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# TOWNS-O-GRAM

*Townsend Elementary School  
 March 2009*

*Mr. Charles Sheppard – Principal  
 Mr. Shane Rifenburg – Admin. Intern  
 Ms. Fran Baxter – Sr. Secretary  
 Mrs. Joyce Foster – Secretary &  
 “Town-s-O-Gram” Editor*  
 School Hours – 8:50 am – 3:30 pm




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## TOWNSEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

- *Be Responsible*
- *Be Respectful*
- *Be Safe*
- *Be Your Best*

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mar. 11-12 Gr. 2-10 DSTP – Math  
 Mar. 16-17 Gr. 2-10 DSTP – Reading  
 Mar. 19-20 Gr. 3-10 DSTP – Writing  
 Apr. 10-17 Schools/Offices Closed  
 Spring Break

Apr. 22 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House at  
 Meredith Middle School – 6:30 pm  
 May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week  
 May 6 School Nurse Appreciation Day  
 May 7 Math 24 District Competition  
 May 16 Education Fair – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
 May 21 TES Band Concert  
 May 22 PK-12 – No School  
 Staff Development  
 May 25 Schools/Offices  
 Memorial Day  
 May 27 K-8 End of Marking Period  
 May 29 TES Field Day  
 June 5 K-11 Last Day of School  
 (half day) \* *If bad weather causes  
 excessive cancellations, the last  
 day of school may be extended.*

June 9	Last Teacher Day
June 15	DSTP Summer School Begins
<b>Aug. 24</b>	<b>K-12 First Day of School for 2009</b>
Sept. 4	Schools/Offices Closed
Sept. 7	Schools/Offices Closed Labor Day



***PRINCIPAL'S  
MESSAGE  
Charles Sheppard  
Principal***

March is here. This means it's DSTP time. While this is not a test that you can study for, it is something you can be prepared for. Please make sure your student(s) are getting a good night rest, have a nice breakfast in the morning, and arrive promptly at school. The PTA will be providing snacks for the students as well as funding some prize incentives to lighten the stress of the week.

March also marks the end of "I Love to Read Month". As part of the fun, I challenge the students to reach a certain goal. For this year's Principal's Reading Challenge, I let the students decide what they would like me to do if they reach their goal. After 4 months of collecting suggestions, we narrowed the list and put it up for a vote. In a landslide, the students chose to have me wear a dress. As I type this letter, we are in our last week of the challenge. Students need to reach 1500 AR points. If they do, I plan to honor my part of the deal on Saturday, March 7th. I've even convinced my AP Mr. Rifenburg and Townsend Mayor Dave Roughly to join me. We will be spending time in dresses at some of our business partners throughout the day. I will send more information home IF students reach the goal.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help your children succeed. If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. [Charles.Sheppard@appo.k12.de.us](mailto:Charles.Sheppard@appo.k12.de.us).

**YEARBOOK EDITOR**

Stephanie Henley – Parent Volunteer

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

If you would like a copy of the Townsend Elementary School Profile for the school year 2007-08, we have copies in the office.

**HEALTHY SNACKS LIST**

The suggested Healthy Snacks List is always attached to the Towns-O-Gram every month.

**SAFETY REMINDER**

Please do not make any U-turns in front of the school. Signs are posted but people are still making U-turns. It is dangerous for our students and visitors.



***NURSE'S  
NOTES  
Pam Wilson, R.N.***

I would like to thank the students and parents for all of the lovely holiday gifts you gave me. It was most thoughtful.

Also, just a reminder that any lost and found clothing articles will be donated to Goodwill on Good Friday, April 10, 2009, so please stop by to see if your child has any articles left in Lost and Found.



