

TIS Digital Backpack November 7, 2023



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Veterans Day

In honor of Veterans Day, TIS will prepare a Veterans Day program for all students.. A slideshow will be shared with students and staff. The slideshow will contain links of both informational Veterans Day videos and to TIS students singing patriotic songs. The entire school community will devote a portion of the school day to honoring our veterans through our video program. Classroom communities will learn about veterans and pay tribute to them.

Student Water Bottles

Our school water dispensers are no longer equipped with paper cups. 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

As of late we have experienced 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.



Book Fair Thank You's

A huge thank you to Mrs. Coles and Mrs. Daigle and the many volunteers who ran another successful book fair for TIS students. Mrs. Coles and Mrs. Daigle did an amazing job of putting together and operating another very successful fair. Thank you to the numerous volunteers who donated their time to work at the book fair.

HAWKS Against Hunger Food Drive

Last week, the Tolland Intermediate School Student Council sponsored our annual HAWKS Against Hunger Food drive. All items donated to the food drive will be delivered to the Tolland Food Pantry. Thanks to HAWK Ambassador advisor Mrs. Bishopric, HAWK Ambassadors and the entire T.I.S. Community for chipping in to help those in need.



Friday Morning Video Announcements

On Friday video announcements will begin soon. Members of the technology club produce our video announcements. All homerooms have the capability to air the announcements on classroom SMARTBoards. Any student may be selected to star in a video announcement segment. Students are selected through our weekly HAWK Card drawings.



This year, the Tolland High School DECA is partnering with Operation Gratitude for our annual community service project! Operation Gratitude is an organization that helps communities give back to their active military members, military families, and veterans, but we need **your** help to

do it. From October 30, 2023 to November 10, 2023, we will be holding a Beanie Baby fundraiser at all Tolland Public Schools!

What can YOU do to help?

Located in the offices of all Tolland Public Schools, you or your child can drop off new or like-new Beanie Babies, Webkinz, or other small plush toys for military families and active army members to enjoy. Help say "thank you" to all who serve and please consider donating!

T.I.S. CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

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| 6-10 | Grade 3 field trips to the Benton Homestead (see teacher newsletters for details) |
| 6 | PICTURE RETAKES |
| 15 | EARLY RELEASE DAY |
| 22-24 | NO SCHOOL |

NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK:

TIS CELEBRATED BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH (OCT.)



TIS DECADES DAY

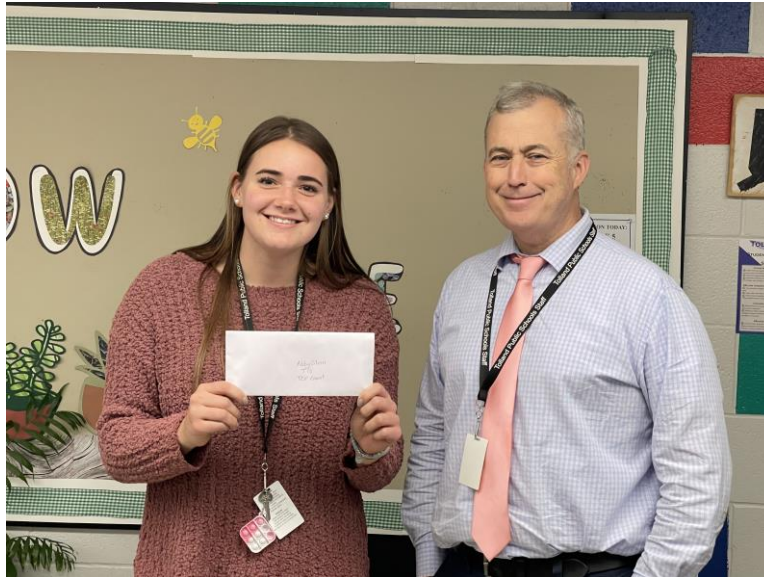






Congratulations to our TIS teachers - October TEF grant award winners

At the recent Harvest Festival, the TEF asked current and prior students, parents, and members of the community to nominate a deserving educator in the Tolland Public Schools. Our own Miss Stern, grade 3 teacher, was nominated and won a \$100 grant from the Tolland Education Foundation (TEF).



ITEMS FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK

T.I.S. Reading Reminder to Fall Back with Read Alouds!

10 Reasons Why You Should Read to Your Kids

What's the most important trait you'd like to develop in your child? If you're like most parents, intelligence is probably at the top of your list. We all want bright, smart children, which is why we spend so much time choosing the right schools and making sure teachers are exceeding expectations. But remember: as a parent, you have the power to boost your children's learning potential simply by making books an integral part of their lives.

We all know reading to our kids is a good thing—but are you familiar with the specific advantages your child can receive by being exposed to the merits of reading? Below are some benefits that highlight the importance of reading to your child.

