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## News You Can Use Annual Campaign



"Mind the Gap"

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, the TEF has committed \$1.6 million in support of the tradition of excellence that sets our Tewksbury schools apart. Every year, we bridge the funding gap created by declining funding for our schools. Together, we are the vanguard, providing \$65,000 yearly in critical program areas like Academic Enrichment, Fine Arts, STEAM Innovation, Health and Wellness, Scholarship and more.

### Click to Make a Difference

It's simple to help. Visit us at <https://tewksburytef.org/donate> and make a tax-free donation. Your investment in TEF is an investment with a big return. Your donation is the difference between ordinary and extraordinary.

Thank you for your support this Annual Campaign!

GIVE TODAY  
INVEST IN TOMORROW  
GROW THEIR FUTURE

**Program Spotlight**  
**Social Media Night**  
**December 3rd**  
**6:15-8:30pm at OTS**

## Community Corner



**2nd Annual  
Family STEM Night**  
All Grades  
November 12th  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
OTS

\*Some teachers are offering their students extra credit to attend! Ask them about it.

**TEF and PTA  
co-present  
Social Media Night**  
December 3rd  
6:15 - 8:30 pm  
Parents & students  
(ages 10+) encouraged to attend  
OTS

**Holocaust Survivor Speaks**  
March 30th, 2020  
1:15 - 2:45 pm  
OTS

**25th Annual  
Barn Dance**  
May 2, 2020  
Details coming soon



Is your child asking for an iPhone or do they already have one? Do you wonder what they are using it for? Are they a consumer or a creator? Is it enhancing or harming their relationships? Technology is not going away. In fact, a nationally representative survey released in 2015 by Pearson found that 53 percent of 4th and 5th graders, 66 percent of middle schoolers, and 82 percent of high school students regularly used a smartphone. Therefore, it's essential that we learn how to use technology to access information, encourage innovation, improve communication and increase productivity.

The Tewksbury Education Foundation (TEF) is partnering with the Tewksbury Township PTA to bring Social Media Night to our school district on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:15 – 8:30 pm at Old Turnpike School. Parents and students (recommended for ages 10+ years) are welcome to join in person or via live stream to explore how technology can help or hinder one's academic and socio-emotional well-being. The evening will kick off with presentations by three keynote speakers: 1) Stephen McDermott – Head of Industry at Google, 2) Donald Parker – CEO and President at the Carrier Clinic, and 3) Christopher Vaccaro – Assistant Prosecutor at the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. These experts will then be joined by other school community members for a lively Town Hall Discussion where the audience will be encouraged to ask questions. Lastly, attendees will have an opportunity to visit the "Digital Playground" - stations manned by students, teachers, administrators and industry leaders where information will be shared about programs and apps that students are frequently using today such as Instagram, Twitter, House Party, Tik Tok and Snapchat.

For more information and to register for the event, visit:

<https://edtechfest.wixsite.com/otssocialmedia>. Admission is free.

**TEF presents the  
"King of the Hill" 5K  
(formerly known as Tiger  
Trot) and 1 Mile Kids Dash**  
June 6th 2020 8:30 am  
New Location!  
Hoffman's Crossing Road  
Califon, NJ

[Learn More](#)



## **TES Happenings**

TEF Sponsored Programs:

**Wellness Program  
MOVE Unit**  
November 4th  
4th Grade

**Poetry with BJ Ward**  
November 25th &  
December 13th  
5th Grade

**Astronomy with Jim Miller**  
December 9th and 10th  
5th Grade

[Learn More](#)



**OTS Happenings**

# Tewksburian Spotlight

## Brandi Mark Harkins, TEF Board



I am thrilled to be elected the newest member of the Tewksbury Education Foundation Board of Directors! It is rare to have the opportunity to apply your professional passion within your own community, and TEF provides the chance for me to do just that. A full time fundraiser and event producer, I am the co-founder of Full House Events LLC, which I established 15 years ago to fulfill a mission to become self-employed. I work with non-profits on a regular basis and can confirm that TEF is as professional as they come.

Raising a family has been a lifelong goal, and Tewksbury has strengthened my already overly-enthusiastic pride for the great State of New Jersey. I grew up in Morris County, graduated from Rutgers, lured my husband Brendan to NJ – and now we call this unique, beautiful township home. I remind our kids often that it is a special thing to see cows, horses and alpacas on your ride to school! Ian is a second grader at TES, and Fiona will enter kindergarten next fall. They share our appreciation for the close-knit “extended family” Tewksbury provides and love the friends they have made on the soccer field, basketball court and baseball diamond.

The Harkins Family looks forward to seeing you around town and helping TEF continue its extraordinary support for our children and schools.

### TEF Sponsored Programs:

#### **Wellness Program POUND Physical Activity Class**

November 18th  
6th Grade

#### **Poetry with BJ Ward**

December 16th  
8th Grade

#### **Mental Health Awareness**

December  
8th Grade

### **News from Our Neighbors**

#### **Register to become a PTA member**

[tewksburynjpta.com](http://tewksburynjpta.com)

#### **Soles4Souls Shoe Drive Tewksbury Township Women's Club**

Through November 15th  
Drop gently used adult and  
children's shoes (tie pair  
together using laces)  
TES & OTS Front Hall

#### **Oldwick Tree Lighting Tewksbury Township Women's Club**

December  
Details Coming Soon!



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