***MARCH  
STUDENT  
BIRTHDAYS***

Victoria Granda, Ayanna Harris, Brianna Westerfer, Jayson Jeffers, Dominique McLean, Kyle McLean, Erin Desrosiers, Aliya Coverdale, Rachel Betty, Abigail Gordon, Raevin Rhoades, Daniel Karschner, Mark Purdie, Gabrielle Barresi, Blayne Cekine, Nathan Bampo, David Hall, Gavin Martindale, Teddie Nelson, Sephora Cain, Jordan Cox, Tajah McKnight, Abdoul Njie, Joshua Raymond, Aliza Khan, Alexis Anibal, Andrew Hall, Joseph Schneider, Devyn DelGenio, Zebediah Miller, Ryan Reed, Isabella Digati, Connor Havens, Emma Havens, Jakob Sinex, Mikala Baldwin, Sara Carrow, Caroline Dowd, Aaron Rhoades, Mikaela Mumford, Madysen Ellsworth, Austin Hennon, Michaela Crum, Shawn Elmer, Nicole Feret, Me-Ling Miller, Annie Abrams, Emma Hines, Steven Sapp, Steven Maghan, Renee See, Ronald Granieri, Moksh Patel, Jacob Grimes, Dele Harding, Marissa Hemmert, George Siple, Katelynn McGraw, Olivia Montes, Dylan Casey, Robert Dillingham.



***MARCH  
STAFF  
BIRTHDAYS***

Ruth Neff, Ana Anderson, Danielle Mulholland, Heather Patricco, Melisa Stilwell.

**MRS. DEL DUCO'S SECOND GRADE STUDENTS BECOME PUBLISHED AUTHORS**

The second grade students in Mrs. Del Duco's class have just completed a book publishing project during Writer's Workshop through the Student Treasures Program. The students listened to a Dr. Seuss book, Bartholomew and the Oobleck to get some ideas. The students thought about what would happen if green, sticky, slimy Oobleck fell down on Townsend Elementary school. Each student wrote a rough draft, edited and revised their stories, then had the opportunity to type them using the school's wireless laptops. Once all of the stories were printed, it was time to illustrate. The students used crayons and colored pencils to add illustrations to their stories. They can't wait to see their finished book in the classroom library!



***ORCHESTRA  
CONCERT  
Greta Myers***

The String Orchestra students will be performing in their first concert on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Students will show off their hard work and dedication on their instruments by performing several pieces using pizzicato (plucking) and arco (bowing) techniques. The concert will include full group performance and some small ensemble pieces. The students will also perform during the daytime for the school, but that time is TBD.

Orchestra students are expected to arrive at school between 5:45-6:00 on April 8<sup>th</sup> to be tuned and warm up for the evening performance. Students should wear a white dress or polo shirt and black pants.



***NEWS FROM THE  
THUNDERBIRD  
CAFÉ***

March is a very exciting month! It is National Nutrition Month and National School Breakfast Week. NSBW runs from March 2-6<sup>th</sup>. We are having a wonderful District-wide Art Contest for students to enter to win great prizes and a chance to move on to the National competition. Details are available at the Thunderbird Café, Mr. Ruiz' class and in this TOG. We look forward to having a lot of great entries.

Our District's "Healthy Snack List" is provided as a guideline for you to make good healthy choices when you wish to provide a snack or treat to your students class for birthdays or any other special occasion.

Please know that the Nutrition Department at the Thunderbird Café would be happy to supply and deliver those healthy choices for you. All you would need to do is call our office and with a little information we will take it from there. You then would be billed for the snack provided.

We have some great choices to choose from such as fresh vegetables with dip, baked chips, low fat popcorn, fresh fruit etc..

We hope you consider taking us up on this great opportunity to provide healthy snacks to your students class.

Please call 378-5020 and ask for the Thunderbird Café. Thank You!



***CAUGHT YOU  
READING***

**Congratulations to the following students who submitted drawings or pictures for Our Caught U Reading contest. Names were drawn randomly to reach our 30 students lunch group. Rocky Bluewinkle from the Wilmington Blue Rocks will join them on Monday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> to have a special lunch and story fun in the library. WooHoo!**

***Ebling / Hill***

- Cornelius Cardenas
- Dylan Kambouroglou
- Aaron Green
- Moksh Patel

***DelDuco***

- Zoe Wilcox
- Cooper Unruh
- Greg Cameron
- Jacob Elmer

***Ellsworth***

- Soljher Chamblee
- Katelyn Riley
- Himanshu Patel
- Brigid Monahan

***Ryskoski***

- Melissa Jones
- Sander
- Hannah Harmon
- Tracy Flammia
- Justin Dossantos
- Monet Ridgeway

