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## News You Can Use



TEF will host the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tiger Trot 5K Run/Walk** and **1 Mile Kids' Dash**, presented by Hunterdon Healthcare, on **Sunday, May 19, 2019!**

The annual event brings people of all abilities together to celebrate health of the mind, body and spirit. This school year, fourth graders received a comprehensive wellness program from Pro-Activity Associates, LLC that educates students on various health topics ranging from physical activity and nutrition to sleep, endurance, and social support. The program concludes with the Tiger Trot to applaud the students' achievements and promote healthy choices among our school community.

The Tiger Trot is a family-friendly event on a cross-country course in Christie Hoffman Farm Park, a beautiful place to spend a spring afternoon. The Tiger Trot provides the opportunity for students to run alongside friends and some of Tewksbury finest - teachers, coaches, the Tewksbury Tiger and Officer Tim! Winners in each age group will be recognized

### 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!

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as part of an awards ceremony at the end of the race. The day's festivities will also include various forms of entertainment, music, games, an obstacle course and Dags Dippers food truck.

Participants are encouraged to register in advance to receive reduced rates (discounted rates end on May 16<sup>th</sup>). Registration is available on the day of the event, but increased rates will apply and cotton t-shirts are only guaranteed to those pre-registered.

**Please join us at Christie Hoffman on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Onsite registration opens at 11am and the event kicks off at 12:30pm with a 1 Mile Kids Dash followed by the 5K Run/Walk at 1pm.**

For our loyal newsletter readers, **sign up TODAY and receive \$5 OFF your registration (code: NEWS19).**

## Program Spotlight



### Science Can Dance!

A four-day STEAM program where science and the natural world come to life through an exciting and dynamic creative movement experience. Kindergarten students explore and move based on classroom topics while practicing critical thinking skills, creative problem solving, and cooperative sharing of ideas in an environment that values each members' contribution to the creative process.

Each week in March, students will participate in a STEAM program that teaches topics about the natural world through movement. Imagine kindergarteners moving to describe how roots draw water out of the ground to deliver it to a tree. The concept comes alive for kindergarteners as they 'become' the roots delivering water through movement.



## TES Happenings

**Science Can Dance!**  
Kindergarten  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

**Wellness Program**  
ENDURE  
4<sup>th</sup> grade  
March 8<sup>th</sup>

**Earth Science**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

**Parade of Nations**  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
March 20<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

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## Looking Ahead:

**Holocaust Program**  
**"Survivors Speak"**  
5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
OTS  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Wellness Program**  
CONNECT  
4<sup>th</sup> grade  
April 12<sup>th</sup>

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Ms. Gentile, Kindergarten teacher at TES, shared "Dance is a tremendously powerful conduit for learning in children. It integrates kinesthetic learning with understanding. Young children primarily learn through physical and sensory experiences. When children are provided with creative movement scenarios that involve the selection of movement choices, they learn to think in the concrete reality of movement which helps them link to abstract concepts. It's important to recognize how movement helps young children develop knowledge, skill, and understanding about the world."

There is nothing more exciting than seeing the bright light in children's eyes when they come to learn and understand something through moving their bodies. It is a joyful experience for students and teachers!

### **7th grade Animodule is complete!**



Also, we are excited to announce that our 1st Animodule has been completed by our 7th graders and it looks SO GOOD!! Be on the look out as we will soon display the student's Animodule at OTS by the flag pole!!

