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News You Can Use Jean Frankel Founder's Award

The TEF was created 24 years ago to enhance educational excellence in the Tewksbury Township School District. In that time, donations from families like yours have allowed for hundreds of enrichment programs in arts, STEM, literature and wellness to be delivered in classrooms from Kindergarten through 8th Grade.



To celebrate that support of excellence, each year the TEF honors one 8th grade student with a generous scholarship. In the spring, 8th grade students are given a comprehensive, blinded questionnaire that ask how they spend time outside of the classroom. Then, the TEF conducts a thorough, unbiased review of applications. The recipient will be announced at the 8th grade graduation ceremony and is chosen due to their focus and dedication in enhancing their own personal education.

This award is made possible thanks to one of the founding members of the Tewksbury Education Foundation, Jean Frankel. Jean and her husband, Gregg, have generously committed, through the Frankel Foundation, to fund the Jean Frankel Founder's Award for 20 years. The award, in the amount of \$2,500, will be given to the recipient upon their graduation from high school and is to be used toward their post-secondary school education. Past scholarship awardees

Community Corner



Animodule Unveiling

Come see the 7th Grade's masterpiece! Friday, 5/10, 2:00 pm on the front lawn at OTS.*

*In the event of rain, unveiling will be moved inside.

Tiger Trot

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

We are offering one **FINAL PROMOTION!**

Register on May 5th and receive \$5 off using code MAY19.

Registration ends May 16th. Don't miss out on reduced rates or the super cool 2019 t-shirt only guaranteed to those who pre-register.

Barn Dance

Saturday, 6/8 at Life Camp in Pottersville Buy your tickets now. Only \$85 this year!

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include Erin Whaley, Aria Odendaal, Ella Sebastiano and Leigha Schultze (shown above with Jean Frankel). We will soon announce the recipient from 2019! Stay tuned!

Program Spotlight BJ Ward, Poet



Back by popular demand, Poet BJ Ward will be spending three days reading and discussing poetry with the third grade classes.

During the workshop, students will publish their

own poem in a class booklet, discover poetry with assistance from a harmonica and silly glasses, and will read poems by Pulitzer Prize winning poets. BJ is loved by the students and staff at TES. He has a natural ability to connect with students and, through the years, he has instilled a passion for poetry in our young students.

BJ Ward is the author of *Jackleg Opera: Collected Poems, 1990-2013*, which received the Paterson Poetry Prize. As an author, BJ's poetry has been nationally recognized. BJ is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize for Poetry and two Distinguished Artist Fellowships from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. The *Star-Ledger* has named Ward one of the "10 Dynamic Jersey Artists Not Named Springsteen" who are "making a difference," citing his poetry's "music and physicality." As a teacher, BJ has received the Governor's Award in Arts Education from the State of New Jersey and has been designated Distinguished Teaching Artist by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. In addition to receiving numerous other prestigious awards, he teaches at Warren County Community College in the Creative Writing program. In 2016, he was honored with the President's Merit Award at the Warren County Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

BJ lives near the Musconetcong River in Lebanon Township, NJ, with his partner, the writer Laurie Granieri, and his eleven year old son.

Tewksburian Spotlight



TES Happenings

Tiger Trot Pen Rally
K-5th Grade
May 10th

BJ Ward Poet
3rd Grade
May 20-24th

**Astronomy with
John Miller**
5th Grade
May 28-29th

**Shakespeare Theater
of N.J.**
5th Grade
May 23, 24, 28, 29

[Learn More](#)



OTS Happenings

**I Never Saw Another
Butterfly: Poetry, Art, and
Stories of the Holocaust**

Jennifer Shouffler, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Tewksbury Schools

We are excited to welcome Dr. Jennifer Shouffler to our school community as our new Superintendent! Dr. Shouffler brings with her a wealth of experience, dedication and passion for education. We recently had the chance to speak with Dr. Shouffler and look forward to seeing her strong leadership and positive influence exhibited in our school district.

Here's what Dr. Shouffler shared with us...we think you will be equally impressed!

"I am looking forward to joining the Tewksbury Township School District in July. My goal is to support the teaching and learning in this exceptional learning community by building strong relationships with teachers, parents, students, and the broader Tewksbury community.

I will strive to continue to improve the education of our students based on my knowledge of best practices in teaching. My doctoral work at the University of Pennsylvania has prepared me to take on a top leadership job in a school district. My graduate studies at Bank Street College allowed me to gain a deep understanding of childhood and adolescent development. My educational interests include teacher professional learning and international education. I have traveled to Japan to learn about how educators there work together to improve teaching and learning.

My experience includes being an Assistant Superintendent, a Director of Curriculum and Instruction, a K-12 Supervisor of Mathematics, and a middle school and high school math teacher. I received a doctorate in education from the University of Pennsylvania, a masters degree in Mathematics Leadership from Bank Street College in NYC, and an undergraduate degree in Mathematics Education from Penn State. I believe my experience and education will help me lead others to improve schools and schooling for all."

*To read more about Dr. Jennifer Shouffler, please click below to read the Tewksbury Board of Education's announcement <https://www.tewksburyschools.org/>

Congratulations Dr. Shouffler and welcome! On behalf of the TEF and the entire Tewksbury community, best of luck to you as you begin your transition.

Be on the look-out...



The TEF values your feedback. In an effort to learn more about the needs of our community, the TEF will soon be asking you to complete a short survey. Please take the time to provide us your thoughts on enrichment programming, volunteer efforts

7th Grade
May 28 - 31st

News from Our Neighbors

Teacher Appreciation
5/6 - 5/10

5th Grade Parent Meeting at OTS

Wednesday, May 15th
7:00 - 8:30pm

PTA Fashion Show
at Bloomingdales
Wednesday, May 22nd

Diamonds & Dice
Friday, May 17th
Fiddler's Elbow
Hosted by the Woman's
Club of Tewksbury Twp

PTA Sweet End to School Bash

Friday, May 31st, 6-8pm
TES parking lot

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

and our fundraising efforts. Your insight is extremely valuable in planning for the 2019-2020 school year. Thanks in advance for your time and commitment to the TEF.

Coming Soon . . .our last 2018-2019 school year edition of the Tewksbury Education Foundation Newsletter will hit your inbox in June.

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