

**TIS Digital Backpack**  
**October 9, 2023**



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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:**

### **Lockdown Debrief**

Following Wednesday's lockdown at TIS, teachers spent some time debriefing with their students on Thursday morning. The message delivered during the debrief focused on the high level of importance we place on safety. Below is a portion of the script the teachers delivered to their students.

*Yesterday afternoon our school was put in a lockdown to keep us safe. As each of you know, during the lockdown, every member of our school community had to sit quietly until the lockdown was over. Yesterday, all of you did an excellent job of being quiet and patiently waiting for the lockdown to be over. Yesterday's lockdown kept us safe and out of the way while the Police arrested a person who had broken the law. The police complimented us - students and staff - for doing a great job of following instructions.*

*As you know, our school is a very safe place, and we work hard to keep it that way. For example, all doors are locked each morning, all visitors must press a buzzer before being let into the building, and the school is monitored*

*with video surveillance equipment. In our classroom, our responsibility for safety means we have to practice for different types of situations.*

# Unity Day at TIS

**Wednesday, October 18th, 2023**

**Together against bullying. UNITED for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.**

Make it **ORANGE** and make it end! On **October 18, 2023**, the Tolland Intermediate School Community will come together in one giant **ORANGE** message of hope and support, **WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE** to color our nation, and even the world, visibly showing that our society believes that no child should ever experience bullying.

## **What should I wear on Unity Day? Anything ORANGE!**

- **T-shirt**
- **Sunglasses**
- **Bracelets**
- **Hair bows**
- **Pants**
- **Socks**

*"By joining together and wearing and sharing ORANGE on Unity Day, we can send the unified message that we care about students' physical and emotional health and that bullying will no longer be accepted in this society."  
-Julie Hertzog, director of PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center*

### **HAWK Nests**

On Wednesday, September 27 we held our first HAWKS Nest advisor/advisee meeting groups. The purpose of HAWKS Nests is to come together as a school community in nests or small groups to build healthy relationships and teach social & emotional skills. Each HAWK Nest consists of a staff member and approximately ten students from across different classrooms throughout the building. Our HAWKS Nests start with members identifying how they're feeling through a fist to 5 (holding up one through five fingers to indicate how they are feeling) groups then follow a lesson plan focusing on building healthy relationships, teaching social emotional skills and embracing each person's importance as a member of our school community.

The intent of Wednesday's lesson was to connect the idea of "curiosity" with kindness for others. Students and their HAWK Nest leader discussed the meaning of curiosity and learned about each other through their own curiosity. The closing message was about encouraging each other to be a bit more curious this year about our classmates, our teachers, and the world around us!

### **Water Bottle Filling Stations**

Water bottle filling stations are available for student use. Filling stations are available throughout the school building. Students should come to school with a water bottle in order to hydrate throughout the day.



## T.I.S. UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



### OCTOBER

- 4 TEPTO Meeting AT TIS, 7 p.m.
- 9 NO SCHOOL
- 18 EARLY RELEASE, 12:40
- 18 Unity Day at TIS – Wear  
ORANGE!
- 23 Stern and Fitzgerald to Charter  
Oak, 9:00-12:00
- 24 Arner and Dudas to Charter  
Oak, 9:00-12:00
- 26 Babiec and Zevallos to Charter  
Oak, 9:00-12:00
- 27 Williams to Charter Oak  
9:00-12:00

## **NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK:**

### **FOURTH GRADE TEACHERS SHOW THEIR SPIRIT:**



### **NEWS FROM OUR CLASSROOMS:**

#### **Third Grade**

Third graders have made a wonderful transition to Tolland Intermediate School. Teachers and students are getting used to the new routines and the different forms of learning that are going on throughout the week and the day.

We have started off the year with our Journeys Reading Program. Our focus has been on story structure and text details. Third graders are making inferences about the stories and learning about the message of a story. Our grammar skills include parts and types of sentences. We will move on to compound sentences, antonyms, as well as common and proper nouns in the next few weeks. Third grade teachers are using the Journeys programs to teach narrative and descriptive writing. Your child started writing about a favorite place by adding specific details to give the reader a picture of that place. In Foundations we have completed the orientation and Unit One. We are currently working on Unit two which includes adding suffixes to words, homophones, and 1-1-1 words.

