

## TIS Digital Backpack April 28, 2024



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

#### **Career Day**

Our second annual TIS Career Day was held on Wednesday, March 27. The morning consisted of a "Career Fair Style," where guest participants set up displays relative to their careers in our cafeteria. All TIS students visited each participant to learn about various careers.

Thank you to Mrs. Bishopric for organizing Career Day and a huge thank you to the following individuals for volunteering their time to participate in Career Day:

Mr. Hurlburt	Mr. Yuan	Mrs. Litke
Mr. Weintraub	Mrs. Rose	Mrs. Soroka
Mrs. Rossitto	Mr. Wormersley	Mr. Moseley
Mrs. Hudson	Mrs. Markowski	Mr. & Mrs. Beverage
Mr. Skinner	Mr. Werstak	Mrs. Buckler
Ms. Fanning	Mr. Brunson	Mrs. Grable
Mrs. Herd	Mrs. Biondi	

Be sure to ask your child about Career Day!

#### **Career Day Spirit Day**

In honor of career day, TIS students were asked to dress like an individual working in their field of choice. TIS students dressed as lawyers, baseball players, teachers, artists, gamers, nurses, doctors, police officers etc.

#### **School Safety Discussion with Students**

During the week of April 1, we will be addressing school safety with our students. Our approach will be to focus on the things we do to maintain a safe and secure environment at Tolland Intermediate School. We will not directly reference any school tragedies with students.

The following is a sample of a statement that will be made available for staff to use with their students as they discuss safety in their classroom. *"This morning we are going to review the safety procedures in our school. 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. Students may then be asked to identify things they do for safety. Following the opportunity for student input – a statement such as the following was uttered to the students...." ok, so we are going to get started with our work - but I want you to know that if you would like to talk more about anything, please let me know and we will do it together"*

Should you have any questions or if your child is having a particularly difficult time please contact your child's teacher or the main office.

### **Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony**

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the Tolland Intermediate School Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony. The ceremony will be on the last day of school, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in our gymnasium. The promotion ceremony will be an opportunity to celebrate the children's completion of the elementary school chapter in their lives. Due to space constraints, we ask that no more than two people per family attend the event.

### **Superhero Day at TIS - April 5**

Friday, April 5 will be our third annual Superhero Day at TIS. For this year's Superhero Day all students and staff are encouraged to wear something reminiscent of their favorite superhero. The entire school day will follow a superhero theme. Classwork will consist of superhero related curriculum activities.

**Tolland Public Schools Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Survey** Please take a moment to let us know your thoughts and ideas about co-curricular/extra-curricular activities for the Tolland Public Schools by filling out this survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfieev683-a7w6iEB8HbLZmEjxZp7mJuURm6RUBozil16x1Bw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfieev683-a7w6iEB8HbLZmEjxZp7mJuURm6RUBozil16x1Bw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Survey closes April 12, 2024.**

### **SBAC Testing at T.I.S.**

#### **The SBAC at Tolland Intermediate School**

This year students across the nation will again participate in new versions of state mandated standardized assessments. Connecticut's computerized test, developed by the Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium, is aligned to the Common Core State Standards in English language arts/literacy and mathematics.

The SBAC requires students to take a total of three tests, two in English language arts and two in mathematics. In order to test all students, we have developed a schedule

that will test one grade-level at a time, during our testing window, which begins on May 6 and ends on May 10. Our schedule provides two-hour testing blocks for each grade-level. While individual subtests are not expected to take two hours, we have included extra time to account for test set-up. In addition, students will be permitted to test longer than the allotted time if needed. Each grade level will be tested during our designated two-hour block each morning.

Our goal in developing an SBAC testing schedule has been to minimize disruption to our typical school day. Minimizing disruption will entail students attending specials, inclusive of technology integration, keyboarding and multi-media research within the library time block.

# TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024-2025 CALENDAR

Please note: You can access this calendar on the school's website or by clicking the link below:

[Approved-2024-2025 BOE Calendar.pdf - Google Drive](#)



## TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS District School Calendar 2024-2025

First Day: September 3, 2024  
Last Day of School: June 16, 2025  
180 Days

Approved 2/14/2024

August 2024								February 2025										
(0 school days)								(17 school days)										
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S				
New Teacher 22-26	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5*	6	7	8	Prof. Development			5
Onboarding	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	President's Day			17
Teacher In-Service 27-30	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	February Break	17-19		
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	23	24	25	26	27	28		In-Service			19

September 2024								March 2025										
(20 school days)								(21 school days)										
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S				
Labor Day 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7							1				
First day of School 3	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	2	3	4	5	6*	7*	8	Parent Conferences	6-7		
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	9	10	11	12	13	14	15				
Prof. Development 25	22	23	24	25*	26	27	28	16	17	18	19*	20	21	22	Prof. Development			19
	29	30						23/20	24/21	25	26	27	28	29				

October 2024								April 2025										
(21 school days)								(17 school days)										
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Prof. Development 2			1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5				
Columbus Day 14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9*	10	11	12	Prof. Development			9
Prof. Development 16	13	14	15	16*	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Spring Break	14-18		
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Good Friday			18
Prof. Development 30	27	28	29	30*	31			27	28	29	30*				Prof. Development			30

November 2024								May 2025										
(17 school days)								(21 school days)										
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Parent Conferences 7-8	1	4	5	6	7*	8	9					1	2	3				
Prof. Development 13	10	11	12	13*	14	15	16	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Prof. Development			14
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	11	12	13	14*	15	16	17	Prof. Development			28
Thanksgiving Break 27-29	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Memorial Day			26
								25	26	27	28*	29	30	31				

December 2024								June 2025										
(15 school days)								(11 school days)										
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S				
Prof. Development 11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
	8	9	10	11*	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14				
Winter Break 23-Jan 1	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16*	17	18	19	20	21	Projected Last Day			16
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28				
	29	30	31					29	30	31								

January 2025								July 2025										
(20 school days)								(0 school days)										
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New Year's Day 1				1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4	5	6				
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
MLK Day 20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	19	20				
Mid-Sem (9-12) 22	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
In-Service (K-8) 24	26	27	28	29	30	31		28	29	30	31							

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The last day of school is scheduled for June 16, 2025. Please note, where possible, snow or emergency days will first be made up through June days. If, however, such snow or emergency days push the last day of school potentially into the last week of June, days may need to be taken from April or other vacations as needed. According to Connecticut General Statute 10-15 and 10-259 the school year must be at least 180 days and cannot extend past the last day of June. The school calendar is posted on the Tolland Public Schools website at <http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us>

\* **Early Dismissal Days-** September 25, October 16, October 30, November 7, November 13, December 11, February 5, March 6, March 7, March 19, April 9, April 30, May 14, May 28, June 16

**TPS Mid-Semester Date-** January 22, 2025 \*\* Please note this is subject to change based on weather.

**2023-2024 Term Dates**

Quarter 1 - September – November, Quarter 2 - November – January, Quarter 3 - February – April, Quarter 4 - April - June

Trimester 1 - September – December, Trimester 2 - December – March, Trimester 3 - March - June

Semester 1 - September – January, Semester 2 - February - June

\*\* Please note these are subject to change based on weather.

**SCHOOL HOURS**

**SCHOOLS**                      **START**                      **END**

**Tolland High School**

Regular School Day	7:15	1:45
2-Hour Delay	9:15	1:45
Early Dismissal/Exam Days	7:15	10:45

**Tolland Middle School**

Regular School Day	8:00	2:30
2-Hour Delay	10:00	2:30
Early Dismissal	8:00	11:45

**Tolland Intermediate School**

Regular School Day	8:45	3:15
2-Hour Delay	10:45	3:15
Early Dismissal	8:45	12:40

**Birch Grove Primary School**

Regular School Day	9:00	3:30
2-Hour Delay	11:00	3:30
Early Dismissal	9:00	12:55

**2023-2024 HOLIDAYS AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCES**

TPS encourages all students and staff members to appreciate and be respectful of each other's heritage and cultural diversity. The following is a list of dates for secular holidays as well as other festivals and holy days observed in our community. Additional information regarding these and other celebrations is available on our website.