**Gardner/Skelton**

Maur-Queche Evans  
Gianna Scalici  
Chase Chillas  
Haiden Martino



**TES PTA**  
**2008 – 2009**

**Patricco**

Morgan Norris  
Nicola Habash  
Kayla Hemmert  
Mauri Hainsworth

**Officers**

*President* Norm Abrams – tespta@aol.com  
*Vice President* Sandy Ellsworth  
*Treasurer* Michael Nazarewycz  
*Secretary* Rose Krum

**Scibek**

Taylor Cameron  
Alyssa Rodgers  
Nathan Ogbin  
Robert Roibu

**PTA Meeting Dates**

Thursday Nights - 6:30 pm - TES Library

- March 12, 2009
- April 23, 2009
- May 20, 2009

**Coupe**

Bella Digati

**CUSTODY ISSUES**

***Joyce Foster***

***Reminder:*** Please make sure the school office always has the latest documentation regarding child custody situations, and **please update every year.**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

**Officers**

- Mrs. Edna Cale
- Mrs. Joanne Christian
- Mr. Ed Czerwinski
- Mrs. Julie Johnson
- Mrs. Donna Skinner

All meetings (open to the public) will be held in the Board Room at the Teacher Training Center, 118 South Sixth Street, Odessa, DE, beginning at 7:00 pm on the following dates:

- March 11, 2009
- April 8, 2009
- May 13, 2009
- June 10, 2009



**APRIL**  
**TOWNS-O-GRAM**  
**ARTICLES**  
***Joyce Foster***

Please have any April Towns-O-Gram articles to me by Tuesday, March 24, 2009. Thank you!

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The Appoquinimink School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, age, disability, marital status, national origin, or other legally protected categories in its educational programs, activities, employment, or student admissions

policies or practices. Inquires regarding compliance with the above can be directed to:

#### Section 504

Contact Kittie Rehrig, Supervisor of Student Services, Appoquinimink School District, 118 South Sixth Street, Box 4010, Odessa, DE 19730. Telephone (302) 376-4111

Section 504 Coordinator's Responsibilities: To coordinate the Appoquinimink School District's efforts to comply with the disability discrimination laws.

#### Title IX

Contact Matt Fallis, Director of Personnel, Appoquinimink School District, 118 South Sixth Street, Box 4010, Odessa, DE 19730. Telephone (302) 376-4275

Title IX Coordinator's Responsibilities: To coordinate the Appoquinimink School District's efforts to comply with and carry out the District's responsibilities under Title IX, including any investigation of any complaint alleging noncompliance with Title IX or alleging actions which would be prohibited by Title IX.

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### Community Notification

**The police are responsible for notifying the community** of sex offenders in the area. This information is available on the Delaware State Police web site ([www.state.de.us/dsp/sexoff](http://www.state.de.us/dsp/sexoff)). By law, all adults or juveniles who are convicted or adjudicated of specific sex offenses are registered. **Please note that not all sex offenders are child predators or pose a threat to children.**

**School districts and charter schools must keep notifications of registered sex offenders received from the police in a binder in each school.** They must follow

guidelines for distribution of notifications they receive. The guidelines will be available on the Internet ([www.doe.state.de.us](http://www.doe.state.de.us) or [www.state.de.us/kids](http://www.state.de.us/kids)).

**The included notification may assist you in protecting your family.** It is best that only parents and guardians share this information in an age appropriate manner with their child or children so that the child will understand appropriate actions for their safety.

**Parents and guardians should use this information in an age appropriate way that helps children with personal safety but does not overwhelm the child.** Prevent Child Abuse Delaware, a local nonprofit agency, has developed a list of safety tips to assist parent/guardian in helping their child feel safe:

- Review safety rules for your home – tell your child not to answer the door when you are not home and establish a plan for answering the telephone.
- Make a list with your child of three safe grown-ups he/she can talk to if afraid or in trouble and you are not there.
- Talk with your child about what places are safe to visit in your community and which are not.
- Review with your child the four private places which are the mouth, the breasts, the genitalia, and the buttocks. Explain that no one should touch these places unless they are helping to keep the child healthy (exam by a doctor) or clean (bathing).
- Encourage your child to tell you if someone talks to or touches him/her in a way that makes them feel bad or that he/she doesn't like.
- Encourage open discussion with your child about his/her willingness to talk to grown-ups in your family about the things that bother him/her.