Third grade teachers are using the Bridges Math Program this year. Your child is excited to participate in Number Corner each day. We are already working on multiplication concepts. During daily math instruction we are reviewing strategies for addition and subtraction facts. Please continue to have your child practice their addition and subtraction math facts using flashcards, math games, or Reflex. This will help them in their everyday math.

In Science we are watching our caterpillars feed on milkweed in hopes that they will continue to grow and change into monarch butterflies. Some classes have already seen their caterpillars turn into butterflies and that is always so exciting. Students are reading about monarch butterfly migration and discussing how the changes in the environment affect their survival and population growth. We have been visiting the Monarch Butterfly Garden that is on the side of the building at T.I.S. and learning about the flowers that attract butterflies. Eventually we hope to release our fully developed butterflies into the garden and wish them well on their migration south for the winter.

In late October, we'll begin to study Tolland in the 1700s and learn about the settling of Tolland. Students will explore what life was like on a farm. Third graders will learn about the Benton Homestead in Tolland. In addition, we dive into the Legend of the Charter Oak, which is a fascinating part of Connecticut history.

We have an exciting field trip planned to the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford October 23rd to October 27th. The students will be reenacting the Legend of the Charter Oak and learning more about this fascinating Connecticut legend. Permission slips were sent home the week of October 2nd for this trip. We also have plans to visit the Benton Homestead in November, so students can tour this historical landmark and learn more about what life was like in the 1700s. Again, thank you for all of the help you are giving your child during this school year. Together we can make this a safe and successful school year.

## Fourth Grade

We are off to a great start in fourth grade! It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Open House. We look forward to working together!

Fourth grade is on a roll in many different areas. One focus at the beginning of the year has been to promote being respectful members of

our Hawk community. In Math, we are working on Unit 1, Multiplicative Thinking. Reflex Math and IXL have been great resources to strengthen our math skills. We have been busy using close reading strategies to annotate and better understand text. Story structure and author's purpose have been the focus of our first few selections. Classes continue to work on elaboration and adding details to written responses. In social studies, our first unit focuses on map skills. We are using atlases to explore the features of maps and their importance.

The whole school community had our first Hawk Nest on September 27th. This gives students and teachers the opportunity to meet and share ideas with people from other grades, broadening our community experience.

We appreciate all the support that our students have gotten from parents and guardians to make the start to the school year a success.

Have a fantastic fall!

### Fifth Grade

5th graders are off to a great start! Students have settled into their routines nicely and enjoy the movement of switching classes. Students are working hard to model our HAWK expectations for all members of our community.

This year in ELA, our goal is for all of our students to develop or foster a love for reading. One way to do this is to read different genres throughout the year. Students have worked diligently throughout September to complete their Realistic Fiction book reports. We will also be reading a realistic fiction novel together in class. Students will choose a book from the Mystery genre for October. During library class, students will be able to check out books that match our monthly genres. We can't wait to learn more about different genres throughout the year!

In Social Studies throughout fifth grade, students learn early United States history, by beginning the year studying indigenous life and exploration, and ending the year with the Revolutionary War. This year's units of study are related to freedom and equality and how we became the United States of America. Throughout the year we will focus on the following question with each unit of study: How have American

conceptions of freedom and equality changed from prior to colonization to the American Revolution?

This year in math, students will be using Bridges in Mathematics program again. The goal in this program is to make math more meaningful and exciting while meeting standards. We are wrapping up our first unit focused around expressions, equations, and finding volume. Students have also participated in Number Corner to introduce, reinforce and extend skills and concepts related to the math classroom and real world contexts. We are off to a great start!

The first science unit of the year is Earth, Moon and Sun. Our essential question that students will begin to answer is “How does outer space affect Earth?” Fifth grade scientists are full of excellent questions and facts about our Solar System. Keep up the good work.

The fifth grade teachers and staff are looking forward to a wonderful school year!