Labor Day	September 3, 2024
Rosh Hashanah	October 2, 2024
Yom Kippur	October 11, 2024
Columbus Day	October 14, 2024
Veterans Day	November 11, 2024
Diwali	October 31, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	November 28, 2024
Hanukkah begins	December 25, 2024
Christmas	December 25, 2024
Kwanzaa begins	December 26, 2024
New Year's Day	January 1, 2025
Three Kings Day	January 6, 2025
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20, 2025
President's Day	February 17, 2025
Ramadan begins	February 28, 2025
Holi	March 14, 2025
Good Friday	April 18, 2025
Eid al-Fitr	March 31, 2025
Passover begins	April 12, 2025
Greek Orthodox Easter	April 21, 2025
Memorial Day	May 26, 2025
Juneteenth	June 19, 2025

■ Indicates days on which schools are closed

**OUR SCHOOLS**

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<http://www.bgp.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

# T.I.S. CALENDAR

## APRIL

5 Spirit Day: SUPERHERO DAY

8-12 NO SCHOOL

24 EARLY RELEASE (12:40)

25 BOE Meeting, 7:00

25 Grade 4 AND 5 Chorus Concert (see flyer below)

26 Spirit Day: FAVORITE CHARACTER DAY (Disney, book characters, etc.)

29 Catlin/Yaglowksi to Boston, 8-4

30 Dempsey/Grabowski to Boston, 8-4

(Biddle/Dalrymple go to Boston on May1, 8-4)

NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK:

## Grade 4 Chorus

### Spring Concert

Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:15 pm

Tolland Intermediate School Cafeteria

*Students are to arrive at 6:00 to room 136*

*Concert Begins promptly at 6:15 pm*

*Students are asked to dress their best for this special performance.*

*I am looking forward to seeing you all there for an evening of music, entertainment and family fun.*

*Thank you, Ms. Judith Baker*



# Grade 5 Chorus

## Spring Concert

Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Tolland Intermediate School Cafeteria

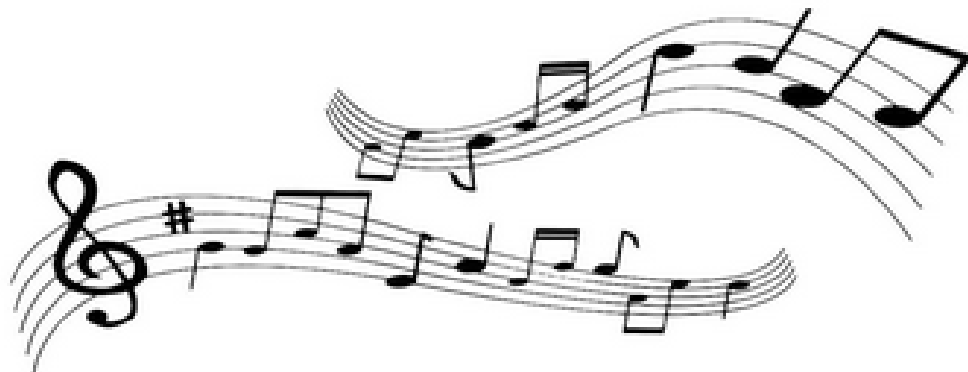
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Spiritwear Sale Extended

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*Spiritwear*

**Spring SALE**  
**25% OFF**

**SALE EXTENDED!**



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## Tolland Public Schools

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### Birch Grove Primary School

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To the Parents/Guardians of 5th grade girls,

Mar 26, 2024

The Tolland Intermediate School Nurses would like to notify you of upcoming scoliosis and postural abnormality screening for our 5th grade female students. Section 10-214 of the Connecticut General Statutes specifies that postural screening be completed for (1) each female student in grades five and seven, and (2) each male student in grade eight or nine.

