



# The Howler

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*Coyote News You Can Use*



## Calendar

- May 16<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Graduation
- May 17<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Field Day
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Budget Planning Session, 5:30pm
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Last day of school, 11am release
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Retirement ceremony for Mary and Lynn at 8am
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Summer School begins
- August 10<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Pack 4PM

## From the Principal

Dear TTCS parents, students and community:

Learning does not stop in the summer. Literacy or math programs over the summer can help move students closer to on-level performance by refreshing foundational skills and concepts or challenge them with additional higher-level learning.

At TTCS we have 3 programs that student can use over the summer for free.

Students should know how to access these on the internet and login. If you don't know how –contact your child's teacher and ask them how to keep your child engaged during the summer.

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Thank you! To all the parents, teachers, staff and other community members who have helped us make this year very successful for TTCS PTO.

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Typing

Quertytown

Math

Dream Box

All subjects

Khan Academy

Reading and literacy Compass learning.

Compass Learning offers a variety of strategies and ideas to keep students engaged and learning over the summer and help prevent summer learning loss:

- Create a weekly challenge for students and reward levels of success. Use Message Center to communicate encouragement and celebrate success.
- Assign a diagnostic of critical “slide” standards to have students work on.
- Use Compass Writer as a place for students to record new words they hear along with their definitions. Or make it a weekly challenge in Community where the teacher provides the subject/topic, and students must discover related words/definitions.
- Improve your typing with Quertytown
- Review and improve your math skills with Dream Box

Dr. Ray Griffin

Head Administrator

Turquoise Trail Charter School

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## Business Office News

Budget Planning Session – May 18, 2016 5:30 p.m.

Turquoise Trail Charter School, 13A San Marcos Lp, Santa Fe, NM

The Turquoise Trail Charter School Governance Council invites you to participate in its school year 2016-17 operating budget planning/approval session on May 18, 2016 5:30 p.m. in the school library. Council members and staff will share details of the planning that has taken place so far and look at how the limited resources provided by the state can be used to provide high quality educational programs for the children of our community. We want to hear your ideas! For more information please call 505-986-4053.

Thanks,  
Phillip

## New Business Manager

After a year of excellent work at TTCS I am sorry to announce that our Business Manager Phillip Robinson has taken a new position in Albuquerque, much closer to his home. Phillip has done excellent work for us over the past year. This is his last week at our school. He will finish his work this week with the approval of next years budget. On behalf of our school and our Governing Board, we want to thank Phillip for his excellent work and wish him well in his new position.

Our new business manger will start in a few weeks. We are very lucky to have hired a very experienced school business manager and CFO join our school community:

### **Jenny Crysler**

Jenny has spent the last 22 years as an accountant, primarily working for non-profits in New Mexico. She has recently worked for UNM as their Business Manager of Housing and Food Services, and for Sandia Preparatory School in Albuquerque as Chief Financial Officer. After a year of self-employment as an independent contractor in 2014, Jenny moved to Santa Fe to be closer to her family and where she grew up, having attended Pojoaque and Los Alamos schools. She is thrilled to be back in northern New Mexico. In her spare time, she volunteers at Rancho de Las Golondrinas and enjoys quilting, gardening and hiking.

I'm sure you will all meet her in the months to come. Please join me in welcoming Jenny Crysler to Turquoise Trail Charter School.

Dr. Ray Griffin, Head Administrator

## Volunteers!

Thank you to these special volunteers who have helped in less obvious places around the school throughout the year:

Nadine Roybal	Teacher Appreciation + 4 <sup>th</sup> grade helper
Andrea Gallegos	Girls on the Run + 4 <sup>th</sup> grade helper
Tammie Padilla	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade and 4 <sup>th</sup> grade helper
Martha Oakeley	NDI helper + School Stores + Pop N Toss + Teacher Appreciation
Annette Prapasiri	Art helper + Chorus + more
Shalene Dailey	Girls on the Run
Jill Gutierrez	Girls on the Run
Ginger Blackmar	Library, Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation, and much much more
Elaine Camper	Library

## TTCS PTO Events and Info

TTCS PTO has successfully risen enough money this year to give the teachers a healthy start next school year, as well as fund our various events throughout the year.

