The end of this year is fast approaching, and we have had another amazing year. Throughout the year, we have been able to recognize students who were involved in athletics, band, and other activities such as student council or WEB. We have celebrated our Students of the Month(s), Focus Friday students, students who have earned Dragon Tokens, and our Teacher of the Quarter(s). In addition, we were League Champs in boys’ cross-country, 7th grade chess, and three of our individual wrestlers were League Champs as well. We won 10 awards in the Regional Science and Engineering Fair, we had three Math Count students and four Science Fair students qualify for state, and one of our science teachers won a grant for a CSU Stem field trip. In addition, we officially met our mascot Cobalt, “Coby.” WOW!

As we wrap up May, we have a few more opportunities for our families to come in and be a part of our learning and celebrations: Showcase Evening, Medieval Faire (7th grade only), Mini Society (6th grade only), Award Ceremonies, Talent Show, and our 8th grade Celebration Dance (8th grade only). We are excited to share these events with you and additional information is forth coming.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all of the parents for your support and involvement in Turner. Numerous events that would not have run as smoothly without your help. In closing, we wish our 8th graders well as they move on to high school and new academic endeavors.

Respectfully,
Brandy Grieves
Dress Code

As the weather gets warmer, it is important to remind our students and their families about our TSD Dress Code policy. Following dress codes is an important part of the climate of any school, and here at Turner it is no different. Our goal is to provide an environment that is free of distractions, safe, orderly and conducive to learning.

Finally, there has been an increase in students wearing clothing that has a gun and sword pictured on it. Please note in section # 4 a. of the policy below, specifically mentions “weapons” as a prohibited item on clothing. We appreciate your support in assisting us with following all of this policy and continuing to create a positive learning environment for all students.

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STUDENT DRESS CODE

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality education program. District-wide standards on student attire are intended to ensure that all students are treated equitably and benefit from a safe learning environment. The Board of Education recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance and the responsibility for the dress and appearance of students generally rests with the student and their guardians. However, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of an overall safe and equitable school environment for all students. Students are expected to dress appropriately for all school activities. The following general guidelines will be in effect:

1. Shoes, sandals, or boots must be worn in the buildings in order to avoid injury and disease.
2. Students must wear tops (shirts) and bottoms (pants, sweat pants, shorts, skirts, dresses, leggings)
3. Traditionally known private parts of the body must be covered with non-transparent material.
   Sunglasses, bandanas and/or hats may only be worn inside the building with permission from an administrator
4. The following will not be allowed: Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisements, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:
   a. refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons
   b. are of a sexual nature
   c. by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote membership in gangs which advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior
   d. are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous
   e. threaten the safety or welfare of any person
   f. promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct
   g. are racist in nature or include derogatory comments or slurs against groups of people
   h. otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process
5. All middle and high school students are required to have in their possession an unaltered school issued photo identification card (ID) during school hours, or at such times, locations, and activities specifically identified by the building principal.

Adopted prior to 1985
Revised August 2, 2000
Revised June 15, 2011 Reviewed
September 5, 2012
Revised February 21, 2018

Legal ref: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(2)(a)(I)(J) boards duty to adopt student dress code Cross refs.:

IMDB, Flag Displays
JBB*, Sexual Harassment
JIC, Student Conduct
JICDA, Code of Conduct
**News from the counseling office:**

Student schedules along with locker info will be available in August before school starts. Notice will be sent out to parents when it is available. Locker partners will be randomly selected this year.

Be sure to check the Turner website because it will be updated frequently.

**Back to School Night** will be Monday, August 19 from 5:30 – 7:30pm

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**Attention 8th grade Parents/Guardians:**

There will be a SignUpGenius sent out soon asking for volunteers, supplies, food items, and other donations to help with the 8th grade Celebration Dance on May 23 from approximately 6:00-8:30 pm.

This evening kicks off with an award ceremony in the gym and then a dance for 8th grade only in the cafeteria to celebrate their completion of middle school. The theme for the dance is “A Night in Paris.”

This is not a formal dance, however we do encourage students to dress up such as khakis, button up shirts, and dresses/skirts. This is a time to enjoy your friends and look back on middle school one last time.

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**PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Mark your calendars now so you won’t miss the TMS Back to School Night on Monday, August 19th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. More info will be sent out later.
A message from the 8th-grade team to 7th graders:

We are so excited for you all to transition to the 8th grade, and are excited to be a part of the next chapter of your middle school careers!

It is not too late to sign up for the 2020 Washington D.C. Trip. We leave May 25th, 2020 and come back on May 28th, 2020. The trip will tour all of the major highlights that Washington D.C. has to offer! If you have any questions, please e-mail Mr. Buchanan at andy.buchanan@thompsonschools.org.

To sign up, go to worldstrides.com/signup and use the Trip ID # 173695.

Gifted and Talented News

As the school year is coming to a close, all 8th graders will meet with Mrs. Leonard for a final reflection of goals and preparation for high school. The identification of Gifted and Talented continues throughout a student’s school career. There are also groups like MENSA who offer membership to those who have been identified Gifted and Talented at the 98th percentile level. MENSA of Colorado has a children’s group that meets for games, contests, discussions, and fun.

There are a number of camps and activities being offered this summer geared toward the GT learner. Check out the College of William and Mary, University of Northern Colorado, NASA and Thompson School District to start the search.

Last quarter, some of the 8th graders participated in a STEAM class focusing on science and they performed an experiment every day. We made elephant toothpaste, dissected body organs, and classified minerals, to name just a few of the projects. This STEAM class is being offered again next year.

We have discussed a lot of topics during PRO time this year. Common traits of gifted people such as Over-Excitabilities, Procrastination, Growth Mind-Set and Sensitivities have been explored as we have worked to understand giftedness. We also talked about the TED talk Power of Introverts and applications to students’ learning.

Some students have worked individually or in small groups with Mrs. Leonard on GT goals like book writing, public speaking, organization and math acceleration. Other times, Mrs. Leonard has gone into classrooms to offer complexity to the lessons being taught.

Each year, students are being identified as Gifted and Talented. Anyone with questions about the program should contact Mrs. Leonard.
HEAR YE, HEAR YE

News of the Knights of the Seventh Grade

MY LORDS AND LADIES

Heed my words,
This is of great import, saith I.

Thy children have
Knowledge aplenty to learn,
Prithee, read and discuss and reply.

* Thou needst know the difficulties of these trying times. A fever of complacency has arrived like the plague, but the work endeth not. Please utilize the computer device and checketh the Parent Portal at your leisure.

* Huzzah! Our journey into the Middle Ages hath begun. We have conquered barbarians, created our coats of arms, and are marveling at great inventions, such as the trebuchet and catapult.

* Perchance we will understand life in the year 1290 after we read the diary of Catherine, Called Birdy and learn how to speaketh the Queen’s English.

* Our mathematical abilities will be taxed, as attempt to exchange farthings for modern coin. Try figuring out the sale price of that used suit of armor.

* “Tis necessary to know the properties of plants to cure an aching head or tooth. One also needeth an understanding of what bringest the Black Plague

Good fortune to you,
Now we bid thee adieu..

The teachers of the Knights of the Seventh Grade
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