctor’s note to school ASAP.

Regular school attendance is extremely important. Students who miss school are missing carefully planned sequences of instruction. They are missing out on active learning experiences, class participation, and the opportunity to ask questions. As a result, students who are absent are more likely to fall behind.

Students who are frequently absent not only fall behind academically, but they also miss important socialization opportunities that enhance their ability to understand and follow directions.

Translated materials are available upon request.