

# TURNER PRIMARY PRESS



A monthly newsletter for the Friends &  
Families of Turner  
Primary School

## PTC News

- ★ Our last PTC meeting will take place on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 6PM @ TES.
- ★ Thank you to everyone that participated in our Mixed Bag Fundraiser.

## Reminders

- ★ Our Trip Around the World Celebration is scheduled for June 14 from 6-7 PM.
- ★ Thank you to everyone that voted about the School Budget and School Board Elections.
- ★ We are not accepting teacher requests for the 2018-2019 School Year, but thank you to everyone that submitted their gold student interest form.
- ★ Step-Up Day is scheduled for June 19th from 10:30-11 AM.
- ★ Touch a Truck is Scheduled for June 20th.
- ★ Field Day is Scheduled for June 21st.

## SUMMER SLIDE

As summer time approaches the beautiful community of Turner, it's important to make a plan about how to sustain and maintain the progress that our readers made throughout the course of the year. The reality is that summer is just enough of an interruption to have a negative impact on the retention and development of children's reading skills. However, evidence supports that reading over the summer can prevent summer learning loss and improve reading achievement.

### Research on Summer Slide

- ★ Children have the potential to fall behind an average of 2 months in reading during the summer. And, summer slide is cumulative, with these learning losses building up each summer.
- ★ Students with access to books over the summer see significantly more gains in reading scores from spring to fall than students from students without access to books.
- ★ Differences in children's summer learning experiences during their elementary school years can ultimately impact whether they earn a high school diploma and continue to college.

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## Important Upcoming Events

- May 31: NWEA Begins
- June 1: Last Day to check out books.
- June 1: Kids Yoga Activity Club with Tisha Bremner
- June 1: Beach Day (in honor of meeting 8,000 bus buck goal)
- June 5: NWEA Begins
- June 6: TPS 2nd Graders head to TES for lunch at 11:15.
- June 6: Turner PTC Meeting @ TES @ 6PM
- June 8: Practice Evacuation to TES @ 9:30 AM.
- June 14: Trip Around the World 6-7 PM
- June 14: Last Library Classes
- June 15: NWEA Ends
- June 19: Step-Up Day @ 10:30 AM
- June 20: Grade 2 Step Up Day to TES
- June 20: Touch A Truck  
Every grade level will have thirty minutes to see and sit on some construction and service vehicles.
- June 21: TPS Field Day
- June 22: 12:10 Student Dismissal for Last Day of School

## Addressing Summer Slide

- ★ Access to books is critical. The public library is an excellent free resource for families to have access to books of a wide range of interests and reading levels, as well as librarians to guide children and families in selecting great books.



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- ★ When children select reading materials themselves and read for enjoyment, they receive the most gains in reading achievement, including better reading comprehension, writing style, vocabulary, spelling, and grammatical development. Also, the longer that this free voluntary reading is practiced, the more consistent and positive the results. Thus summer programs, such as those offered in public libraries, that allow and encourage children to choose what they read are likely to be most successful.



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- ★ Children tend to read more when adults in their lives encourage them to read, and also when they see those adults reading often themselves.
- ★ Reading just 4 to 6 books over the summer has the potential to prevent a decline in reading achievement scores from the spring to the fall, so even small steps are very beneficial.



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