

PTO Newsletter

Issue 1 | January 2023



What is the PTO?

Torrington's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is an organization comprised of four executive board members, parents/guardians, and Torrington staff volunteering to make our school the best it can be for both students and staff.

What Does the PTO Do?

Supporting students and staff is the heart of what we do. Organizing school events, family nights, and fundraisers is a key part of the PTO. Through various fundraising efforts, the PTO is able to provide assistance for the purchase of supplies to ensure our students have the best experience.

The PTO Needs YOU!

The PTO is **always** looking for volunteers to help achieve our goals. Volunteers are so important to supporting the overall atmosphere and experience of your student's time at Torrington. You don't need to donate all your time to volunteering; we work around your schedule and abilities, whether it is helping in the classroom or setting up/decorating for a PTO sponsored event, there is always room for YOU!

Questions? Looking to get involved? Reach out: torringtonpto@gmail.com



- **Tiger Pride News**
- **A Look Back**
- **Important Dates & Upcoming Events**
- **Birthdaygram Information**
- **Torrington Apparel Information**
- **Torrington Teacher Amazon Wish Lists**

**AND
MORE!**

2022 - 2023 PTO Executive Board Members

President: Jerinne Grant | **Vice-President:** Christine Macdonald
Treasurer: Alysha Armstrong | **Secretary:** Heather Costa



Stay Connected!

**Join Our
Facebook Group!**

Search "Torrington School PTO"



Tiger Pride News

Lyman Orchard Fundraiser

\$4,868 was raised for Torrington from this district fundraiser; these funds will go towards various student enrichment activities.

Starfish Recognition for Staff

Please take the time to recognize Torrington staff members who have made a difference for your family; comments are shared in Torrington's staff newsletter. Click [here](#) for the link to the recognition form.

Money Raised for CCMC

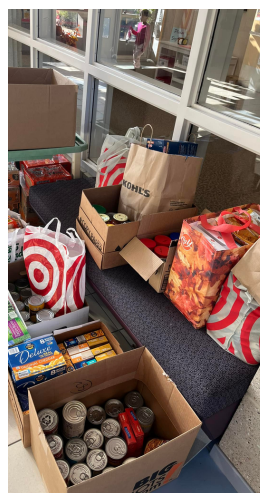
In December, Torrington Tigers raised money for Connecticut Children's Medical Center to honor the brave kids battling cancer and other serious illness. Grade levels competed against each other to see who raised the most money. Thank you to all of Torrington's students, families, and staff who generously donated, a grand total of **\$4,100** was raised! First Grade came in first place for raising the most and earned an extra recess. Great job everyone!

A Look Back

The first four months of the 2022-2023 school year were busy! Students and families attended **Welcome Back Night**; the PTO sponsored the annual **Fall Festival at Ruwet's Farm**; the Torrington Wellness Committee hosted the **Pumpkin Dash**; students visited the **Scholastic Book Fair**, **Veteran's Day** was honored; families and staff participated in a **food drive** to benefit those in need in our community; the PTO sponsored the annual winter event **What Do Snowmen Do At Night?** and hosted a **Holiday Brunch** to show teachers and staff how much they are appreciated - and more! We are looking forward to the fun planned for the rest of this school year!



Torrington students, staff, and Torrey had loads of fun at the Pumpkin Dash this past October!



Food Drive Supporting Friendly Hands Food Bank

Veterans' Day Parade



Torrington's Student Council organized the annual Christmas Village Parade - it even snowed!



Lots of fun was had at the PTO's annual winter event: What Do Snowmen Do At Night?



Teacher and Staff Appreciation Holiday Brunch

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

January 2023

- **Mon, 1/16:** No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **Thurs, 1/19:** Half Day, Professional Development

February 2023

Black History Month S.T.E.A.M. Event - Grades 1 & 2
(PTO Sponsored, more information coming soon!)

'23 - '24 Kindergarten Registration
(District Wide, more information coming soon!)