"Scoliosis is a condition that causes the bones of the spine to twist or rotate so that instead of a straight line down the middle of the back, the spine looks more like the letter "C" or "S." Scoliosis curves most commonly occur in the upper and middle back (thoracic spine). They can also develop in the lower back, and occasionally, will occur in both the upper and lower parts of the spine. There are several different types of scoliosis that affect children and adolescents. Scoliosis is rarely painful—small curves often go unnoticed by children and their parents, and are first detected during a school screening or at a regular check-up with the pediatrician" (The Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America and the Scoliosis Research Society, 2015).

The purpose of the screening is to detect early signs of postural abnormalities so that a referral can be made to initiate treatment to prevent, if possible, the discomfort and complications that can arise from these abnormalities, and, if possible, prevent the need for future surgery.

Screening will be conducted privately, and will only take a few minutes. The screening requires we examine the students' back; therefore girls are encouraged to wear a bra, camisole, or a bathing suit top with thin strap. If this is not an item worn daily, please encourage your daughter to keep one in her bag to wear for her comfort the day of the screening.

Students who are already followed by a provider, students who have already submitted a physical for this school year, or students whose parent/guardian opts out of screening will not be screened at school.

Should you need further information or if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me via email [pfeyerharm@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:pfeyerharm@tolland.k12.ct.us) or contact one of the nurses at 860.870.6891 xt 2.

**School screenings are scheduled for: April 19-April 26th, 2024**

Thank you, Paula Feyerharm, RN



# April 13, 2024 Tolland High School, Tolland, CT

11:00AM Kim's One Mile Fun Run / Walk

12:00PM Spirit Of Spring 5K Road Race (walkers and strollers welcome)

Age Group	Kim's Fun Run <u>only</u>		Spirit of Spring 5K Race <u>only</u>		Spirit of Spring 5K Race + Kim's Fun Run	
	Up to 4/2	After 4/2	Up to 4/2	After 4/2	Up to 4/2	After 4/2
18 Years and under	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
19 Years and up	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00

- First 100 registrants to get a free T-Shirt
- All runners to receive the Commemorative Race Medallion



For more information and to register online:



The events are jointly sponsored by the Lions Club of Tolland and the Tolland Knights of Columbus. All net proceeds are used for scholarships and organizational charitable contributions in the Tolland county area.

Or visit: [www.spiritofspring5k.org](http://www.spiritofspring5k.org)

**TOLLAND EAGLES BOOSTER CLUB  
2ND ANNUAL**

# **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT 2024**

**SATURDAY  
18 MAY 2024**



## ITEMS FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK

### Unified Arts Update for March 2024



Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education

#### Ms. Ballard - Art

**Grade 3:** Our third graders will be working on the Element of Art called **Space this month**. The students will be creating a drawing with a **foreground, middle ground, and a background** in their artwork. The picture will look **3D** by using a new art medium called **3D'Os**. This project will take us the whole month to construct so be on the look for them come April.

**Grade 4:** The fourth graders are starting a new project dealing with all of the **Elements of Art**. This project will last a few weeks as we learn more about all of the Elements of Art, which are line, color, texture, shape, value, shape and space. Students will be working on 9" x 12" white paper to create a powerful design illustrating all 7 of the **Elements of Art**.

**Grade 5:** Our fifth graders will be working on a new project as well learning about **Tessellations**. A **Tessellation** is a design with no gaps or overlapping images. The artist we will be inspired by is **M.C.Escher**. This project will take us the whole month of March and part of April. Students will select an animal pattern to use in their tessellation. Once the animal tessellation is drawn the student will then color them using colored pencils. All student's marionettes have been graded and should be going home this week.

#### Mrs. Hill - Library Media

**Grade 3:** From mid-February to the end of March, third graders will be exploring **Folk and Fairy Tales!** They will listen/watch a tale, write notes about important characteristics like characters, setting, and magical elements, then draw a picture on the back of their favorite, or an important, part of the story. Their pages will be collected and eventually collated into individual "books" the students can take home. They will write about one tale each week and watch a second tale that will just be discussed. The students are very excited to talk about their opinions of the characters and their actions in these traditional folk and fairy tales! **The Folk and Fairy Tale unit will end with a STEM challenge to see who can create the tallest beanstalk** without tipping over the giant, the golden goose and his harp!



