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News You Can Use

Family Giving Opportunities at TEF Now Available!

The Tewksbury Education Foundation (TEF), as part of its 2019-2020 Annual Campaign, has introduced a new philanthropy program designed to engage members of the school community with special event access and unique school-centric opportunities.

The TEF offers a diverse schedule of family-friendly events throughout the school year. To further increase attendance and welcome younger families to see the TEF in action, this year's Annual Campaign includes offering participation in TEF-hosted activities, including the 25th Annual Barn Dance at Hamilton Farm Golf Club, the Annual 5K Run/Walk and more.

Also new to the roster of benefits are special seating at school events, tickets to performances and additional perks that resonate with families who have children currently attending Tewksbury Elementary School and Old Turnpike School. Families will be able to identify enrichment programs to support and, if desired, will be publicly recognized for supporting the TEF.

The Tewksbury Education Foundation relies solely on private support from individuals and corporations to achieve its mission to enhance the district's strategic plan by raising funds to enrich the quality of educational opportunities for over 600 students. In creating incentives that appeal to local families, the TEF is combining this critical philanthropy with the programming it supports. As the TEF approaches its 25th year positively impacting the community, the offerings for the current year will attract new participants to pave the way for another quarter-century of stellar

Community Corner



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

Can't attend?
Stream the event live at:
<https://youtu.be/4Xlf8GrPPA>
Ask questions at home by going to [sli.do](#) and
entering the code #SocialMediaNightOT

Grandparents Reception
December 19th
8:45-9:15 / 10:15-10:45 am
TES
The TEF would like to invite grandparents (or other special persons) to drop by for refreshments before either segment of the holiday concert. TEF representative welcome the opportunity to greet the people who are such an important part of each student's life, describe what the TEF does, and explain how grandparents can connect with the TEF via upcoming events.

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

participants to pave the way for another quarter century of stellar programming and enrichment.

While donations to the TEF Annual Campaign are accepted any time throughout the year, the **new Family Giving Program is available now for a limited time** so those interested should sign up as soon as possible. For those of you who have already generously supported TEF in calendar year 2019, you may give during the month of January and still receive these benefits. Please visit www.TewksburyTEF.org/donate for more information about the organization, upcoming events and to make a donation.

Program Spotlight

6th Grade Code The Future

January 2nd - 9th, 2020



In this 5-day program students work in teams to program robots with visual programming software. The robot acts as a self-driving car, and the students pick one of three routes to program the car to drive through. Each route comes with unique challenges, such as changing lanes and stopping for pedestrians. Code the Future staff guides students through the process of writing, debugging and watching their code come alive as they implemented their code in a robot. It is a fun, interactive and fantastic learning experience that the students really enjoy!



**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
Califon, NJ

[Learn More](#)



TES Happenings

TEF Sponsored Programs:

Poetry with BJ Ward
December 13th
5th Grade

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

Wellness Residency
FUEL
January
4th Grade

[Learn More](#)





Tewksburian Spotlight Kathy Hoffman



"A caring, nurturing culture focused on the growth and development of the 'entire child' draws one to the Tewksbury school district. I have found it easy, enjoyable and rewarding to get involved with the staff and students. Faculty members are appreciative, the children precious and entertaining, and the dedicated parents most welcoming.

My husband Bill and I have made Tewksbury our home for the last 19 years. We love the town's rural beauty and kind, eclectic people. Our grandson, Ryan, has been with us most of his 9 years. Currently in the 3rd grade at TES, Ryan loves his school and buddies. After retiring from a career in investments in 2014, I have had the opportunity to do more of what I wanted to do but never had time. When my children were young, working full time prevented me from getting involved in their schools as much as I would have liked. Now I have a second chance. Fortunately generational differences don't seem to matter.

I want to take this time to share a note to my fellow grandparents: Come back to school! Get to know your grandchildren's friends, teachers and activities. Grandparents are magical with children. They will love it too! *[see sidebar for grandparents reception].*

I also want to thank the Tewksbury Education Foundation for the opportunity to express my thoughts about our town and schools. We are very blessed!"



OTS Happenings

TEF Sponsored Programs:

Poetry with BJ Ward

December 16th
8th Grade

Mental Health Awareness

December
8th Grade

Smart Car Developers Code the Future

January 2nd - 9th
6th Grade

News from Our Neighbors

Register to become a PTA member

tewksburynjpta.com

Tewksbury Township Annual Tree & Menorah Lighting

December 8th
4:30 pm
Oldwick Library

Tewksbury Family Assistance Fund

Annual Bake and Freezer Sale
December 19th
TES Concert

Women's Club of Tewksbury Township

presents Taste of Tewksbury
March 27th
6:30 pm
Beaver Brook Country Club
For more info:

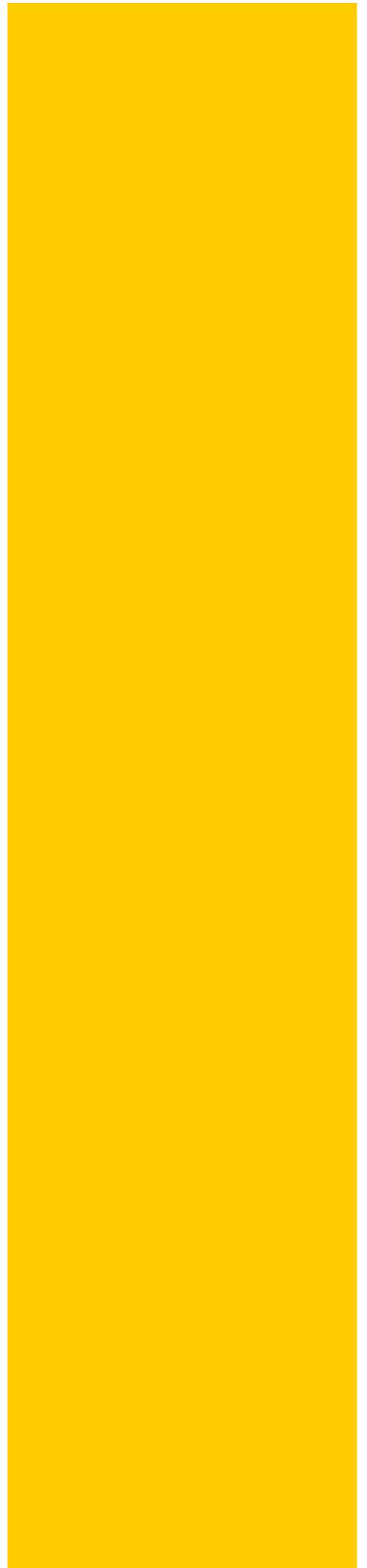
www.tewksburywomensclub.com/events



In case you missed STEM night, here are some photos to help commemorate the successful event!



On behalf of our families to yours, we hope you enjoy a happy and healthy holiday



...enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season!

Coming Soon . . .our January edition of the Tewksbury Education Foundation Newsletter will soon hit your inbox.

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