**TOLLAND RECREATION**

**RECREATION YOUTH  
BASKETBALL**

**SATURDAY GIRLS & BOYS**



**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

**GAMES:** Saturdays, schedule will vary

**PRACTICES:** Will be held 1 day per week during the weekday

**DATES:** Mid December - Early March

**BOYS LEAGUE GRADES:** 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th, 9th-12th

**GIRLS LEAGUE GRADES:** 3rd - 5th & 6th - 9th

**FEE: \$100.00**

**NOT ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS AFTER NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

**VOLUNTEER COACHES ARE NEEDED FOR ALL AGE GROUPS. LEAGUES CANNOT START UNTIL WE HAVE ENOUGH COACHES. CALL THE RECREATION OFFICE AT 860-871-3610**



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**ITEMS FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK**



**INTERNET SAFETY**  
A Distant Learning Presentation

- Overview of popular apps, programs and online trends
- Cyberbullying, sexting and other dangers
- Social networking and your digital footprint
- Using technology while keeping your family safe

Information every family should know

A hand is shown holding a smartphone displaying the text "Information every family should know" on its screen. The background of the graphic is dark blue with a grid pattern and glowing points.



**Parent webinar for  
Tolland Public Schools  
October 19, 2023 7 PM**

***This presentation is for adults only.***

*To join this webinar please go to Zoom.us*

**Webinar ID# = 820 0845 3532 Password = 374796**



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## K-12 Student Accident Insurance

# Enroll Online



[www.studentinsurance-kk.com](http://www.studentinsurance-kk.com)

Worried about paying for your child's medical care if an accident should happen? K&K's student accident insurance can help.

### K-12 Accident Plans available through your school:

- *At-School Accident Only*
- *24-Hour Accident Only*
- *Extended Dental*
- *Football*

### How to Enroll Online

Enrolling online is easy and should take only a few minutes. Go to [www.studentinsurance-kk.com](http://www.studentinsurance-kk.com) and click the "Enroll Now" button.

1. Start by telling us the name of the school district and state where your child attends school.
2. We'll request each student's name and grade level.
3. You'll see the available plans and their rates. Select your coverage and continue to the next step.
4. We'll request information about you, like your name and email address.
5. Next, you'll enter information about the child or children to be covered.
6. Enter your credit card or eCheck payment information.
7. Finally, print out a copy of the confirmation for your records.

For further details of the coverage including costs, benefits, exclusions, any reductions or limitations and the terms under which the policy may be continued in force, please refer to [www.studentinsurance-kk.com](http://www.studentinsurance-kk.com). Student is able to purchase the coverage only if his/her school district is a policyholder with the insurance company.

¿Le preocupa tener que pagar la atención médica de su hijo si ocurre un accidente? El seguro contra accidentes para estudiantes de K&K puede ayudarlo.

### Planes de cobertura en caso de accidente para K-12 disponibles a través de su escuela:

- *Sólo accidentes en la escuela*
- *Sólo accidentes, 24 horas*
- *Dental extendido*
- *Fútbol*

### Cómo inscribirse en línea

Inscribirse en línea es fácil y sólo le tomará unos pocos minutos. Visite [www.studentinsurance-kk.com](http://www.studentinsurance-kk.com) y haga clic en el botón "Enroll Now" ("Inscribirse ahora").

1. Comience por decirnos el nombre del distrito escolar y el estado en el que su hijo(a) va a la escuela.
2. Solicitaremos el nombre y el grado de cada uno de los estudiantes.
3. Verá los planes disponibles y sus tarifas. Seleccione su cobertura y continúe con el siguiente paso.
4. Le solicitaremos información sobre usted, como su nombre y dirección de correo electrónico.
5. Después, ingresará la información acerca del niño o niños que recibirá(n) cobertura.
6. Ingrese la información de pago de su tarjeta de crédito o eCheck.
7. Finalmente, imprima una copia de la confirmación para sus registros.

Para obtener más detalles sobre la cobertura, incluidos costos, beneficios, exclusiones y reducciones o limitaciones y los términos en virtud de los cuales esta póliza podría continuar en vigencia, consulte [www.studentinsurance-kk.com](http://www.studentinsurance-kk.com). Los estudiantes pueden comprar la cobertura únicamente si su distrito escolar es titular de una póliza con la compañía de seguros.

# Music Times Three

## Attention: 3rd Grade Students and Families

### "Music Times Three" Sign-Up Information

August 29, 2023

I am very excited about directing "Music Times Three" this year! My personal goal for "Music Times Three" is to provide a blend of singing, playing of music classroom instruments, and movement activities for boys and girls in third grade.

"Music Times Three" meets 1 day per week during the school day on the stage in the APR (All Purpose Room) Membership is a yearlong responsibility. Rehearsals begin mid-September, date TBA. A Mx3 evening concert will be held in the Spring. Last Spring, we also performed for the second graders from Birch Grove Primary School when they toured TIS. That was so much fun, and we will definitely plan another tour performance in Spring 2024!