We've created a draft of next year's event dates and have decided which events are taking place.

The proposed dates are:

Gathering of the Pack: August 10<sup>th</sup>, 4PM. Find out your teacher and classmates, sign up for busses, food, aftercare/daycare, extracurricular activities, and PTO events.

Tasty Tuesdays on: August 30<sup>th</sup>, September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 25<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup>, January 24<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and April 25<sup>th</sup>

Pop N Toss on: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 16<sup>th</sup>, January 20<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>

Movie Nights on: September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

Just Desserts on September 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM

Halloween Carnival on October 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> – Saturday during the day

WinterFest on December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday during the day

Egg Hunt on April 8<sup>th</sup>, PTO assisted only

Teacher Appreciation during the Week of May 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

Cash Raffle: TBD

Dates are subject to change if the PTO votes on it.

Unless we get new parents to sign up and volunteer:

Events NOT happening this year due to a lack of volunteers include: The Fun Run, School Pictures, Yearbook, Team Pictures and Class Pictures, Turkey Bingo, and more. If you want to see these events happen, sign up, and volunteer. For an event to be put on the calendar, supported by the PTO and to actually happen, it needs at least 3 people willing to work on it.

## The Nurses Corner

What to expect in school health. By Jennie Farquhar.

Last week 5th grade students endured Growth and Development classes! Actually they learned a lot about themselves and their classmates as they enter into puberty. It is important for them to learn “correct information” from a parent, teacher, or nurse and not pick up incorrect information from friends, older siblings, or the Internet!

As the end of year quickly approaches, please come in and pick up any medications your child has in the School Nurse Office, or call me and I will hold it for next year. If it expires over the summer, I will have to dispose of it. Please remember you will need a new Asthma, Allergy, or Seizure Plan for your student for the next school year. Please inform me or the School of any changes in your student’s health or needs for next year!

Pre-kinder students going into kindergarten next school year: REMEMBER that your student MUST BE UP TO DATE with their 4-year vaccines to be able to start kindergarten! Many students need their 4-year vaccines meaning a DTAP, POLIO, MMR, and VARICELLA, one each AFTER the age of 4 to be up-to-date for the remainder of elementary school until 7th grade. I will be contacting you in the next few days!

Of course any student “in process and catching up on vaccines” this year may not start school next year until “Up-to-Date”. Any student who has an “Exemption” filed with the state will have to have a new exemption for the 2016-17 school year turned into the state BEFORE the first day of school. Let me know if you need assistance or a new form!

Thank you and have a great summer,

Jennie Farquhar BSN RN  
Turquoise Trail School Nurse

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## Spring Performing Arts Concert!

A big HIGH FIVE to all performers in the Spring Performing Arts Concert! Teachers and students enjoyed the program on Monday, May 2. The Tuesday evening performance saw a near capacity audience in the cafeteria.

Babysitting with Lucy King this Summer!

Do your children love Lucy from the Cafeteria? She will available for babysitting this summer.

For more info, Call: 501-0399

## Seamless Summer @ TTCS

### **FREE Breakfast and Lunch**

#### **for all Children under 18 6/15/16 – 7/20/16**

- Any child under 18 can eat for **FREE**
- We cannot turn any child away
- Children do not need to register, just record first & last name/age • Every adult must pay 2.50 for breakfast and 3.50 for lunch

Turquoise Trail Charter School will provide nutritious breakfasts and lunches free to all children and teens during this summer as part of the USDA Seamless Summer Food Service Program. This program will be available to the children in our community from Wednesday, June 15, 2016 to Wednesday, July 20, 2016. Closed July 4, 2016. Meals are served Monday through Friday. Breakfast will be available between 7:30 am and 8:30 am. Lunch will be available between 11:00 am and 12:30 PM. There are no income requirements or registration for the summer food service program.