**Grade 4** In March, fourth grade students are all about research! They will use books, encyclopedias, dictionaries, magazines, and websites to research wild animals.

**Grade 5** During the month of March, fifth grade students are working on fiction and nonfiction writing. Students chose a topic to do some research about and then they had to write a creative, short fiction story on that topic. The students did this work in Google Slides and when writing was complete, they were encouraged to add pictures, fonts, color, design, transitions and animation to their slideshows. The stories were amazing!

**\*\*THE LIBRARY IS ALWAYS “OPEN”! Your student is encouraged to put books on hold at school or at home and the library staff will deliver the books to their classroom! So easy!**



## Ms. Baker - General Music

**Grade 3 general music:** The third graders are currently Learning to read music by learning the soprano recorders. The recorder is a woodwind instrument used to introduce band skills and techniques in the third grade curriculum. During March and April, the third graders will also be learning about the instruments of the band and orchestra in preparation for choosing a musical instrument for the fourth grade band in September. Students are encouraged to participate in both chorus and band in fourth



grade.

**Grade 4 general music:** In the fourth grade general music classes the students are completing their unit on African music by learning and practicing their hand drumming skills. They will be reviewing the skills and knowledge they learned during the African unit through cooperative stations. In April, they will be learning about the music of Asia and Chinese music notation. We will also be discussing opportunities for next year in grade 5 band and chorus. Students will be encouraged to participate in both grade 5 band

and chorus next. Both groups are a great opportunity to expand their musical abilities and have fun!



**Grade 5 general music:** The fifth graders are completing their unit on Hawaiian music with a cooperative composing and performing project. During the month of April, they will be practicing their ukulele chord progressions and songs to record for a digital composing project. The ukulele is a great instrument for students to learn to play. I am excited that so many students have taken the initiative to purchase their own ukuleles and continue using what they have learned at home.

**Grade 4 and 5 Chorus:** Chorus members are refining their performance skills and preparing for their **concert** on ***Thursday, April 25th to be held at TIS in the cafeteria.*** ***The grade 4 chorus concert will be at 6:15 p.m. Students are to arrive by 6:00.*** ***The grade 5 chorus concert will be at 7:30. Students are to arrive at 7:15.*** Both choruses will continue to meet weekly after the Concert through June.

**Mrs. Marchesani -**

### **4th & 5th Grade Band and 3rd Grade Mx3 Chorus**

**Grade 4 Band:** Band members are working towards mastery of performance skills needed for their first Band Concert! Rest position, playing position, solo/tutti and playing in rounds are some of the skills we are refining. Our first band arrangement piece titled “Attack of the Slide Trombones” features our trombone section having fun with glissandos and the entire band focusing on dynamic changes in the piece.

Small group instructional Band classes and WIN Full Band continue through the beginning of June.

**Grade 5 Band:** In 5th grade Band classes, students are using self-reflection and peer feedback to refine individual and ensemble performances of a variety of music selections planned for their TMS Step Up Concert on March 18th and a Spring Concert. A 5th grade Band favorite is “This Old Dude” which contains variations on the traditional tune “This Old Man”. Students have tackled learning

the Concert Eb “Scale Preps for Beginning Band” by Mike Hannickel and other pieces written in Concert Eb.

Small group instructional Band classes and WIN Full Band continue through the beginning of June.

**Music Times Three (Mx3) - 3rd grade Chorus:** This 81-member Chorus has mastered singing in rounds! “A Ram Sam Sam” will be performed at our upcoming evening Concert on March 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the TIS “Cafetorium”. Other concepts we’ve been refining include expressive singing (varying soft, medium loud or loud within the same piece) and using call and response style.

