



Turner Times

October, 2019

Message from the Principal

Dear Turner Families,

As we prepare for our Fall Conferences, we wanted to reach to our families about our format for conferences. It is an expectation that students attend conferences with their families. Students will be an active part of the conference and will be empowered to participate in the conversation along with the parents and teacher.

Outline for conference time:

Students will begin the discussion, centered around their learning goals, work habits, and reflections on how he/she is performing. In advance, students will have taken the time to reflect on their learning goals and achievements, and consider their areas for growth.

Teachers will then have an opportunity to share out about the student's performance, how the teacher is supporting their student, and to share any area of improvement.

As the conference centers on the student's reflection, families can ask questions along the way, while the teacher and student answer. Consider these questions as a guiding resource:

- What learning goals have you set for yourself? Why did you make these?
- How can I support you with your learning goals and work habits?
- What work are you most proud of in this class?
- Explain what you have been learning about...

We will be sending out information separately on how to sign up for conferences electronically. Like last year, we will send out a post-conference survey in order to use your considerations and perspectives as we prepare for Spring Conferences.

Thank you in your continued support of academics at Turner.

Sincerely,
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Brandy Grieves,
Principal

*Parent/Teacher conferences will be held October 9th from 4:30 – 8:30pm and October 10th from 8:00am – 6:30pm. They are NOT walk-in, they must be scheduled in advance. The conference scheduler will be open to parents September 30. A link will be sent out and placed on our website at that time. **They are student led so it is an expectation that students attend conferences with their families.***

TSD Safety Protocols

*Don't
forget
your ID!*

When coming to TMS we ask that you please:

1. Ring the buzzer
2. When asked, state your reason for visiting
3. Show your ID to the camera
4. A staff member will buzz you in, please go to the attendance desk which is the 3rd door on the left.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter as we all work together to keep your student safe!

<p>6th Grade News!</p>	<p>Hello 6th Grade Families!</p> <p>We are just past our first month of school with these delightful 6th grade students; we are really enjoying this group! We want to remind you of a couple of things. First and foremost, students REALLY need a pair of earbuds or headphones. For obvious reasons, we don't keep classroom sets for them to share, but they are very inexpensive and don't need to be fancy. Please, if you see a cheap pair, grab them for your 6th grader! Also, if you could check and make sure your student has a notebook for math, that would be extremely helpful. They actually needed one more than was on their supply list, so if you see a cheap one, please grab it. Thanks!</p> <p>In Academic News....</p> <p>In Science, students have just finished going through the scientific method lab work with Mr. Hunn and will be delving deeper into science content by looking at molecular structures and energy flow. Expect to see some cool projects being done in Science in the near future!</p> <p>In Social Studies, students are fully engaged in learning about Geography. Additionally, Mr. Wedel has had the kids learning about Social Studies in its truest form by engaging in dialogue about current events from unbiased primary resources to expand our students' world view. This week students will be starting a Create a Country project with a goal of showing what they have learned about Geography.</p> <p>In Literacy, students are presently involved in a unit about conspiracy theories with Mr. J and Mrs. Paukstis (always a fun topic!) as they learn how to check the credibility of sources. Ask the kids about some of the articles they have evaluated; they are pretty hilarious! Students in literacy are also working on developing domain-specific vocabulary and responding to focus questions by writing Claim-Evidence-Reasoning responses.</p> <p>In Math, kids are wrapping up their first unit about factors and multiples. We are digging into our new Math curriculum, and it includes a multitude of resources for kids and parents alike. Please jump on to Mrs. Friedline and Mrs. Pasch's websites to check out the resources for the Big Ideas Math Program. All math classrooms have agendas and daily work accessible online through the Google Classroom and teacher websites, so never again should you hear, "I don't remember what my homework was..." :) Additionally, since the books are completely online as well, everything the kids need for their math work is truly at their fingertips.</p>
<p>7th Grade in the News</p>	<p>Misleading news requires our social studies students to determine credibility. Next up: Accessing primary sources. Are they reliable?</p> <p>Using the scientific method, students solved a mystery in the chromatography lab. Next up: Atomic Models.</p> <p>Mathematics students demonstrated the properties of real numbers in Ms. Nickerson's Super Hero Project. Next up: Number Relationships: It All Adds Up.</p> <p>In literacy, students looked inward to create and present their Star Selfies. Next up: Dissecting parts of a story: From characters to themE.</p>
<p>8th grade</p>	<p>Hi 8th-grade students and families,</p> <p>We are all very excited to have you all in the 8th grade. We have a lot of exciting things happening in our classes that we will be telling you about in this newsletter throughout the year. In Mr. Buchanan's class we are starting a new program called Give Next that teaches a group of 8th graders philanthropy skills. Also, we just had a parent meeting about the Washington D.C. trip that will take place on May 25-28th, 2020. You can still sign up your 8th grader on the Worldstrides website using trip code 173695.</p> <p>Sincerely, The 8th-grade team</p>

