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## Tewksbury Education Foundation

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### News You Can Use Looking Ahead

The TEF's mission is to ensure that every child receives an educational experience enriched by new learning opportunities. It is also our goal to help our district find our new normal, to use this time as an opportunity to reflect upon what has been offered in the past and identify what can be done to positively impact the learning environment this year and beyond.

In an effort to prioritize instructional time and limit visitors at our schools, the TEF is approaching this year somewhat differently than most. The academic, emotional and physical well-being of our students is our top priority. As such, we will not be offering in-person educational programs until further notice. Rather, we are busy reviewing teacher-initiated grant requests for educational programs and equipment that can improve students' learning experience. We are also developing an inventory of exciting and unique educational experiences that families can partake in on their own time. As soon as this valuable resource is ready, we will share it with you all. . .stay tuned!

We are always looking for innovative ways to enhance the educational experience of our students and staff. If you have feedback or ideas, please share them with us at <a href="mailto:TewksburyTEF@gmail.com">TewksburyTEF@gmail.com</a>. Thanks in advance for your support.

### Community Corner



#### What the Flock?!

In August we began to decorate (aka flock) lawns around town as a festive way to celebrate the TEF. Over a dozen lawns in Tewksbury have been visited by some "smart" flamingos. Those who are lucky enough to be flocked can then make a donation to the TEF and chose a friend to target for the next flocking. Who will be next? Care to flock a friend? If so, email us at TewksburyTEF@gmail.com.



Note: Flamingos only live at each home for two days.

TEF and Tewksbury Parks
Committee Co-Present
Astronomy Night

October 23rd, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm Christie Hoffman Farm Park Fun for all ages

### **Program Spotlight**

**Astronomy Night** 

Friday, October 23rd, 6 pm - 8 pm Christie Hoffman Farm



We are excited to announce that we have partnered with the Parks Committee to host an evening under the stars, suitable for those of any age. Bring your own flashlight or be one of the first 100 attendees and receive a free TEF flashlight. Come explore the night sky with super high powered equipment that brings the fall sky up close and personal. Have a telescope and don't know how to use it? Bring it down and the experts will help you get it tuned up before the Blue Moon on Halloween. We will also be offering flashlight tag and constellation bingo. Make sure to wear appropriate shoes for the park.

# Tewksburian Spotlight Kathryn Lemerich



Kathryn Lemerich joined the Tewksbury Township Schools

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

25th Annual Barn Dance Re"Boot"

> May 15, 2021 7:00 pm

## Exciting new location soon to be announced!

Still honoring 25 Years and "Faces" of TEF including community members, district staff, program providers and sponsors.

> TEF presents the King of the Hill\* 5K and 1 Mile Kids Dash

June 5, 2021 8:30 am Hoffman's Crossing Road Califon, NJ \*formerly known as Tiger Trot

# News from Our Neighbors

Register to become a PTA member tewksburynjpta.com

PTA presents "All Kinds of Feelings and Other Complex Features of Parenthood"

October 8th
7:00 - 8:00 nm
Virtual Parent Workshop
(email sent by district)

PTA presents

BOE Candidates Night

October 21st

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting (email forthcoming)

Women's Club of Tewksbury Township presents Main Street Oldwick Holly Day December 12th

(rain date 12/13)

A full day of fun, outdoor holiday festivities including live music,

as the new Principal at Tewksbury Elementary School this summer after having spent the last four years as a vice principal at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School. While working in the Flemington-Raritan School District, she was fortunate to work alongside the entire school community and was able to have a direct and meaningful impact on the education for each and every student at the school. She truly enjoyed every moment of that experience and is proud of the work they accomplished as a school community.

Prior to that role, Katie served as a district supervisor of mathematics and business in the Madison Public Schools and was a math teacher in Millburn, as well as at both a public school and private boarding and day school in Michigan.

She earned both her Master of Arts in K-12 Educational Administration and her Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Michigan State University. She is a member of the NJ ASCD Executive Board, the immediate past Co-Director of NJ ASCD North and was one of forty-six educators from across the nation and world to be named a 2017 ASCD Emerging Leader.

Outside of education, Katie lives in Branchburg with her husband and two children, ages 2 and 4. Together, they enjoy spending time with family and friends, gardening, skiing, traveling, hiking, being outdoors, and finding some great local ice cream and coffee shops.

Katie is excited to have joined the Tewksbury Elementary School community and to support and work collaboratively with the students, staff, parents, and community. She looks forward to continuing to meet the many wonderful families in Tewksbury and support the educators so that Tewksbury Elementary School is the best it can be for all students.

We are selling 50/50 raffle tickets!



carolers, Santa and his elves as we stroll down Main Street lined with Victorian homes professionally designed in holiday decor. Enjoy shopping at Oldwick's fine shoppes and restuarants. A percentage of proceeds will go to WCTT's charitable budget. The day will end with the drawing of a fabulous holiday raffle comprised of five prizes (food prizes are for 8-10 people) donated by five area businesses. Each raffle ticket (\$15) is one chance to win one of the five prizes. The donors and prizes are:

Bishops Supermarket-Fresh
Jaindl Turkey and 5 cooked side
dishes
Tewksbury Fine Wines & SpiritsBasket filled with Wine Pairing
Metro Seafood-Basket filled with
appetizers and hors d'oeuvres
Melick's Town Farm-Pies and
Donuts
Old Market Town Farm-Beautiful
Holiday Table Centerpiece

Interested in buying raffle tickets? Contact Maureen Baumgaertner at maureenbaum1208@ outlook.com. Thank you to those who have supported the TEF and, in turn, our students and teachers, by purchasing tickets.

If you'd like to buy a \$20 ticket, please contact us at

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