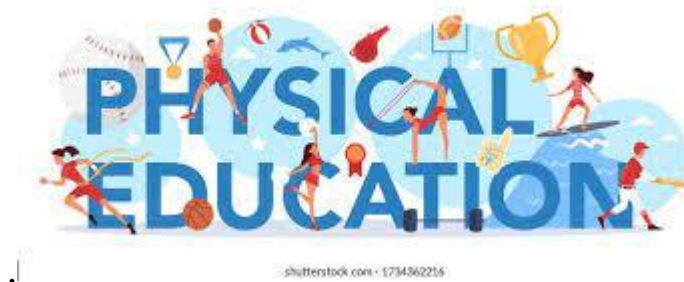
**Inclement Weather policy:** On early dismissal or late start days, small group Band classes WILL meet. Please contact me anytime with questions or concerns! [nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us) 860-870-6885 x 40226

## Mr. Downing – Physical Education

**Third grade:** Students will be starting the basketball unit. They will be working on the basic basketball skills, dribbling, passing, and shooting.

**Fourth grade:** Students will be starting the basketball unit. They will be working on the basic basketball skills, dribbling, passing, and shooting.

**Fifth grade:** Students will be starting the basketball unit. They will be working on the basic basketball skills, dribbling, passing, and shooting.





# BGP EAGLETS & TIS HAWKS MILEAGE CLUB



Starting March 22nd

\*weather dependent\*

## ⇒ Parent Volunteers Needed ⇒

### What is Mileage Club?

- Optional recess running/walking club
- Student's complete laps to receive a "punch" on their personal punch card
- Multiple "punches" earns a 'Toe Token' to hang on keychain/lanyard
- Prizes for completed cards

### What do Volunteers do?

- 3 parents per recess
- Gather & monitor participating students
- Pass out cards, give "punches" after laps
- Award 'Toe Tokens' and prizes
- Collect cards at the end of recess
- Younger siblings can tag along too!

SCAN TO  
SIGN UP



SCAN FOR  
MORE INFO

\* All volunteers **must** have a current approved background check through the BOE.\*

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## **April Break School Age Care**

**2024 Registration Form  
Tolland Intermediate School**

Dear Parent,

The Tolland Family Resource Center's School Age Care Program will be open for April Break. The program runs Monday, April 8 - Friday, April 12 at **Tolland Intermediate School** room 227B. Please register your child(ren) to attend the FRC School Age Care Program during April Spring Break by **Friday, March 29, 2024**.

**The hours are 7:00 AM-6:00 PM.** However, if ten or fewer children are registered, the program will close at 4:00 PM. If six or fewer children are registered, the program will be cancelled, and fees will be refunded. **REGISTRATION IS LIMITED! REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

Completed registration with payment and a completed Health Assessment Record are due by Friday, March 29, 2024. Please make checks payable to the **Tolland Board of Education**. Forms can be dropped off at either Birch Grove or TIS in an envelope marked FRC or emailed to [tollandfrc@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:tollandfrc@tolland.k12.ct.us). Registrations are not complete until we receive payment in full.

The fee is \$50.00 per day.

No refunds for withdrawals will be given after April 1, 2024.

Children need to bring their own lunch, morning and afternoon snacks, and beverages in a self-cooled container. No microwave or refrigerator is available. Water is available for children throughout the day.

FRC advertises any weather-related closings on WFSB Channel 3 only.

**Please check the days your child will attend.  
Each day previews a different Summer 2024 Camp Hawk theme.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 4/8 "Life's a Beach"
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 4/9 "Recycle It"
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 4/10 "Animal Planet"
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 4/11 "STEAM WEEK"
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 4/12 "Stars & Stripes"

**Tolland Family Resource Center  
April Break School Age Care Program Registration 2024**

**CHILD INFORMATION: *Please print clearly.***

Child's Name:	D.O.B:	
Current Grade:	Gender:	
Home Address: Code:	Town:	State/Zip
Ethnicity: not Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/>		
Race (select one or more of the following): American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/>		

**FAMILY INFORMATION: *Please print clearly.***

Parent/Guardian Name:	Gender:	Relationship to Child:
Home Address:	Town:	State/Zip Code:
Home #:	Work #:	Cell #:
Employer:	Email Address:	
Ethnicity: not Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/>		
Race (select one or more of the following): American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/>		

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**In case of emergency, which parent/guardian listed above should we contact first? -**

\_\_\_\_\_

Unless informed otherwise, the Tolland Family Resource Center assumes both parents listed above may pick up the child. If a parent may not pick up the child, legal documentation of that fact is required.