<p>Electives Info</p>	<p>MultiMedia classes are working on HTML coding. Engineering and Design classes have been working on CAD software training, and are now underway with their first projects.</p> <p>Band & Choir students are enjoying playing their instruments and singing.</p> <p>Spanish students are beginning their District Assessments.</p> <p>FACS classes started the year off talking about Relationships. They then began to learn about the importance of safety in the kitchens, explored the kitchens and their contents and have since moved into their Cooking units.</p> <p>Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth grade is working on a mask-making project, in which they are identifying and using basic geometric and organic shape to draw more accurately and efficiently. • Seventh grade has been creating mandalas and blind contour drawings. This project is meant to help address issues regarding drawing using correct proportion and objective observation during drawing, as well as appropriate use of watercolor paint. • Eighth grade is creating 3-dimensional packing tape sculptures based on the work of the artist Mark Jenkins. <p>PE/Health classes are working on their Fit Plans and Goal setting for the semester that are centered around their Physical Fitness testing. 7th Grade classes are learning First Aid & CPR and will be testing for their certification cards. All classes have been learning new games, playing a variety of indoor and outdoor sports, and excelling at their Workout Wednesday activities.</p>
<p>GT</p>	<p>Welcome to a new school year at TMS! I am the school coordinator for the Gifted and Talented students. I need to meet with each identified student to review/write a new Advanced Learning Plan for this year. Parents are encouraged and invited to attend the meeting. Parents will receive a copy of the ALP, regardless of attendance. The meeting will last 30 - 45 minutes and your student will need to be present. Please sign up for a time that is best for you. When you arrive for the meeting, please sign in with Mrs. Barnett in the attendance office and I will meet you there. If your student is in class, I will retrieve him/her from class for the meeting. Sincerely, Kristi Leonard (kristina.leonard@thompsonschoools.org) https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AADA622A2F49-advanced</p>

New to TMS

SOS

Turner Middle School has the pleasure of introducing Source of Strength (SOS) to our school this year. Sources of Strength is: “A best practice youth suicide prevention project designed to harness the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. The mission of SOS is to prevent suicide by increasing help seeking behaviors and promoting connections between peers and caring adults.” All of the Turner teachers and much of the staff have taken the initial Sources training. Several of those teachers and staff also took an additional Adult Advisor training to help roll out the program. In late October, there will be a Peer Leader training. This training will prepare a large number of students to help run what sources calls “Campaigns”. These campaigns will run throughout the school, for much of the school year. The Campaigns are designed to help the entire school, staff and students, to rally around each other in fun and positive ways to help Turner bond together and form positive relationships. This, in turn, has been shown to increase youth-adult connectedness, increase student’s school engagement, reduce suicide rates as well as increase the number of students seeking help for a myriad of issues. We at Turner are very excited for this program and can’t wait to get it fully up and running as the year progresses.

Meet the new staff:

Jason Hooker, 6th grade Literacy

I am HONORED and THRILLED to call myself a part of the Turner Dragon Family! I've been teaching for 13 years, 11 of those in the Berthoud community teaching 4th and 5th grade at Ivy Stockwell Elementary. By moving up to 6th grade, I hope to support new 6th graders as they transition into middle school. I look forward to working with my 6th grade teaching team and the entire Turner Staff to provide a learning environment where every student feels like a "PRO." Outside of school, I am fortunate to have married my high school sweetheart and chase after two beautiful daughters, ages two and six. This past summer we enjoyed our first road trip up the California Coast and into Oregon...Spending three weeks in a camper together really proves your love for one another! You can often find us playing at the local parks, but when life is a little quieter, we love having lazy movie nights at home together. Thank you for making me feel welcome at Turner!