- Determine if your child knows that the grown-ups in your family will listen to him/her. Ask yourself honestly if this is true. Do you and other adults in your family really listen to the children in your care?
- Tell your child that it is not the child's fault if someone tries to bother him/her or touch him/her in a way they don't like.
- Let your child know how special you think they are, encourage him/her to think of themselves as a person worthy of respect, who also respects others. Treat and talk with your child in a way that conveys your respect.

If you would like further information on how to keep your child safe, you can speak with the school guidance counselor or contact Prevent Child Abuse Delaware at 254-4611.

For more information about the Sex Offenders Registry, contact Delaware State Police (302-739-5882).

If you have questions about an enclosed notification or specific offenders, please contact your local police.

Report child abuse by calling 1-800-292-9582. Do report emergencies by calling 911.

**Do not post this notification publicly or where non-family members may see it.** Remember it is best for children to get this information from their parents and guardians.

**Do not take any action that may in any way harm or harass the offender, the offender's family, household members or employer.** Do not attempt to harass the offender or make unsolicited, unwanted contact. If you believe anyone is a physical threat to you or children in your care please contact the local police.

**Please use the information responsibly for the safety and well-being of those in your care.**

**Anyone who uses this information to commit a crime against another person is subject to criminal prosecution.**

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**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather, announcements about District-wide delays or cancellations will be made via the following radio stations:

WDEL	1150	AM
WSTW	93.7	FM
WILM	1450	AM
WDOV	1410	AM
WDSB	94.7	FM
WJBR	99.5	FM

We are not recommending television school closings.

We post the notice to the scrolling message at the bottom of our website's home page, [www.apposchooldistrict.com](http://www.apposchooldistrict.com) under the heading LATE BREAKING NEWS.

We post the message to the state's school closing site. Parents can register for E-mail notification through the Delaware Department of Education's School Closing Website by clicking on this link, <http://phoenix.state.de.us/schoolclosing>.

We launch an automated phone message (**Alert Now**) if it is a District-wide delay or cancellation.

**E-mail Notification:** Parents can register for E-mail notification through the Delaware Department of Education's School Closing Website by clicking on this link:

<https://diss.state.de.us/DWS/public.diss>. To view the status of school closings across the state, go to <http://schoolclosings.delaware.gov>.

For Appoquinimink School District News, go to: <http://www.apposchooldistrict.com>

Middletown Area Chamber of Commerce  
[info@middletownareachamber.com](mailto:info@middletownareachamber.com)

Delaware State Parks  
<http://www.destateparks.com/lpsp/lpsp.asp>

Middletown, Odessa, Townsend Weekly Newspaper  
<http://www.middletownscript.com/pages/subscription.html>  
Townsend Website  
[www.townsendde.com](http://www.townsendde.com)

Automatic E-mail notification via the Department of Education  
<http://phoenix.state.de.us/schoolclosing>

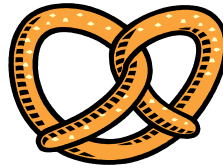
TES Library Page  
[www.tespta.com/library/Library.htm](http://www.tespta.com/library/Library.htm)

TES PTA Page  
[www.tespta.com](http://www.tespta.com)

School Locator (allows parents to enter their street address for a list of the Kindergartens their students will attend)  
<http://www.apposchooldistrict.com/transportation/locator.cfm>

Townsend School Site  
[www.TownsendElementarySchool.com](http://www.TownsendElementarySchool.com)

You can use [www.PayPAMS.com](http://www.PayPAMS.com) to check on your child's TES Cafeteria account.



### RETZEL BOY'S

Mr. and Mrs. Rich Feret (two of our TES parents and our business partners) have asked that we print two Pretzel Boy's coupons in this month's Towns-O-Gram.

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*\$.50 off one water ice*

*Pretzel Boy's  
482 E. Main Street  
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*Buy one,  
Get one free  
Pretzel*

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