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

If the Tolland Family Resource Center staff **are unable to reach the parents/guardians**, the following individuals have permission to make decisions regarding the care of my child, including permission to pick up my child from the FRC in case of emergency.

Name:	Relationship to child:	
Home #:	Cell #:	Work #:
Name:	Relationship to child:	
Home #:	Cell #:	Work #:

**CHILD PICK UP AUTHORIZATION**

In addition to the emergency contacts listed above, I give permission for my child to be released from the Family Resource Center program to the people listed below at any time. I understand that FRC staff requires Photo Identification before releasing my child.

Name:	Relationship to child:	
Home #:	Cell #:	Work #:

**CHILD PICK UP AUTHORIZATION cont.**

Name:	Relationship to child:	
Home #:	Cell #:	Work #:

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

With whom does the child <b>primarily</b> reside? Both <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Split Custody <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If other selected for primary residence, please explain:</i>
Parent/Guardian Responsible for billing: Both <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If other selected for billing responsibility, please explain:</i>
Primary language spoken at home:
Additional languages spoken:
Siblings' Names & D.O.B.:

**HEALTH/WELLNESS INFORMATION**

Are your child's immunizations up to date? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child take any prescribed or over-the-counter medication on a regular basis? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please list medication name(s):
If your child requires medication during program hours, it must be provided in the original container to the attending staff as well as accompanied by an Authorization for the Administration of Medication form, completed by your physician.
Does your child have any allergies (food, medication, seasonal, etc.)? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please explain:
Does your child follow a special diet (i.e., gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan)? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please explain:
Does your child have any chronic health concerns (i.e., asthma, seizures, diabetes)?
If yes, please explain:
Has your child been diagnosed with any developmental disorders?

ADD/ADHD <input type="checkbox"/> ASD <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Language/Speech <input type="checkbox"/> Vision <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> _____ None <input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child receive any of the following services?
Special Education <input type="checkbox"/> 504 <input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> 1:1 Aide <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> _____ None <input type="checkbox"/>

**Additional Health/Wellness Information** (special circumstances, sensitivities, social/emotional

concerns, etc.)

Is your child covered by any hospitalization/medical care policy? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		
Name of Insurance Company:		Phone #:
Address:	City:	State/Zip:
Policy Holder's Name:		Policy Number:
Physician:		Phone #:
Please list a preferred hospital:		

**Please review the information you have provided on this registration form to ensure accuracy.**

\_\_\_I do / \_\_\_do not give my permission for my child to participate in walking field trips to Crandall's Park, Tolland Library, Tolland Green, and other locations within walking distance of Tolland Intermediate School.

\_\_\_I do / \_\_\_do not give permission for my child to be photographed. (Pictures may be placed in the FRC/Camp Hawk photo album, scrapbook or displayed in the classroom. Pictures may also be displayed at other FRC/Camp Hawk events, such as Open House, town childcare fair, etc. Pictures will not be placed in the newspaper without prior written approval. Pictures will never be placed on social media.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use: Date received _____ Check # _____
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## Walking Field Trip Permission Slip

Please complete the following permission slip.

I give my permission for my child to participate in walking field trips to Crandall's Park, Tolland Library, Tolland Green, and other locations within walking distance of Tolland Intermediate School.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please list two emergency contacts that can be reached during the time of the trip.

Emergency Contact:

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Day time phone  
# \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Day time phone  
# \_\_\_\_\_

# Ready, Set, Spring!



Spring into the new season with a Community Bag! This April, every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag purchased at our selected Big Y will send our organization a \$1 donation.