#### Student Responsibilities:

- Understand that "Music Times Three" is a year-long commitment
- Attend weekly rehearsals
- Follow our HAWK values
  - Respect others, yourself, and all materials
  - Be Responsible
  - Remember we are a Community
  - Keep yourself safe
- Stay on task during rehearsals

#### "Music Times Three" Benefits

- Develop proper singing techniques & healthy vocal habits
- Play various rhythm instruments
- Improve performance & concert skills
- Experience movement & expression
- Experience & enjoy a wide variety of music
- Have lots of fun !!!!!!!!!

**To sign up:** Return the "Music Times Three" Contract (next page) to TIS by **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. This fun group is open to anyone in third grade. No audition required! I am looking forward to an enjoyable musical year. Please contact me any time with questions or concerns.

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# Music Times Three Contract

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

What were some of your favorite songs that you sang in second grade?

1.

\_\_\_\_\_

2.

\_\_\_\_\_

3.

\_\_\_\_\_

4.

\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any musical instruments you have studied before, and for how long:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that every "Music Times Three" member is important and that the group is incomplete unless I attend my weekly rehearsals and scheduled performances. I fully understand all of my responsibilities and agree to all the policies of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade's "Music Times Three".

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

Best telephone number (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any additional comments/concerns below.

***Return This Page to Ms. Marchesani***

Dear 4th grade Parent/Guardian,

**It's not too late** for your child to sign up for 4th grade Beginning Band!

If your child is interested in learning to play a band instrument this year, please fill out the instrument selection sheet attached to this notice and **return it to me by Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. I will try to honor the student's first choice of instrument. However, it is of the utmost importance that we properly balance our band instrumentation.

In May members of the Tolland High School Band presented a "Band Instrument Demo Assembly" performance for all our TIS 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. The assembly consisted of performance, information and individual instrument demonstrations. Third graders were encouraged to make an informed decision about choosing an instrument to play. We had a lot of fun at that assembly!

There will be an **instrument rental meeting on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the TIS all purpose room**. This meeting will be for the parents/guardians of your brand new fourth graders! At this meeting I will briefly outline band expectations and be available to answer any questions. There will also be representatives from Gerry's Music Shop who will review the instrument rental process. Students are invited to come. We will have all the instruments set up.

If your family already owns the concert band instrument your child will be playing in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Band, please contact Gerry's Music Shop (1-800-724-7402) for instrument repair or servicing information. <https://gerrysmusicshop.com/>

Joining the TIS Band is a refreshing, creative opportunity for all. The amazing journey of learning an instrument is a truly unique experience.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns,  
Mrs. Norma Marchesani  
[nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us)  
860-870-6885 ext. 40226





Band Instrument Selection Sheet  
Tolland Intermediate School

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child permission to participate in the Tolland Intermediate School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Program. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide my child with an appropriate instrument, the red Standard of Excellence Book 1 for the instrument and a bell cover for the instrument. (bell cover exceptions: flute and percussion)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number (best)

**Choice #1** – flute, oboe\*\*, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, french horn\*\*, baritone horn, trombone and percussion (xylophone/bell kit and drum practice pad; TIS concert band does not include drum set). \*\*Private lessons for oboe and horn are most highly recommended.

The instrument I am most interested in learning to play is the \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_

Do you already own this instrument? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Choice #2** (students who do not put a second choice may be assigned any instrument)

The second instrument I am interested in learning to play is the \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you already own this instrument? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_ **SCHOOL INSTRUMENT** - Please check here if you would like to be considered to use a school instrument. School instruments that are available are mostly trumpet, trombone and baritone. Criteria used for the distribution of these instruments is based upon student financial need and recommendation from TIS music teachers regarding the student's work ethic and responsibility.