***Any child under age 18 may come and eat. Turquoise Trail Charter School***

## A Message from a Student:

### ***A Letter to TTCS from a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student***

This has been a fantastic year where our school has worked on equality and bullying in the school. However, there is still much more work that needs to be done. It has been brought to our attention that there has been inappropriate behavior towards the LGBT community and LGBT students. This behavior is not acceptable towards any student; however, it seems to be more apparently directed towards LGBT students. I have been a student here for the past seven years and bullying has been going on ever since I have been a student at the school. In the past years, I have been bullied, excluded, and emotionally harassed because of my family and me. Unfortunately, I will not be attending the school next year; but I would like to let parents and students know that harassment of any kind is never okay, and should never be directed towards LGBT students. There are currently bills being passed that discriminate against LGBT people. I hope that the TTCS community stands up against discrimination towards any student. It is time that students, parents, and teachers become more educated about the LGBT Community. It is important that we honor who we are as students and individuals. Overall, I have had a very good year this year. I do hope that LGBT equality at the school is something that both the school and the community will always strive for.

Sincerely,

Marisol May Gutierrez – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(With Ms. Carol Barker, Librarian)

## Field Day, May 18<sup>th</sup> all day

Dear TTCS Parents,

Field day is Wed May 18. Please send your child to school that day with tennis shoes and not flip-flops. Even though we will have water stations on field day, we also have other activities that require running. To decrease the chance of students falling and flip-flops falling off their feet, please send them to school with more secure footwear.

Thanks so much!

Ms. Mel

## Graduating 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

### Jeffery Davis:

Alyssa Violet Barela  
Ariana Josephine  
Collin Tyler Chambers  
Cameo Lucia Duran  
Xavior Mario Jaramillo  
Beberly Isvan Lopez-Hernandez  
Corey Olsen Lowrey  
Natalia Mariana Lucero  
Krystal Abigail Madrid  
Josue Marquez Dominguez  
Kaley Alyssa Martinez  
Jacob Christian Montoya  
Joaquin Ramon Montoya  
Anamarie Sophia Moreno  
Zaid Navarez Tovar  
Eva Ruth Petersen  
Madeline Rose Petty  
Sierra Marie Schonrock  
Terah Jessyka Sena  
Austyn Cade Simpson  
Abraham Valles

### Harry Phillips

Daelynn Jade Abeyta  
Soren Mathias Hawk Alley  
Chloe Aurora Diann Dailey  
Geovanny Delgado Ortega  
Gracyn Ann Halima Ervin  
Raine Jane Fenstermaker  
Adiana Jean Flores  
Clara Morgan Foutz  
Keyla Joselyn Jaime-Horta  
Brooklynn Aliza Martinez  
Anthony Douglas Montoya  
Daryl Montoya Jr.  
Alysha Jolene Moya  
Raymond Phillip Moya  
Jessica Arely Perez  
Natalia Mariatonia Rivera  
Aidan Rene Lachance  
Brennan Anthony Trujillo  
Kenneth David Trujillo  
Felix James Veleta

### Sharyn Gray:

Jazmin Caballero  
Sonya Castillo  
Yulissa Dominguez Flores  
Razaan Hasham Faidi  
Anysha Alanna Hopkins  
Jordan Lynn Howe  
Anastasia Trinity Hutto  
Nicholas Fritz Lash  
Breanna Angelica Lovato  
Brooke Isabelle Lucero  
Aliana Nevaeh Lujan  
Joaquin Juan Martinez  
Liana Mercedes Montoya-  
Loranger  
Erick Morales  
Jaxcyn Nofziger  
Angel Gerardo Ortega Castro  
Fernanda Ortega Varela  
Christian Keith Purcell  
Adam Cesar Valles  
Eulogio Diego Vargas IV  
Daisy Irena Baldysz White  
Michael Joseph Wissman Jr.  
Olivia Kirsten Wohlberg

**Don't miss the Retirement Ceremony for  
Mary Vigil and Lynn Grimes, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8AM!**