- **Mon, 2/6:** Read-a-Thon Begins, more information coming soon!
- **Thurs, 2/16:** Half Day, Professional Development
- **Mon, 2/20:** No School, Presidents Day
- **Tues, 2/21:** No School, Professional Development
- **Wed, 2/22:** Nat'l School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- **Mon, 2/27:** Read Across America Week / Spirit Week, more information coming soon!

March 2023

Kindergarten/New Student Tiger Event
(PTO Sponsored, more information coming soon!)

- **Thurs, 3/16:** Half Day, Professional Development
- **Wed, 3/29:** Half Day, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Thurs, 3/30:** Half Day, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Fri, 3/31:** Half Day, Parent-Teacher Conferences

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code
for access to the current
Torrington Public Schools'
2022-2023 Calendar.

updated by the Board of Education on 9.28.22



Kindness Campaign

Torrington's Student Council is fundraising for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and is challenging the students of Torrington to perform as many acts of kindness as they can between **now and March 1st**. For every dollar raised and act of kindness, students will color a square on their classroom door and receive a heart sticker.

For more information...
click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Winter Gear Drive for Kids

Presented by Torrington's Kindergarten Team, the school is **currently** accepting donations of new or gently used: boots, snow pants, hats, mittens, and gloves for our elementary school students at Torrington to use at recess (sizes Pre-K through Grade 3). Send items in with your student marked for donation; items can be placed in the boxes in the front hallway of the school.

'22 - '23 Torrington Yearbook

Yearbook order forms will be going home with students in **February**. Yearbooks are great for remembering fun events throughout the years, especially for our Third Graders who will move on to Forbes next year.

Please share your photos to be included in the yearbook! Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to upload your photos in a safe and easy way so that our yearbook volunteers can include them in this year's publication!



Community Involvement



Sign-ups are underway (or will be open soon!) for many spring sports and other activities.
Don't miss out on the great programs our city has to offer!

Torrington Youth Soccer

Travel registration is OPEN! Tiny Tykes and Spring Clinics registration will open in February!

Click [here](#) for more information.

NWCT YMCA

Ninja Training, Swimming, and more!

Click [here](#) for more information on all our local YMCA has to offer.

Torrington Little League Baseball

Spring T-Ball and Baseball registration is OPEN!
(registration closes 3/5/23)

Click [here](#) for more information.

Reminders

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Let the PTO take care of your student's birthday (or half birthday) celebrations; send your student (or teacher/staff member!) a **birthdaygram** to celebrate their birthday in their classroom. Packages start at \$15, reach out via email (torringfordpto@gmail.com) with any questions.

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code for more information and access to the order form. **Please make every attempt to order at least two weeks in advance.**



Torrington Public Schools Food Services offers a **Classroom Celebration Snack** service. Packages start at \$12, reach out via email (foodservices@edadvance.org) with any questions.

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code for more information and access to the order form. **Order forms with are due two weeks prior to date of celebration.**



FYI: Parents/Guardians can now provide store-bought (**must be sealed**) snacks for classroom celebrations.

TORRINGFORD APPAREL

A limited quantity of long-sleeve Torrington shirts are available for sale (\$15/ea). Sizes range from Youth Small to X-Large and Adult Small to X-Large.

Reach out via email (torringfordpto@gmail.com) with any questions regarding size availability and an order form will be provided.

All proceeds from shirt sales support THS scholarships.

TEACHER WISH LISTS

Want to show appreciation for your student's teacher? Want to support your student's classroom? Whatever your reason, teacher wish lists are available!

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to find any teacher/staff's wish list.



For the [shipping address](#), please use:

Torrington School
Attn: TEACHER/STAFF NAME
800 Charles Street
Torrington, CT 06790

**Don't forget to add a gift note when finalizing your order,
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TEACHERS!**

ENRICHMENT FUNDS

Teachers! Don't forget, the PTO raises funds to provide \$5 per student for enrichment activities. Book your enrichment today! Reach out via email (torringfordpto@gmail.com) with any questions.
