

TIS Digital Backpack
January 15, 2024



Photo courtesy of M. Lachut

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:



Dress for Winter Weather

It is important that students come to school dressed appropriately for winter weather, just like Mr. McCarthy in the photo to the left. Coats, hats, and long pants should be worn as a means of protection from the winter weather. While some children prefer wearing shorts in the cold weather, not dressing appropriately for cold temperatures puts kids at risk for frostbite and hypothermia. Exposure to temperatures below 32 degrees can result in frostbite faster. Our students will go outside for recess unless it is raining, or if the temperature and wind chill combine for a temperature less than 20 degrees.

Chromebooks

Student Chromebooks are used at various times during the school day. Students have been regularly informed to charge their chromebook each night. Any assistance with reminding your child to charge their device is greatly appreciated.

If your child was given a Chromebook to use while in second grade, we ask that any such device be returned to TIS. Any Chromebook returned to TIS will be delivered back to Birch Grove.

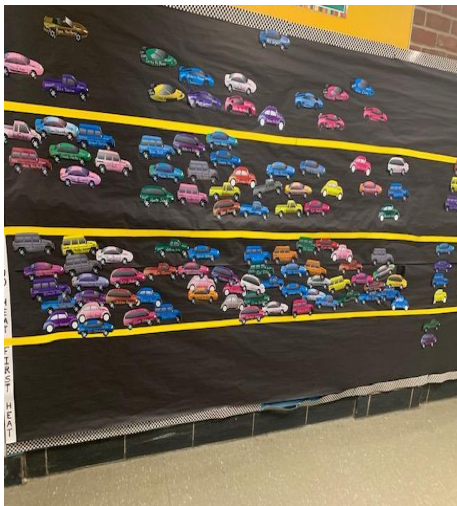
Water Fountains and Student Water Bottles

Our school water fountains are once again operational. Students now have the option to fill their water bottles at a dispenser or to drink from one of our school water fountains. . Students are now able to fill their own water bottles from the dispensers. Students should bring a water bottle to school for their own use. Paper cups will be kept on hand for any student not in possession of a water bottle. The custodial staff will sanitize the dispensers nightly.

Hot Beverages

We continue to experience some spilling issues with students bringing disposable hot beverage cups to school. Please do not send your child to school with hot beverages in disposable cups. Thank you for your cooperation.

Keyboarding Leaders



The race car display outside the keyboarding lab is beginning to fill up. Students are awarded a paper race car when they pass their first typing test. Student names and words per minute totals are added to the cars before they are placed in the display.

T.I.S. CALENDAR

JANUARY

15 NO SCHOOL

19 TOLLAND PTO PRESENTS: Grade 5 Dance (see flyer)

24 Tolland High School Mid-Semester Day – PLEASE NOTE: TIS STUDENTS HAVE SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

26 NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten thru Grade 8 – TIS STUDENTS ARE NOT IN SCHOOL THIS DAY

FEBRUARY

7 EARLY RELEASE

9 Sports Team Day; Grade 4 Dance (see flyer)

19-21 FEBRUARY BREAK

27-28 Grade 3 to Wadsworth Museum (more info to follow)

NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK:

GRADE 3 HAVING FUN AT RECESS:







A promotional poster for Tolland Lacrosse. The background features four lacrosse players in action: a girl in a blue and red jersey on the top left, two boys in blue jerseys on the top right, a boy in a white and blue jersey on the bottom left, and a girl in a pink and white jersey on the bottom right. In the center is a circular logo of an eagle with a lacrosse stick in its talons. The background is decorated with orange and yellow motion lines and a green grass strip at the bottom.

Spring 2024

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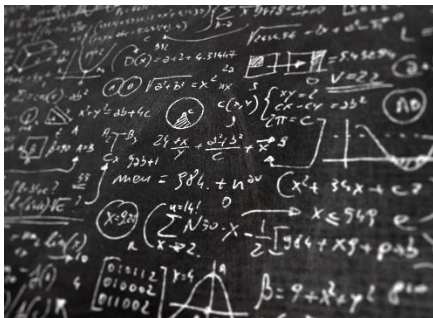
FAMILY INTERACTIVE STEAM NIGHT

Friday, February 2, 2024

6:00 – 7:30

Birch Grove Primary School

Come explore STEAM Activities with the Tolland Family Resource Center. You will be able to create art and experiment with hands-on activities. Please register by Friday, January 26, 2024. Spots are limited.



