



TEMPLE HILL ACADEMY NEWS LETTER

April 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

English, Math, Science and NYSESLAT New York State Test

The beginning of the spring season marks the start of all state exams administration. Our students in grades 3 – 8 will be taking various state exams. The results of these tests are used to determine how we can provide our students with interventions (if needed) or with enrichment opportunities.

Don't let this testing time become a source of stress and anxiety for you and your child. Please know that you can contact us if you have any questions regarding the exams. Our goal is to provide our students with as much support as possible so that this can be a positive and enriching learning experience.



Exámenes del Estado de New York de Inglés, Matemáticas, Ciencias Y NYSESLAT (inglés como segundo lenguaje)

El inicio de la primavera marca el comienzo de la administración de todos los exámenes estatales. Nuestros estudiantes de 3.er a 8.º grado presentarán diversos exámenes estatales. Los resultados de estas pruebas se utilizan para determinar de qué manera podemos brindar a nuestros estudiantes intervenciones (si fuera necesario) u oportunidades de enriquecimiento.

No permita que este periodo de exámenes se convierta en una fuente de estrés y ansiedad para usted y su hijo. Tenga la certeza de que puede contactarnos si tiene alguna pregunta relacionada con los exámenes. Nuestro objetivo es brindar a nuestros estudiantes el mayor apoyo posible para que esta sea una experiencia de aprendizaje positiva y enriquecedora.

<https://www.nysed.gov>

<http://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-common-core-sample-questions>

<http://www.engageny.org/search/site/TESTING%20for%20parents>

YEARBOOK

We would like to include a special message section for our 8th-grade students. This will also serve as a fundraiser to help defray the cost of the yearbook. If you would like to include a message for your 8th grader, please complete the form using the link below.

Message to an 8th grader link

Each message costs \$3 (quarter-page or half-page). Images are available for an additional \$1.

All payments are due by May 29.

Thank you,
THA Yearbook Club



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 8th & April 9th | ELA NYS Test |
| April 15th | Half Day for Students |
| April 21st | Gr. 6-8 Report Card Distribution |
| April 22nd & 23rd | Math NYS Test |



COMING UP IN MAY

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| May 6th & May 7th | Science NYS Test for 5th & 8th grades |
| May 19th | Half Day for Students |
| May 25th | No School - Memorial Day |



GR. 6-8 REPORT CARDS

The report cards for grades 6-8 will be mailed home on Tuesday, April 21st They will also be available to view on your parent portal.

Las calificaciones para los estudiantes de sexto a octavo grados serán enviados por correo el martes 21 de abril. Los reportes también estarán disponible en el portal de padres.



K-5 PROGRESS REPORT

The progress reports will be sent home with the K-5 students on Wednesday, May 6th They will also be available to view on your parent portal.

El progreso academicos serán enviados a casa con los estudiantes de K a quinto grados el miercoles 6 de mayo. Las calificaciones también estarán disponible en el portal de padres.



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The District Drops Everything and Reads!

The halls and classrooms across the district fell silent today for a very special reason: our annual **Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)** event! In a powerful display of community-wide literacy, every student, faculty member, and staff member paused their day to dedicate 15 minutes to the simple, transformative act of reading.

"There is something truly powerful about an entire district, from our Pre-K scholars to our high school seniors and staff, pausing in unison to honor the transformative power of literacy," shared **Superintendent, Dr. Jackielyn Manning Campbell**. *By ensuring every student has a high-quality book to call their own, we are doing more than just encouraging reading. We are providing the tools for self-advocacy, curiosity, and lifelong success. Whether a child is reading to a family member, a pet, or independently, those fifteen minutes a day are a vital investment in their future and a celebration of the 'Goldback Standard' of excellence we strive for every day."*

A Gift for Every Scholar

To celebrate our commitment to fostering lifelong readers and learners, the district was thrilled to distribute **one brand-new, age-appropriate book to every single student**. Whether it was a vibrant picture book for our youngest learners or a compelling novel for our secondary students, every child went home today with a new treasure to add to their personal library.

A Big Red Surprise

Partnering with Scholastic for this initiative, we were able to welcome a special guest to our schools! The excitement reached a fever pitch at several of our schools with a surprise visit from a literary legend—**Clifford the Big Red Dog!** Clifford helped hand out books and cheered on our scholars, reminding everyone that reading is not just a school requirement, but a joyful adventure.

The Power of 15 Minutes

Today's event served as a reminder of the incredible impact of consistent reading habits. Committing to just **15 minutes of reading a day** can exponentially expand a student's vocabulary and cognitive stamina, building a critical foundation for academic success.

Reading doesn't have to be a solo activity! We encourage our families to keep the momentum going at home. Those 15 minutes can happen anywhere:

- Reading independently in a quiet place.
- Reading together as a family before bed.
- Reading at a sibling's sporting event or dance practice.
- Reading aloud to a younger sibling or a family pet.
- Even sharing a story with a favorite "stuffy" or stuffed animal!

We are so proud of our scholars for the enthusiasm they showed today. Happy reading, everyone!

[\[Link to Photo Gallery: View more photos of our DEAR event and Clifford's visit!\]](#)

EVERY
GOLDBACK
every day

Family Reading Day | Save the Date or Sign up to Volunteer!

Family Reading Day
Saturday, April 25, 2026
Newburgh Free Library
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Save the Date! Fun for all ages—we hope to see our families join as a community for literacy inspired activities, community resources, and the shared love of learning through reading!

We are also requesting volunteers to help support this successful event. Please use the form below to sign up to volunteer!

[2026 Family Reading Day Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Día de la Lectura en Familia

Sábado, 25 de abril de 2026
Biblioteca Pública de Newburgh
12:00 p. m. a 3:00 p. m.

¡Reserven la fecha! Diversión para todas las edades: ¡esperamos ver a nuestras familias unirse como comunidad para disfrutar de actividades inspiradas en la lectura, recursos comunitarios y el amor compartido por el aprendizaje a través de los libros!

También solicitamos voluntarios para ayudar a apoyar este exitoso evento. ¡Por favor, utilicen el formulario que aparece a continuación para inscribirse como voluntarios!

[Inscripción de voluntarios para el Día de la Lectura en Familia 2026](#)