**Please return this page to Mrs. Marchesani by Friday,  
September 12, 2023**

# 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND PARENT/GUARDIAN FORM

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle one) Continuing Band or New member

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

*It is most highly recommended that oboe and french horn students take private lessons in addition to school-based instruction.*

Classroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email (s)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian phone numbers (best)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian  
signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please include any additional information on the lines below:

*If your child needs any special accommodations, please contact me at the email below my name.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Please print legibly*

Norma J. Marchesani [nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us) 860-870-6885 ext.  
40226

**RETURN THIS PAGE by SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band 2023-2024

I am so happy and excited to be the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Director again this year and I can't wait to see and hear my students from last year! Also, **it's not too late** to join Band! Yes, you can learn an instrument this year even if you did not start last year! Here is some initial information about 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band. Students have two Band classes per week (small group and Full Ensemble) during the school day. Small group instruction classes will begin during the week of September 18, 2023. These small groups will meet during the school day on a pull-out basis mostly during non-graded class time such as Keyboarding/Spanish. Full Ensemble rehearsal will meet for 30 minutes during the 2:40 p.m. WIN block. Start date TBA. I'll keep you posted! Music masks are optional this year, but bell covers will be used on the instruments. (flute and percussion do not use bell covers).

If you're new to Band, several area music stores rent Concert band instruments on a trial basis. Should you need to rent an instrument for your child, please go online to Gerry's Music Shop. Their online rental is available 24/7. For your convenience, Gerry's Music Shop has a representative that visits TIS, TMS and THS during the school year every Friday.

Gerry's Music Shop  
1-800-724-7402

Website: <https://www.gerrysmusicshop.com/rentals>

Supplies needed: The instrument, Standard of Excellence  
Book 1  
Bell cover and instrument specific cleaning supplies

Thank you for your time at the beginning of what is sure to be a fantastic musical journey and creative opportunity for your child. I look forward to the chance to help each student experience growth in their musicianship and leadership skills this year!

*Any Questions, Comments or Concerns? Please contact me!*

Ms. Norma J. Marchesani [nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us)

860-870-6885 x 40226

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# Grade 4 Chorus Invitation 2023-2024

You are invited to participate in the grade 4 chorus. Fourth graders participating in chorus will sing and perform traditional, multicultural and contemporary music as well as rounds, 2-part, and partner songs.

Just a few things to think about when making your decision:

I would like to remind everyone that chorus is a full year commitment and students are expected to complete the entire year once they join. There will be a winter and a spring concert which we expect the students to participate in. Chorus will meet during school hours with Ms. Baker. Students will be able to participate in both band and chorus, since they will be scheduled at different times in our school schedule.

I am looking forward to an exciting year of music and singing with your children. Below is a form to officially sign up for chorus.



Sincerely,

Ms. Judith Baker

Please fill out and return the form on the next page by: September 8, 2023

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Please fill out and return by: September 8, 2023

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ would like  
to participate in the grade 4 chorus.

Classroom teacher's name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact

number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's

signature \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Judith Baker

# Grade 5 Chorus Invitation 2023-2024

You are invited to participate in the grade 5 chorus. Fifth graders participating in chorus will sing and perform traditional, multicultural and contemporary music as well as rounds, 2-part, 3-part, and small group pieces.

Just a few things to think about when making your decision:

I would like to remind everyone that chorus is a full year commitment and students are expected to complete the entire year once they join. There will be a winter and a spring concert which we expect the students to participate in. Chorus will meet during school hours with Ms. Baker. Students will be able to participate in both band and chorus, since they will be scheduled at different times in our school schedule.

I am looking forward to an exciting year of music and singing with your children. Below is a form to officially sign up for chorus.

Sincerely,

Ms. Judith Baker

Please fill out and return the form on the next page by: September 6, 2023

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Please fill out and return by: September 6, 2023

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ would like  
to participate in the grade 5 chorus.

Classroom teacher's name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact

number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's

signature \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Judith Baker



TEPTO

# TOLLAND ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

**JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS!**

Wednesday September 6: Birch Grove Primary Library

Wednesday October 4: Tolland Intermediate School Library

Wednesday November 1: BGP Library

Wednesday December 6: TIS Library

Wednesday February 7: BGP Library

Wednesday March 6: TIS Library

Wednesday April 3: BGP Library

Wednesday May 1: TIS Library

Wednesday June 5: BGP Library \*

7:00 pm

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**All meetings begin at 7:00 PM**