Jennifer Follett – Para

My name is Jennifer. I am a Paraprofessional here at TMS. I love working directly with students and have that one-on-one time in your classrooms. I spend my weekends on a family ranch. We love to spend evenings playing cribbage together but have recently added a VR headset to our game nights. I wish you all a great year and look forward to collaborating on creating a successful year for our students.

Cory Kness, PE/FACS

I have been a teacher for a total of 15 years in public education. I love encouraging my students and pushing them toward a life of confidence. I have 4 children and have been married now for 25 years.

Alex Knueven – 8th grade Science

I graduated from the University of Dayton in Ohio, majoring in Biology and then completed my student teaching here at Turner last year. I enjoy spending my time outside, shooting photos, hiking, camping, scuba diving, and listening to music. Before moving to Colorado I lived in Florida and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, so I do also enjoy the beach and rooting for my hometown team, the Pittsburgh Steelers!

Alyssa Marchiori – 7th grade Social Studies

I was born and raised in Iowa but moved to Breckenridge, Colorado in 7th grade. I moved to Fort Collins to attend CSU, where I graduated from in May of 2019. I enjoy nature walks, yoga, and playing with my puppy. When I have free time, you can find me working on my cooking skills, singing along to my favorite songs, or forcing people to play Monopoly with me. Most importantly, I am beyond excited to be working in Turner Middle School with the 7th grade team this year! Go Dragons!

Travis Matkin, SRO

Hi Everyone! Thank you for the warm welcome here at TMS! I have been with the Sheriff's Office for almost 20 years and am a Rookie at being an SRO. When I am not working, I enjoy being active with my family outdoors. I definitely enjoy sports (Go Blue!) and keep active coaching my children's sports.

Gail Schumacher, Registrar

I was born and raised in Wisconsin and therefore have to be a Green Bay Packers fan, Go Pack Go! I graduated from college with a degree in Business Administration a few years ago. I have lived in Berthoud for the past 16 years with my husband, three kids and two cats. I love to read, scrapbook, cross-stitch, walk, play volleyball and softball, volunteer at my church, and just hang out with my family. I am excited to be part of the team at Turner and look forward to helping students as best as I can.

Howard Webb – Art

I have lived in Fort Collins for about the past 30 years, but I originally come from a little farming town in Missouri. I enjoy a lot of the typical Colorado pursuits such as fly fishing, hiking, camping, and taking long naps in my hammock. I spend most of my free time with my wife Carol, my 10-year-old daughter Matilda, and my Newdle dog Cosmo. I love making and teaching art of many different types, but I paint and draw most frequently these days. I feel privileged to be working with the dedicated staff and the wonderful students here at Turner Middle School.

Katie Youngblood – ILC Math

I am so excited to begin my 17th year of teaching in a new state! My family and I moved to Colorado from Georgia in June and have loved every minute. I'm also a mom, wife, Netflix junkie, wannabe photographer, and English bulldog lover. When not teaching, you can find me at my children's sporting events or eating chips and salsa at Hays Market.

Calendar:

- 10/1 Give Next Field Trip
- 10/4 No School
- 10/8 Picture Retakes
- 10/9 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 – 8:30pm
- 10/10 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00am – 6:30pm
- 10/11 No School
- 10/24 Hearing/Vision Screening – 7th grade & all new to District
- 10/25 Fall Dance 4:15 – 6:00pm

Athletic events:

- 10/2 Girls Varsity Volleyball at TMS vs Windsor
- 10/3 Cross Country Varsity Conference TBD
- 10/5 Swim/dive Varsity conference at MVHS pool
- 10/7 Girls Varsity Volleyball Round 1 Tourney TBD
- 10/9 Girls Varsity Volleyball Final 4 TBD
- 10/14 Boys Basketball tryouts start – all paperwork & fees must be turned in BEFORE stepping on the court

