

Jonathan Turner Junior High School

Monthly Newsletter

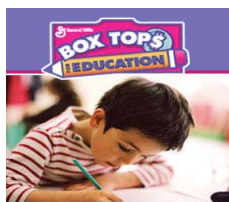
September 2008

T.A.S.T.E. Success

Special thanks go to all of the staff and 8th grade students who helped to make T.A.S.T.E. run so smoothly. I would like to extend a special welcome to all 7th grade students. I hope your experience at T.A.S.T.E. was as fun for you as it was for us.

F.A.M.I.L.Y. Meeting

Stay involved in the lives and education of your children! All parents/grandparents/guardians of Turner students are invited to join our parent organization. Join us at **6:00 p.m., Sept. 9th** in the Media Center to stay in tune with Turner!



Box Tops for Education

We will be collecting box tops for education again this year. Please help us raise money for our special projects by collecting these box tops. Students should turn these in to their homeroom teachers. Homeroom competition will start soon!



Drop-off and Pick-up

In order to keep our students safe, we ask that parents drop off students in the morning on the east side of Lincoln Avenue alongside the school property and avoid the west side of the street where the cones are located. Please do not pull into the parking lot in the morning or the afternoon; it is for bus traffic only. We also ask that you park along the school property on Lincoln Avenue to the east and Hoagland Avenue on the south to pick up students after school. When students have to cross Lincoln to meet their rides, an unsafe situation is created. Please help us keep our students safe, and be sure to pick them up by 3:25 p.m.



School Picture Day

All students will have their pictures taken on **Sept. 30**. Photo packages may be ordered from the options on the handout to be sent home soon.

Seventh Grade Chicago Trip

Plans are underway to take our 7th grade students to Chicago on Oct. 24 to see exhibits at the Field Museum of Natural History and the Shedd Aquarium. Mrs. Cathy Gibson is coordinating this **fantastic** opportunity for our students. She has secured grant money from several sources, but donations for the project are still needed! Mrs. Carol Bogle, 7th grade counselor, will be coordinating a Pampered Chef fundraising effort for the project as well. Look for catalogs at our **Open House on Sept. 4**. Help us get our seventh graders to Chicago for this great experience in science and humanities!



Sports Physicals

Any student intending to participate in any sports activities this year must have a physical **before tryouts**. Sports physicals are not arranged by the school, so parents need to contact their personal physicians in order to set up physicals for their children. Physicals remain current for one calendar year.



Scholastic Book Fair!

The Turner Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Media Center during **Sept. 29-Oct. 3**. Students will have the opportunity to look at the books and book-related items available and to purchase them all week. The Book Fair is a fundraiser for our Media Center as well.

Parent Volunteers are Needed!

September is full of special projects at Turner, and many would not be possible without the excellent help from our parent volunteers. Please see the list below, and if interested in helping out, contact Mrs. Brockschmidt at 243-3383, ext. 224 as soon as possible. Parent volunteers will also be requested through the classes.

Sept. 19: Historic Walking Tour for 7th grade
Disability Awareness Day for 8th grade
Sept. 29-Oct 3: Scholastic Book Fair (8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)



Dates to Remember

- Aug. 29** Last day of Heat Schedule
- Sept. 1** Labor Day: no school
- Sept. 2** Lincoln assembly
CC @ PORTA, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 4** Open House Night, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 9** F.A.M.I.L.Y meeting, 6:00 p.m. in MPR
CC @ Glenwood, 4:15 p.m.
- Sept. 12** 8th grade Tour of Woodland Farm
- Sept. 13** CC @ Parkside Invite, 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 16** CC @ Franklin, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 17** School Board meeting at JHS, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 18** CC vs. PORTA, 4:15 @ Community Park
- Sept. 19** 7th Grade Historic Walking Tour
8th Grade Disability Awareness Day
First Quarter Midterm
- Sept. 20** CC @ Franklin Invitational, 9:45 a.m.
- Sept. 22** GBB @ Taylorville, 5:00
- Sept. 23** CC @ Edwardsville Lincoln Invite, 4:30
- Sept. 24** GBB @ Springfield Grant, 4:00
- Sept. 25** Half-day student attendance: parent
conferences
GBB vs. Triopia, 4:15 p.m.
- Sept. 26** Half-day student attendance: parent
conferences
Back-to-School Dance, 6-8 p.m. in gym
- Sept. 29-Oct. 3** Scholastic Book Fair
- Sept. 30** Fall Picture Day
CC Liberty Invite, 4:30 p.m.
GBB vs. Pittsfield, 6:15 p.m.



Back-to-School Dance

On September 26, 2008, Turner will host its annual Back-to-School Dance in the gymnasium from 6-8 p.m. All students are invited to attend. Admission is \$2.50 and concessions will be available. Dress for the dance is informal but should meet the regular dress code. Parents interested in chaperoning should call Mrs. Brockschmidt at 243-3383, ext. 224.



NWEA Testing

Turner students are completing the first round of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing. Using the results of the tests, which will be administered again in December and in the spring term, students and teachers can track academic progress in several areas related to Reading and Mathematics. Results will be available very soon for all students who are tested.



Lincoln Assembly

On September 2, Turner students will attend an assembly presented by Mrs. Lorelei Steuer, Mayor Ron Tendick, and President Abraham Lincoln (enacted by Mr. Randy Duncan). The event is brought to us by the Jacksonville Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Every Turner student will receive a copy of Kenneth C. Davis' book *Don't Know Much About Abraham Lincoln*, courtesy of a grant from the Illinois Bicentennial Commission.

Turner also is celebrating Lincoln's 200th birthday through our team names this year—Equality, Integrity, Honesty, Eloquence, and Freedom. These are concepts and attributes associated with Abraham Lincoln.

Sex Offender Registry

Schools are required by law to inform parents how they may access information regarding registered sex offenders. The legislation is intended to increase awareness of the registry and to encourage parents to review the information available to them. Parents can search the database by name, zip code, or country. Access to the database is free. The URL address for the Illinois site is

<http://www.isp.state.il.us>