Dear Turner Families,

It’s hard to believe that we are on the downslide of the school year. It has certainly flown by so far! This month brings the much-awaited spring break! I hope that everyone finds some time to relax and have some family fun! Hopefully the weather is beautiful, and we can all get outside to get some sunshine!

We will be having our Kindergarten pre-registration during the week of March 25-29th. If you have an incoming Kindergartener, you will want to get that paperwork filled out and brought back during that week. We will be having our Kindergarten orientation April 18th. We will send home more details closer to that date.

Thank you so much for all of the parent volunteers and support given during the month of February. We could not have done all of the great activities for our students without your support. We are truly a team here at Turner and always appreciate what you do for us and our students.

- Dr. Toll

We Are Tiger-iffic!
The All County Elementary Music Festival was amazing! Thank you to all the parents and volunteers that supported this wonderful music performance at the King Center.

Students in music class have been working on the concept of TIMBRE/TONE. They have participated in several activities using pitched and unpitched percussion instruments.

MARCH IS MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH! Students in music class will participate in several activities that focus on the Standard of listening and analyzing various composer’s music.

Upcoming Event!

Celebration of the Art
Thursday, April 25th starting at 5:30 p.m. Music performance at 6:00 p.m.
Orchestra, Fourth Grade, and Second Grade will be performing in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Borkowski
Music Teacher

Mrs. Hudder’s Tips

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Did you know that children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior? Eating dinner together is great, but other meals count, too. If you work at night, maybe you can make time for a family breakfast; you could even plan a weekend picnic!

Asking your child “How was school today?” might not get you very far. Instead, try asking questions like the ones below. They might help you get a better picture of your child’s day.

Ask your child some of the following:
* “What’s the coolest thing that happened in school today? What wasn’t so cool today?”
* “What made you laugh today?”
* “What was the most creative thing you did today?”
* “How were you kind or helpful today? How was someone kind or helpful to you today?”

“Let’s see what you brought home.”
Make it a point to look at your child’s completed work to find out what your child is learning and how well they are doing in school. You could comment on their math work or school project. Also, make it a priority to respond to notes from your child’s teacher. Please go through your child’s weekly folder so that you aren’t missing any important papers, notices, and upcoming events.

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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

This year’s Valentine lunch was wonderful! Our cafeteria staff served 81 adults and had a great time doing it. Thank you to all staff who made the luncheon so successful.

National School Breakfast Week is March 4th through March 8th. This year’s theme is Start Your Engines and Come Get a Good Breakfast. There will be special guests, prizes and great food during the week!

Suggested Reading List for Intermediate Students

Grade 3
Coraline by Neil Gaiman
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone by J.K. Rowling
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe: The Chronicles of Narnia, Book 1 by C.S. Lewis
The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo

Grade 4
Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
The Bad Beginning: A Series of Unfortunate Events Book 1 by Lemony Snicket
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson and the Olympians Book 1 by Rick Riordan
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle

Grade 5
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Hold Fast by Blue Balliett
I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World by Malala Yousafzai
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
Revolution is Not a Dinner Party by Ying Chang
Comestible
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Grade 6
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card
The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Hunger Games, Book 1 by Suzanne Collins
Legend, Book 1 by Marie Lu
March: Book One by John Lewis
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
**Grade Level News**

**First graders** had a wonderful time at the King Center for the Performing Arts! We watched a black light puppet show of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and other Eric Carle favorites, followed by lunch at the park. Our students are discovering the joy of finding a book they like, and finding additional books by that same author. We are working on vowel teams as our phonics focus. Our math focus is learning about place value and a continuation of word problems.

**Second graders** would benefit from extra help at home in order to ensure they are successful in math. Please help your student add up to four two-digit numbers within 100. If you need suggestions, please contact your child’s teacher. By the end of the school year all students are expected to be able to add three-digit plus three-digit numbers within 1,000. Knowing basic addition and subtraction facts is the key to solving addition and subtraction problems in 2nd grade! Please help your student practice their basic facts each evening. Thanks so much for helping your child be successful in math!

**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!
**FREE Income Tax Preparation**

CareerSource Brevard and United Way of Brevard are pleased to offer FREE TAX PREPARATION (no appointment necessary)

**Mondays - CareerSource Brevard, Rockledge**
295 Barnes Blvd., Rockledge, 32955 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM

**Wednesdays & Thursdays - Palm Bay City Hall**
120 Malabar Road, Palm Bay, 32907 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM

**Saturdays - The Salvation Army, South**
1080 S. Hickory St., Melbourne 32901 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM

**Patrick Air Force Base Program:** For retired, active duty military and civilian employees (GS), Patrick AFB, Shark Center, Bldg. 3655, Satellite Beach, FL 32937 *By appointment, call 321-494-4718. (*Monday-Friday)

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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**Kindergarten Registration & Orientation**

2019 – 2020 Registration for Kindergarten students will be held in the school’s front office March 26th – March 29th. You must have the following documents to register your Kindergartener for the 2019-2020 school year:
- Proof of age/a certified birth certificate
- A Florida Certificate of Immunization, completed by a Florida physician or by a Florida county health department
- Evidence of a medical exam completed no less than 12 months prior to the child’s school entry date
- Official documentation that the parent(s) or guardian(s) is a legal resident(s) of the school district attendance area.

All students are required to provide two (2) forms of verification of residence at registration. Proof of residence may include the following:
- Proof of your residence with one (1) of the following from each tier:
  **Tier 1**
  - Current driver license
  - Current Homestead Exemption Card or Purchase -Contract (with expected closing date within 90 days of school) or Warranty Deed
  - Lease/Rental Agreement (with your name as the renter)
  **Tier 2**
  - Current utilities statement (within the last 30-45 days)
  - Florida Voter Registration Card
  - Florida Vehicle Registration or Title
  - A utility hook up or work order dated within 60 days
  - Medical or health card with address listed
  - Current homeowner's insurance policy or bill
  - Current automobile insurance policy or bill
  - A letter from a homeless shelter, transitional service provider, or a half-way house verifying they receive mail.

**Kindergarten orientation will be held on April 18th at 5:30pm in the Turner media center.**

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We Are Tiger-ific!
Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) for ELA Writing, Science, ELA Reading and Mathematics.

Your child will have an opportunity to participate in a practice session to become familiar with the item types and response formats he will see on the FSA assessments. If you or your student would like to review the materials, paper-based practice tests and answer keys are available at [http://www.FSAassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/](http://www.FSAassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/).

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2019 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at [www.FSAassessments.org](http://www.FSAassessments.org), click on the Students and Families icon, select the Frequently Asked Questions card, then select the question: “How long are the tests?”

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:

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

Translated materials are available upon request.