SNOW DATE: Friday, February 9, 2024



Scan or click the QR code to register for this free event. Open to children in preschool through 5th grade and their families.

FOR 5TH GRADE STUDENTS:



TEPTO INVITES YOU TO WALK THE RED
CARPET AT THE

5TH GRADE WINTER DANCE

Friday, January 19th 6:00-8:00

TIS Cafeteria

\$10 at the
door
includes a
snack, water
and favor

Students must
be joined by a
favorite adult
for the duration
of the event

For specific questions, email dcancellieri79@gmail.com

FOR 4TH GRADE STUDENTS:



TEPTO PRESENTS...



The 4th Grade

**HOLLYWOOD
GLAM DANCE**

Friday, February 9, 2024
6-8pm
TIS Cafeteria

Tickets: \$10 at the door includes admission, water,
snack, and a favor!

Students must be accompanied by a favorite adult for the duration of the event.

For specific questions please email dcancellieri79@gmail.com

ITEMS FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK



Unified Arts Update for January 2024



Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education

Want more UA updates??

Unified Arts information and news can also be found in your child's Google Classroom. Look either for the teacher's name (Ms. Baker) or for the "special" (Library) in your child's Google Classroom to find things like concert dates, genres of the month, and band information.

Ms. Ballard - Art - Please send in the smocks today!

Grade 3 During the month of January, we will be starting a **Clay Coil project**. Students will design a **base shape** and finish the rest of the clay project by **coiling up clay, 4 or 5 coils high**. The clay project will then need to dry before firing it in the **kiln**. After the clay project has been fired we will glaze it with **two colors of glaze**.

Grade 4 The fourth graders will be starting up their Paper Mache Project. Each student will design an **armature** of the **character or animal** that they wish to make. The students will make a **plan and construct** their character with **newspaper** they bought from home. Once the armature is made the students will **paper mache** over the armature making the surface hard and ready for painting. **Each child will bring in a printout of the animal or character** they were going to make. When the Paper Mache dries the students will paint their sculptures to match their photo.

Grade 5 The fifth graders will be working on finishing their **Marionettes**. Now that we are finished with the Fire Prevention posters, we will return to finish our marionettes. **Controllers** will be made and **clothes** will be added. The students will paint areas such as hands and feet, or shoes depending on the character selected. Once the character is finished the marionette can be stung.

This paint does not come out of clothes. All students are asked to wear a smock during class!

Hello Parents! In the art room, students will not be permitted to wear their winter coats in class. Please, send a smock to protect and cover your child's clothes. The art room is used by three different grades and there are messy projects going on all the time. Thank you for your help and understanding. Ms. Ballard

Mrs. Hill - Library Media

During the month of January, **all TIS students** will complete a **Destiny review**. This review is important to check for mid-year understanding. Destiny is the online card catalog that students use to look up library books. Lessons have been taught about identifying call numbers such as F for fiction. Students will be given time to practice Destiny skills, if needed.

Later in January, **all TIS students** will complete a **Nearpod lesson about the life, work and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.** The Nearpod lesson has articles to read, videos to watch and interactive questions, polls, and a drawing activity.



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Ms. Baker - General Music & Grade 4 & 5 Chorus

Let's celebrate Kindness!



Grade 3 general music:

Third graders are reviewing their musical concepts. The students are studying about the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. They will also be practicing their sixteenth note rhythm reading and music vocabulary along with singing new folk songs.



Grade 4 general music: The fourth graders are reviewing their musical concepts. The students will also be practicing their sixteenth note rhythm reading, studying about the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the music of Africa.

Grade 5 general music: The fifth graders are reviewing their musical concepts. They will be working on learning to play the ukulele and the recorder. We will begin our Hawaiian music unit to coincide with learning to play the ukulele.

Students are not required to purchase their own ukulele but, if you or your student are interested in investing in your own ukulele contact me in order to find a quality instrument at a reasonable price.