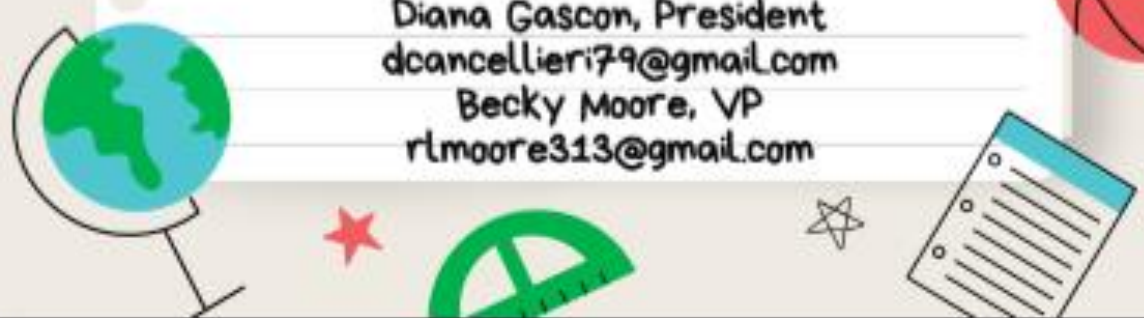
Questions? TEPTO Contact Information:

Diana Gascon, President

dcancellier79@gmail.com

Becky Moore, VP

rlmoore313@gmail.com







# THE TEPTO YEAR AT A GLANCE



## SEPTEMBER

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY: SEPT. 6 @ 7PM
- LYMAN PIE ORDERS
- KASTLE ORDERS
- CIDER MILL ROAD RACE
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

## OCTOBER

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY: OCT. 4 @ 7PM
- STAFF APPRECIATION
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

## NOVEMBER

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY: NOV. 1 @ 7PM
- LYMAN PIE PICK UPS
- KASTLE ORDERS SHIP TO HOME
- TIS BOOK FAIR
- ART TO REMEMBER ORDERS
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

## DECEMBER

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY: DEC. 6 @ 7PM
- FROSTY FEST
- BIRCH GROVE BOOK FAIR
- ART TO REMEMBER DELIVERY
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

## JANUARY

- NO MEETING THIS MONTH!
- KINDNESS SIGN CAMPAIGN
- ORDERS AND PICK UP
- 5TH GRADE DANCE
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

## FEBRUARY

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY: FEB. 7 @ 7PM
- STAFF APPRECIATION
- KINDNESS SIGN DISPLAYS
- BUTTER BRAID ORDERS
- 4TH GRADE DANCE
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

## MARCH

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY: MAR. 6 @ 7PM
- TIS BOOK FAIR
- BUTTER BRAID PICK UP
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

## APRIL

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY: APR. 3 @ 7PM
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

## MAY

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY: MAY 1 @ 7PM
- BIRCH GROVE BOOK FAIR
- SPRING SOCIAL AND ART SHOW
- STAFF APPRECIATION
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

## JUNE

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY: JUNE 5 @ 7PM\*\* (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
- SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS

## JULY



## AUGUST

- SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS ARRIVE- FREE SHIP TO HOME!
- GEARING UP FOR THE NEW YEAR!



### **School Meals 2023-2024:**

All students are eligible for a free breakfast each day. Students who qualify for free or **reduced-price meals** will also be eligible to receive one free lunch daily. **ALL OTHER LUNCHES WILL BE CHARGED AT THE CURRENT LUNCH PRICE PER SCHOOL.**

Payment for these lunches is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

The district participates in the National School Lunch Program and Breakfast Program which offers students nutritionally balanced meals daily. The lunch period is 30 minutes. Proper manners are always expected in the cafeteria. Free and reduced-price meals are available based on financial need. Information on this program may be obtained from the main office or Abby Kassman-Harned, the Food Service Director, at [aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us) or 870-6854.

We use a Point-of-Sale System that allows you to put money into an account for your child to purchase meals.

Scanning – All students will be scanned unless the parent or guardian opts out of this biometric identification procedure. When your child comes through the service line, he/she will scan his/her finger as a means of identification.

Payments – The cost of lunch at Birch Grove and Tolland Intermediate school is \$3.15. One school breakfast is free for all students. One milk is provided for each lunch and breakfast. Ala carte milk is \$0.75. You may sign up for [“My School Account”](#) and make your payments online. Your child may give payment along with a form to his/her classroom teacher to send to the office, or he/she may bring payment directly to the cashier in the cafeteria at mealtime. Your payment may take us a few days to process. It is important to keep a positive balance in your students’ accounts. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact us at 860-870-6854 or [aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us)



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LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

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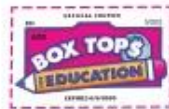


### EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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