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News You Can Use

Tewksbury Education Foundation Turns 25!

A History of our "FUN"draising. . .

Carrie Martinelli, TEF Vice President

Some of our readers may have been born and raised here in town. But for most of you, Tewksbury is the beautiful corner of the world we have all chosen to reside in, to raise our families in, and to call home. Our town is special in ways that are personal to us all, and it is an awe-inspiring juxtaposition to those who thought they knew what Jersey was all about.

As did many before them, Jean and Gregg Frankel came out to Hunterdon County as weekenders seeking a reprieve from the city. Before long they saw that it was, in fact, much more than they imagined and like many of those reading this newsletter, they agreed it would be an idyllic place to raise their family. As a mother of two young children twenty-five years ago, Jean saw the need for an education foundation to help bridge the gap between the needs of our schools and the limited state funding available for our district. As with all great ideas, the seed was planted and the Tewksbury Education Foundation was born.

The goal was, and still is, quite simple: **to generate and distribute funds that can be used to enhance and expand educational opportunities for students in the two public schools of Tewksbury Township.** Since 1996, the TEF has contributed over \$1.6 million to Tewksbury schools in support of programs that have a meaningful, long-term impact on the entire school community. Our dedicated school staff, tireless volunteers and generous private donors have attributed to the Foundation's incredible success through its first 25 years.

As with many great ideas, often there is a by-product that exceeds expectations. An unintended consequence of the TEF's fundraising efforts began 25 years ago...on the corner of Lamington Road and County Road 517, at the Dewey Farm. It was there that the first Barn Dance was held. It was successful indeed, but it was the FUN that

Community Corner



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

TEF and PTA co-present Social Media Night
December 3rd
6:15 - 8:45 pm
Parents & students 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

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

was had by all that served as the catalyst for the 2nd Annual Barn Dance....and here we are twenty-three years later carrying on our "FUN"draising efforts and planning what has become a town-wide community event. Since 1996, the Barn Dance has become synonymous with the TEF.

Make no mistake; while this event is intended for adults only it is not for "parents" only. This will be an amazing evening open to our entire community as we commemorate 25 years of the TEF's success. We will proudly flaunt our Hunterdon hospitality by welcoming alumni, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors to join us once again!

Guests are invited to raise their glasses while we work on raising "FUN"ds to support curriculum-enriching programs and mini grants in Tewksbury public schools. **Please mark your calendars for May 2nd**. Further announcements to follow on our our website: <https://www.tewksburytef.org/>.

We look forward to celebrating 25 years with you all!

Program Spotlight 4th Grade Wellness Program

Five years and "running!"



Each year, the TEF works in conjunction with the fourth grade teachers to develop a unique and interactive wellness program in which students can learn about how to achieve optimal health. This "Stronger, Happier Kids" wellness program is led by well known experts in the field of health and wellness from Pro-Activity Associates.

During the school year, fourth graders will be led through five wellness units that are built upon Pro-Activity's evidence-based ELEMENTS health promotion curriculum: MOVE, FUEL, RECOVER, CONNECT and ENDURE. Lessons will be provided in the classroom or gym and further integrated into technology class with use of an online healthy action program in which students will work as a team to earn points for making healthy choices throughout the year. The program aims to facilitate family

Califon, NJ

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TES Happenings

TEF Sponsored Programs:

Health & Wellness with Pro-Activity Associates
October - May
4th Grade

Grow-A-Row Farm (FUEL Unit of Wellness Program)
October 28th
4th Grade

Poetry with BJ Ward
November
5th Grade

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OTS Happenings

TEF Sponsored Programs:

Walking Into the Present
Liberty Science Center
8th Grade

discussion at home and teaming up together to make healthy decisions.

NEW FOR 2019: In October, the lesson will focus on the FUEL element and will teach students about nutrition and the impact of food choices on one's health. To bring this element to life, students will visit America's Grow-A-Row Farm in Pittstown, NJ. While on this field trip, students will learn about food insecurity and enjoy time on the farm outside in the sunshine (or rain), play games, harvest and taste the food they have picked.

The culminating event of this wellness program is a 1-mile kids dash and 5k race taking place on June 6th. This year, we have partnered with the Beautiful Beast of Hunterdon to bring you an incredible experience at a **more convenient time at a fantastic, new location!** The TEF presents the 1-mile kids dash and "King of the Hill" 5k (formerly known as the Tiger Trot) on Hoffman's Crossing Road and the Columbia Trail in Califon. One-milers will run by restored barns, four-legged friends (donkeys and goats), and a massive stream-fed pond. Runners of the 5k and 15k will be above the river and falls then wind through the gorge, taking in all Hunterdon County has to offer. Hang out for the day with a fishing derby, beer garden, food trucks and more family-friendly activities.

For more information and to register:

<http://www.beautifulbeast15k.org/event-details/>.

Be sure to join the "TEF Tigers" team during registration to get your TEF t-shirt.

We also have opportunities to sponsor the TEF Tigers Team at:

www.TewksburyTEF.org.



Tewksburian Spotlight

October 11th

News from Our Neighbors

Register to become a PTA member

tewksburynjpta.com

**Board of Education
Candidates Night
PTA**

Tuesday, October 15th

6:00 pm

OTS

PTA Panera Dinner

Thursday, October 17th

4 - 8 pm

141 Rt 206 S, Chester

**Trunk or Treat
PTA**

Friday, October 25th

TES Parking Lot

**Halloween Party
Tewksbury Township
Women's Club**

Saturday, October 26th

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Oldwick Manor

**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

Cassidy Voyce, PTA President



We recently had the chance to speak with the new PTA President, Cassidy Voyce, and wanted you all to get to know her as well. She is an amazing addition to our local PTA! Here is what she shared with us:

"Hi, Tewksbury Families! My name is Cassidy Voyce and I am the Tewksbury Township PTA President. I am so excited to work alongside a group of phenomenal women on the PTA Board and our wonderful volunteers to give back to our schools this year.

We bought our home in Tewksbury in December 2014. I instantly fell in love with the beauty of our sweet little town. My husband and I began to foster the love of the great outdoors in our children at an early age and we spend the majority of our time together on adventures in our local land preserves and parks. We are so blessed to live and raise a family in such a beautiful place. However, the beauty of our town runs much deeper than just the land. I am constantly amazed by the people of Tewksbury. There is a strong sense of community unlike any place I have ever lived. I am often humbled by the generosity and love that I see from the people of Tewksbury everyday. There's always a smiling face ready to lend a helping hand. I've been inspired by our friends and family who give so much to our community. Kindness and service truly have a ripple effect and I am honored to serve our Tewksbury schools and our greater community as PTA President.

Here's to a great school year!"

Cassidy Voyce

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