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News You Can Use

Allison Christian, TEF President

NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK!

The Tewksbury Education Foundation (TEF) recently unveiled a new logo with the assistance of Nick Lovegrove (a.k.a. Limeyboy) and Leaf Realtors. Bold and bright, the new logo represents the TEF's evolving, energetic, vibrant community of students. In addition to the eye-catching logo, the TEF launched a new website at www.TewksburyTEF.org. Residents are encouraged to visit the site and explore all that is offered through the organization including enrichment programs, mini grants and a scholarship.

RESOLUTIONS, ANYONE?

There is a good chance that many of you made resolutions for 2019; things you'd like to improve upon. Well, the same goes for the TEF. As we kick off a new year, we are as committed as ever to serving our school community in the best way possible. That means surveying parents each spring to assess programmatic needs and connecting with school administrators and teachers regularly to identify how to assist them in building a strong, supportive learning environment for every student. In November 2018 we hosted the first Family STEM Night and it was a huge hit. So, we'll do it again next fall as we have grand plans to expand our STEM efforts in 2019. What else can we do to make a difference for our district? Please let us know at TewksburyTEF@gmail.com. We look forward to leaping into 2019 with all of you!

Program Spotlight

Community Corner



Holocaust Survivor Lecture "Survivors Speak"

Community is welcome!

OTS APR

April 3rd

1:00 - 2:30pm

Tiger Trot

Sunday, 5/19, 12:30 pm at
Christie Hoffman Park in
Califon

Barn Dance

Saturday, 6/8, at Life Camp in
Pottersville

More details coming soon!

[Learn More](#)

ANIMODULE Art Sculpture



The TEF is excited to announce a new program launching in the 7th Grade. Thanks to the teaching team of Mrs. Caruso and Mrs. Wu, starting on January 8th and running through February 5th, the 7th Grade Science classes will conceptualize and create original art based on the cell curriculum they are concurrently learning in their classrooms. Over five weeks students will work collaboratively with a local artist from Whittemore to apply the concept of cellular structure as art. Together they will reinforce and apply these important concepts to create Tewksbury's first original Animodule! The Animodule is an art sculpture over 8' high made out of pressed aluminum which students will imbue with their original art. The permanent sculpture will "live" at OTS for all to see and then will move to its permanent location at Whittemore. It is our hope that an Animodule is created each year and the structures will create an art walk at Whittemore allowing our students to leave a lasting legacy of learning through art for generations of Tewksbury's residents to enjoy. We hope you are as excited as we are to bring this unique opportunity to you all!

Person Spotlight

Jim Miller, Principal

This month, we are spotlighting one of our hometown favorites, **Mr. Miller**, Principal at Tewksbury Elementary School.



TES Happenings

Wellness Program

FIFI
4th grade
January 4th

Coding Musicians

4th grade
January 11-16th

Social and Life Skills
with Joe Beckman
for K-2 and 3-5 grades
January 23rd

Looking Ahead:

Jungle Book Symphony Performance

Grades 4th and 5th
February 6th

Wellness Program

RECOVER
4th grade
February 8th

Holocaust Program "Survivors Speak"

5th - 8th grade
OTS
April 3rd

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OTS Happenings

Smart Car Developers

Robotics Program
6th grade
January 2nd-9th

**Animodule
Art Sculpture**

Shortly after his teaching career began, in September of 1976, Jim Miller became a member of the TES community teaching 3rd grade and also serving as the girls' softball team and boys' baseball team coaches. Mr. Miller worked his way up the educational ladder and officially became the principal of Sawmill in 1983 and then TES in 2005. Since then, he has dedicated 42 years of his service to the district and has worked to coordinate countless events and educational programs that were successfully integrated into the school's curriculum.

"It seems like just yesterday I was a 3rd grade teacher in the TES School District," said Miller. "It has been an incredibly rewarding and unforgettable past 42 years, watching this district grow and expand towards reaching its full potential for all students, staff, parents, and the surrounding community members. It has definitely been a team effort the entire time, and I am filled with emotion looking back on my years at this amazing school. Two of the greatest highlights for me was Sawmill School receiving the Star School Award in 2000 which was awarded to only 10 schools in the state. The other and most significant was TES receiving the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2011. This award is given to schools that are identified as among the best on a national level. At the time TES was the only elementary school in Hunterdon County to have received the award. I believe both awards reflect the outstanding dedication of the staff and support of the community."

Just entering the TES halls is an intrinsic testament to Jim's dedication. It is obvious that the staff and students reflect Jim's sentiment about the work being a team effort. Many have shared countless stories of his exceptional leadership.

Jim is a devoted family man. He seems to more readily tell of his family's lives and achievements than his own, making it apparent that he is very proud of them all. His wife Nancy is an RN, but has been a stay-at-home mom ever since their 4 daughters were born. Jim currently lives in PA where he is active in his local church and teaches Sunday School each week. In his free time, Jim enjoys being with his family, reading, and some sort of exercise, citing biking as a favorite.

Be on the lookout for our next Tewksburian Spotlight!

Before you go...did you hear the TEF sent the 8th grade class to see **School of Rock** in NYC? The group had a GREAT time! Check them out below.

7th grade
5 consecutive weeks
January - February

Social & Life Skills

Assembly with Joe Beckman
6-8th grade
January 23rd

Liberty Science Center

Frog Dissection

8th grade
January 25th

POUND Physical Activity Class

6th grade
January 29th

[Learn More](#)

Looking Ahead:

Cyber Addiction

7th grade
February 7th

Liberty Science Center

3 Day Dissection

7th grade
February 20-22nd

[Learn More](#)

News from Our Neighbors

Family Fun Night

The Simon Show

World Famous Magician!

January 4th at 7pm
TES

Sponsored by the PTA

Casino Night

Friday, May 17th
Hosted by the Tewksbury Twp
Women's Club
at Fiddler's Elbow



Have you seen our new website? Check us out [here](#) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Coming Soon . . .the next edition of the Tewksbury Education Foundation Newsletter will hit your inbox in February.

We wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!



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