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News You Can Use Allison Christian, TEF President

Dear Parents, Students, Administrators, Teachers & Staff,

Welcome back for the start of the 2019-2020 school year! I hope you and your families had a fun and relaxing summer vacation. It is my hope that this school year will be filled with achievement, growth and joyful learning.

The Tewksbury Education Foundation (TEF) has been working diligently over the last few months to ensure students in our district are provided with exceptional educational programming that compliments the curriculum they are experiencing in the classroom.

As I begin my sixth year as a volunteer on the TEF Board of Directors, my third year as President, I am energized and deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of Tewksbury students. During the school year, we shall look to continue to expand upon the enrichment we have provided over the last 24 years. We shall strive to meet the needs of students in an evolving educational landscape and improve the quality of education provided by Tewksbury Township public schools.

I am excited to work with each and every one of you this year. I invite and encourage you all to partner with us and be active participants in your child's education because your support is critical to our success as well as theirs.

Once again, welcome back! Together, let's educate, empower and challenge all students and make it a great year at Tewksbury Township schools.

Sincerely,
Allison Christian, Ed.D.
President, Tewksbury Education Foundation

Program Spotlight

Community Corner



Harvest Festival

September 21st 12 - 5pm Christie Hoffman Farm Park Stop by our table!

TEF presents the
"King of the Hill" 5K and 1
Mile Kids Dash at the
Beautiful Beast of
Hunterdon 15K

June 6th, 2020 New location! Details coming soon!

25th Annual Barn Dance

May 2020 Details Coming Soon!

Learn More

2nd Annual Family STEM Night





Back by popular demand, the TEF is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Family STEM night on November 12th, 2019 at 6:30-8:30 at TES!

Families are welcome to come out for an exciting and educational night to explore highlights of the STEM-based programs the TEF is bringing to our schools this year. Kids of all ages will be able to enjoy their school filled with science-based stations. There will be telescopes in the parking lot and snakes and turtles in the cafetorium! Other stations will focus on personal fitness, veterinary medicine, archaeology, human medicine, rocket launches, and more.

Activities include a mix of drop-in and sign-up stations. So, be sure to come early so as not to miss things like our U.S. Patent and Trademark visitor who will speak about inventions, innovations, and run some hands-on activities, or our Star Lab or the interactive Robotics demonstration.

Don't miss out! Mark your calendars now - this event is free and all are welcome!



TES Happenings

TEF Sponsored Programs:

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

> Poetry with BJ Ward November 5th Grade

2nd Annual Family STFM Night ALL Grades November 12th 6:30 - 8:30 TES

Learn More



OTS Happenings

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TES



Tewksburian Spotlight Dr. Michael Mitchell Principal of Old Turnpike School



We are excited to welcome Dr. Michael Mitchell to our school community as our new Principal at Old Turnpike School! Dr. Mitchell brings a wealth of experience, dedication and passion for education. We recently had the chance to speak with Dr. Mitchell and look forward to seeing his strong leadership and positive influence exhibited in our school district.

Dr. Mitchell is an experienced school leader. He comes to us from Roxbury School District where he served as the Director of Instructional Innovation. In that role, he was in charge of instructional changes, which created new learning environments and partnerships with the community. Dr. Mitchell's teaching career began in the world language department of New Providence School District as a teacher of Japanese where he created a STEM exchange program with a high school in Fukui, Japan. After his work in New Providence, he led the Flemington-Raritan School District as the Supervisor of Educational Technology. Dr. Mitchell launched Ed Tech Fest in Hunterdon County, a professional development program, which continues to function as a resource for Hunterdon County educators to learn about new technology that can help them innovate instruction.

Dr. Mitchell earned his bachelor's degree in Japanese Studies from Bucknell University, a master's degree from Seton Hall University, and his Doctorate in Education from Seton Hall University. He is excited to be in a smaller school that allows him the ability to connect and work with all stakeholders, and he hopes that his enthusiasm and ideas can continue to improve the OTS learning community.

News from Our Neighbors

Back to School Nights

K: September 4th

Pre-K and 6th - 8th: September 11th

1st-5th: September 19th

Board Of Education Meeting: September 25th OTS Library 7pm Please join us in welcoming Dr. Michael Mitchell as our new Principal. He lives in Bernardsville with his wife Lynn, their three children, and new Australian Shepherd puppy. When not working, his favorite things to do are spending time with his family, traveling, cooking, and reading.

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

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