1. **A stronger relationship with you.** As your child grows older, he'll be on the move—playing, running, and constantly exploring his environment. Snuggling up with a book lets the two of you slow down and recaptures that sweet, cuddly time you enjoyed when he was a baby. Instead of being seen as a chore or a task, reading will become a nurturing activity that will bring the two of you closer together.
2. **Academic excellence.** One of the primary benefits of reading to toddlers and preschoolers is a higher aptitude for learning in general. Numerous studies have shown that students who are exposed to reading before preschool are more likely to do well in all facets of formal education. After all, if a student struggles to put together words and sentences, how can he be expected to grasp the math, science, and social concepts he'll be presented with when he begins elementary school?
3. **Basic speech skills.** Throughout toddlerhood and preschool, your child is learning critical language and enunciation skills. By listening to you read [*One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*](#), your child is reinforcing the basic sounds that form language. “Pretend reading”—when a toddler pages through a book with squeals and jabbars of delight—is a very important pre-literacy activity. As a preschooler, your child will likely begin sounding out words on his own.
4. **The basics of how to read a book.** Children aren't born with an innate knowledge that text is read from left to right, or that the words on a page are separate from the images. Essential pre-reading skills like these are among the major benefits of early reading.
5. **Better communication skills.** When you spend time reading to toddlers, they'll be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way. By witnessing the interactions between the characters in the books you read, as well as the contact with you during story time, your child is gaining valuable communication skills.
6. **Mastery of language.** Early reading for toddlers has been linked to a better grasp of the fundamentals of language as they approach school age.
7. **More logical thinking skills.** Another illustration of the importance of reading to children is their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic in various scenarios, recognize cause and effect, and utilize

good judgment. As your toddler or preschooler begins to relate the scenarios in books to what's happening in his own world, he'll become more excited about the stories you share.

8. **Acclimation to new experiences.** As your child approaches a major developmental milestone or a potentially stressful experience, sharing a relevant story is a great way to help ease the transition. For instance, if your little one is nervous about starting preschool, reading a story dealing with this topic shows her that her anxiety is normal.

9. **Enhanced concentration and discipline.** Toddlers may initially squirm and become distracted during story time, but eventually they'll learn to stay put for the duration of the book. Along with reading comprehension comes a stronger self-discipline, longer attention span, and better memory retention, all of which will serve your child well when she enters school.

10. **The knowledge that reading is fun!** Early reading for toddlers helps them view books as an indulgence, not a chore. Kids who are exposed to reading are much more likely to choose books over video games, television, and other forms of entertainment as they grow older.

Books have the power to benefit toddlers and preschoolers in a myriad of ways. As a parent, reading to your child is one of the most important things you can do to prepare him with a foundation for academic excellence.

Fall is a great time to get back into curling up with your favorite seasonal beverage and a good book.

Reading aloud to your child not only helps to **strengthen his/her listening, thinking and verbal skills**; it also helps to **create warm childhood memories** and some face to face family bonding away from the glaring blue light of a screen.

Become your child's personal fluency model.

Make your reading sound like talking.

Modulate your voice to thrill and engage their attention.

Give the characters different voices.

Act out a scene together! Ham it up. Add expressions.

Encourage verbal skills and help your child to visualize!

Remind them to make movies in their minds and then stop to talk about how they pictured the characters and what they saw in the "movie in their minds".

Create attentive active thinkers.

Stop at different intervals and ask, **"What are you thinking?"**

Ask them what they think about what you've just read.

Review some wordless picture books and talk about the clues in the pictures.

Read some nonfiction together and explore new places and topics. Don't let the fleeting light and warmth of summer chill *your* bones. Grab a mug of hot pumpkin apple cider latte, make some great family memories and **turn your child into a reader who ultimately prefers the book to the movie** and **your living room** as **their very own adventureland**.

Autumnal delights for consideration:

Take a trip to the Public Library and choose some fall themed books. The librarians will have many suggestions and displays.

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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For more information call 860-871-3610 or visit www.tollandct.myrec.com

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Offer Terms:

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- Services scheduled for 2023-2024 school year



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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.



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

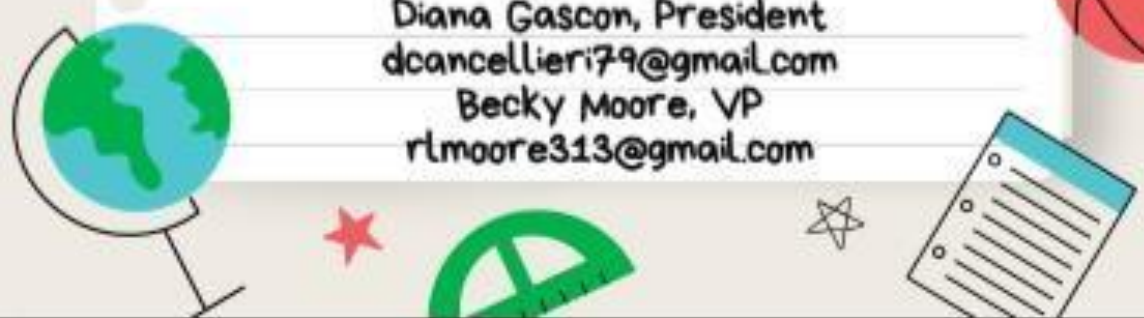
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THE TEPTO YEAR AT A GLANCE



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 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



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