## **Tewksburian Spotlight**

### **Detective Tim Hanft**

## **OTS Happenings**

### **Holocaust Program "Survivors Speak"**

5th - 8th grade

OTS

April 3rd

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## **News from Our Neighbors**

### **Raritan Headwaters Association's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Stream Clean Up**

Saturday, April 13, 2019

9:00 am - noon

Rain or shine

Volunteers will meet  
at Route 78 E exit 24

DOT Access Road

in Tewksbury

to collect trash

in the wetlands and streams

**Volunteers can**

**register at**

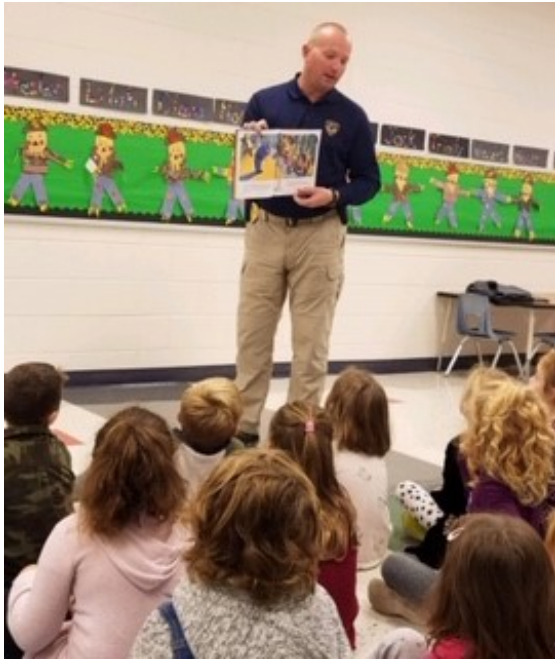
[www.RaritanHeadwaters.org](http://www.RaritanHeadwaters.org)

### **Casino Night**

Friday, May 17th

Fiddler's Elbow

Hosted by the Woman's  
Club of Tewksbury Twp



I have been a member of the Tewksbury Police Department since July 2003. I was assigned to the patrol division from 2003-2017. I am currently assigned to the Detective bureau. I am very thankful to have a job doing something that I absolutely love.

My passion for helping others started as I listened to the stories my grandfather told me when he was a New York City Firefighter. I began as a member of the Country Hills Volunteer Fire Department in Bridgewater in 1998 when I was 16 years old. I volunteered before I could even drive. I would ride my bicycle to the firehouse.

I grew up in Bridgewater, attended Bridgewater High School and RVCC, but I always had a connection to Tewksbury as my family worshipped at Zion Lutheran Church, in the center of Oldwick. Pastor Summer has been a positive influence in my life since I was in middle school. In fact, I met my future wife at a church function Pastor Summer had organized. I currently live in Mansfield Township with my wife Cindy, our 4-year-old daughter Makena, and our 8-year-old yellow lab Mookie.

My favorite part of my job is working with the community. This town is a gem in NJ. I love that I am able to promote positive community relationships with some of the activities our department has put together. The Tewksbury Night Out is gaining momentum and participants every year. This year we are bringing back the Junior Police Academy at the end of June for 5th-7th grade students. I like to see the young people at the fishing derby enjoying time outside. When the girl and boy scouts are learning about respecting authority, safety, and citizen responsibility I always enjoy leading a tour and letting them know about the police department. As a community figure, my goal and hope is that these students have a positive role model that they know and see regularly. I am the School Resource Officer and Department Juvenile Officer. As the OTS/TES School Liaison I support and facilitate the educational process by providing a safe and secure environment through building and establishing meaningful relationships with students and staff. Proactively interacting with the school community is important for everyone. A positive presence in students' lives is the best way to influence what might otherwise be a negative view of the police. Building rapport with students is an important way to help students make positive choices. It brings a smile to my face when I am off duty and a student from the school sees me at a restaurant

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or a store and says, "Hi Officer Tim". I especially enjoyed the moment recently when I stopped a driver for speeding. When I got to the car, the back window rolled down and the children said "Hi, Officer Tim, I told my mom to slow down!" The mother asked her children how they knew me and they said "he was having lunch with us at school today."

I also enjoy work with the township Senior Citizens. I plan meetings to develop positive, helpful relationships with our senior citizens and empower them to avoid becoming victims of crime.

I am so thankful for my job. I love what I do and I also have made many lasting friendships because of it.

On my days off I enjoy golf and traveling with my family.

**Be on the lookout for our next Tewksburian Spotlight!**

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



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