Grade 4 & 5 chorus: The students will be learning all new , more advanced music for their **spring concert which will be Thursday, April 25, 2024. Mark your calendars!!!**

Mrs. Marchesani - Music Times Three and 4th & 5th grade Band

Music Times Three: Wednesday afternoons at 2:40 p.m. are fun times with Music Times Three 3rd graders participating in singing and movement activities. Current favorites include “Mr. Clicketty Cane”, “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” and “Here Comes a Bluebird”.

SAVE THE DATE: Mx3 Spring Concert March 21, 2024 6:30 p.m. TIS Cafetorium

Grade 4 Band: Two standout favorite songs with 4th grade Band members are “Quarter’s Worth” #15 and “Song of the Fjords” #27 in our Standard of Excellence red books. Tied notes are a new concept for Band members. “Farm Out” #34 in the red book (Old MacDonald Had a Farm) is a fun song to practice this concept!



Save the date: Grade 4 Band Spring Concert Tuesday May 7th at 7:00 pm in the TIS Cafetorium. Call time for Band members is 6:30 pm.

Grade 5 Band: Students completed the Concert Bb “Scale Preps for Beginning Band” by Mike Hannickel and have begun learning the Concert Eb scale preps. The Concert Eb Scale Preps helps with mastering “Regal March”, “Montego Bay” and many other songs in that key signature. Our playing eighth notes review is going very well! Playing a variety of eighth note rhythms helps students as they are learning “Regal March”, “This Old Man” and “This Old Dude”.

Save these dates!

1. **Step Up Concert** – Grades 5-8 Bands, March 18th (snow date Monday March 19th) held at Tolland Middle School. Call time for Band students is 6:30pm and the Concert begins at 7:00pm.
2. **Grade 5 Band Spring Concert at TIS** - Monday, May 6th. Call time is 6:30 pm and the Spring Concert begins at 7:00 pm.
3. 5th graders will also have an **enrichment opportunity** this year! Band members who are interested will learn how to play "God Bless America" and play that piece with the Tolland High School Band at the May 26th Memorial Day Parade Ceremonies.

Inclement Weather policy: On early dismissal or late start days, small group Band classes WILL meet during the school day. Please contact me anytime with questions or concerns! nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us 860-870-6885 x 40226



Mr. Downing - Physical Education

Third grade: Students will be working on stickhandling, passing and other manipulative skills during the hockey unit.

Fourth grade: Students will be working on stickhandling, passing and other manipulative skills during the hockey unit.

Fifth grade: Students will be working on stickhandling, passing and other manipulative skills during the hockey unit.

FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE:

Appropriate Outerwear and Appropriate Footwear

Two reminders for your student. Please remind them to know their scheduled day for gym class. They should be wearing appropriate athletic footwear to participate in required gym activities. Should you have any questions please reach out to kdowning@tolland.k12.ct.us OR you may contact the nurse. If your student does not know their gym day, have them check their class schedule. If they do not usually wear athletic shoes, a good option would be for them to have a labeled pair they keep in their locker.

Winter weather and outdoor recess. Your student should plan to have appropriate outerwear for cooler temperatures. If the weather is 20 degrees F and calm, recess is most likely outdoors. Days where there is snow on the ground and the temperature is warm enough; outdoor play will likely occur. Please help your student plan to bring, or wear, the appropriate outdoor gear for their comfort level. Boots are needed to play in the snow.



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:

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!

TIS SPIRITWEAR!!

Get ahead on your holiday shopping with the TIS Holiday Sale! Featuring new designs and gifts for parents, grandparents and more! Shop at <https://1stplace.sale/109626>

Holiday Sale Info

- **Sale Dates:** November 6th - December 8th
- **Savings:** 20% discount sitewide
- **Shipping:** Free shipping over \$75, \$5 shipping under \$75
- **Delivery:** All orders are guaranteed delivery by December 23rd

Links

- **Store Link:** <https://1stplace.sale/109626>

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Guaranteed Delivery By DEC. 23rd

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SALE RUNS 11/6 - 12/8

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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

\$250.00/per month

- 50% ARPA Fund DISCOUNT

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K-12 Student Accident Insurance

Enroll Online



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 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. 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 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. 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 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



The End