Benefiting Organization:

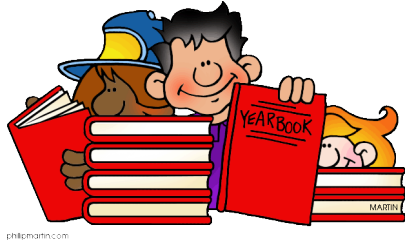
**TOLLAND  
ELEMENTARY  
PTO**

At This Big Y Location:

**TOLLAND BIG Y  
FIELDSTONE  
COMMONS**







The Tolland Intermediate School yearbook staff is working hard to deliver an exciting 2023-2024 TIS Yearbook featuring many new things encompassing our school year!

The cost is **\$20 per book**. Please visit [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or scan the QR code to the right to order your yearbook and **support contactless payment**.

1. Click "Order Yearbook"
2. Enter "Tolland Intermediate School" in the search field, then follow the prompts!

Should you prefer to pay by check, please send in payment (made out to TIS SAA) in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher.



## PHOTOS NEEDED

We need your photos! Feel free to share: first day of school photos, spirit days, events/fundraisers, fun candid school photos, and more!

Please submit photos to our yearbook sharing site at:

<https://images.jostens.com/0v0NfveFGFxV0NDA4KzjvTw> or scan the QR code to the right for a quick, easy upload.

Be sure to include a brief description of the images uploaded to be sure they are included in the correct section of our yearbook.

If you have questions, please call Customer Service at 1-877-767-5217.

## Tolland Intermediate School Yearbook

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

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_



12/29 / 2024  
Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.  
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## Tolland Family Resource Center Preschool 2024-2025

Our preschool programs promote child-initiated exploration in a safe, secure, and nurturing environment. All classes provide a balance of play, social time, and structured learning activities.

### **Tolland FRC 3's Preschool for three-year-olds**

Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday - 9:00am – 12:00pm / located at Birch Grove in room B14

Children must be 3 on or before December 31, 2024.

### **Tolland FRC 4's Preschool for four-year-olds**

Schedule: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – 9:00am-12:00pm/ located at Birch Grove in room B14

Children must be 4 on or before December 31, 2024.

### **Creative Preschool for 3- to 5-year-olds**

Schedule: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday - 9:00am – 12:00pm / located at Tolland High School room 85.

Children must be 3 on or before December 31, 2024.

### **Kindergarten Readiness for those children not eligible for kindergarten due to the new state regulation.**

Schedule: Monday – Friday 9:00-3:00 /located at Birch Grove in room B12.

Children must be 4 on or before September 1, 2024.

### **How can you help your child succeed in preschool?**

A positive preschool experience can help set your child up for future success in kindergarten and beyond. You can help to ensure your child will flourish in a preschool class by working on the following readiness skills:

- Listening and following simple directions.
- Expressing wants and needs verbally.
- Following a routine with multiple transitions.
- Sharing and taking turns with friends and family.
- Self-help skills such as getting dressed, using the restroom, and eating lunch/snack with minimal assistance.

**We strongly encourage families to begin working on toilet learning prior to the start of the school year. Please let us know if you need support and guidance during this learning process.**

[FRC Preschool 2024-2025 Registration Form](#)



Join the Family Resource Center's School Age Care Programs

Where friendships are formed.

We provide time for homework, snacks, free play, crafts, and outside play.

We hold programs at both Birch Grove Primary School and Tolland Intermediate School.

We provide morning care from 7:00 am-until the start of school and after school care from the close of school until 6:00 pm.

We are open on scheduled early release days as well as all Teacher Inservice & Parent Teacher Conference Days.

Please follow the link to register.

[FRC 2024-2025 SAC Registration Form](#)



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

Tuesday December 5 : 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:

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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!



JOIN THE

-CREW-

After School

SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!



TOLLAND RECREATION PRESENTS "the CREW After School" Program

CELEBRATING RECREATION, EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING



- After School Care for TIS Students
- Monday-Friday open until 6:00 P.M.
- Includes Early Release Days!
- We focus on homework & reading each day as well as recreational games & activities

For more information call 860-871-3610 or visit [www.tollandct.myrec.com](http://www.tollandct.myrec.com)

\$250.00/per month

**- 50% ARPA Fund DISCOUNT**

**ONLY \$125/Month!**

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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.



## **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)



*The End*

