

## TIS Digital Backpack October 30, 2023



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

#### **HAWK Nest**

Our most recent HAWKs Nest meeting focused on cooperation. Each HAWK Nest reviewed the meaning of the term cooperation. As a culminating activity in our HAWKs Nest, students worked in pairs to do an activity that relied on a great deal of cooperation. The two students stood back-to-back. One member of the team was given a piece of paper and pencil while the other team member was assigned to give directions on how to draw an unnamed object. AT the conclusion of the activity, each HAWK Nest advisor stressed to importance of cooperation while linking it to our school motto, "One School, One team...TIS"



#### **Thank You PTO**

Thank you to the PTO for providing our staff with so many delicious treats. Thanks to Mrs. Cefarrati for organizing the event and for spending so much time ensuring that every detail was just right. Thank you to the numerous families that donated food for the event.



### **Book Fair**

Thank you to Mrs. Daigle and Mrs. Coles for running the Scholastic Book Fair. Karen and Jessica 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. Each year the book fair enables us to purchase books and pieces of technology for our school.





### **HAWKS Against Hunger Food Drive**

Last week, the Tolland Intermediate School Student Council sponsored our annual HAWKS Against Hunger Food drive. The food drive is being held from October 23 through November 3. All items donated to the food drive will be delivered to the Tolland Food Pantry. Thanks to HAWK Ambassador advisor Mrs. Bishopric the HAWK AMbassadors and the entire T.I.S. Community for chipping in to help those in need.



## **Classroom Updates**

Effective communication between teachers and students is crucial for a productive and successful learning environment. To achieve this, teachers have opted to communicate weekly updates through various platforms such as email, Google Classroom or student agendas.

These weekly updates will serve as a valuable resource for students, as they will provide an outline of what concepts they will be working on in any given week

Furthermore, these updates will also enable parents/guardians to stay informed about their child's education. They can follow up on their child's progress and communicate with teachers if necessary. As a result, a collaborative relationship between teachers, students, and parents can be established, which ultimately leads to better academic outcomes.

Weekly updates are meant to foster effective communication and collaboration between students, teachers, and parents. By providing clear and concise updates on what students will be working on, everyone involved can work together to ensure the best possible educational experience.

# T.I.S. CALENDAR

OCTOBER 25-NOVEMBER 3 – TIS BOOK FAIR (see flyer below for hours)

## NOVEMBER

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|-------|--|
| 2     | EARLY RELEASE DAY  |
| 3     | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS   |
| 2-3   | Parent Teacher Conferences (Thursday, 11/2 is an early release day;<br>On Friday, 11/3, there is no school for students) |
| 6-10  | Grade 3 field trips to the Benton Homestead (see teacher newsletters<br>for details)                                     |
| 6     | PICTURE RETAKES  |
| 15    | EARLY RELEASE DAY  |
| 22-24 | NO SCHOOL  |

## **NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK:**

### ***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.



 SCHOLASTIC

# It's **BOOK FAIR** time!

Tolland Intermediate School Mini Gym  
October 25th-November 1st: 8:30am-3:00pm  
November 2nd and 3rd: 8:30am-6:00pm

Visit our homepage for more information!  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/tollandintermediate/school1>

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Check out with eWallet—the convenient, cash-free digital payment system.  
Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school! **Woo hoo!**

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

**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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After School

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TOLLAND RECREATION PRESENTS "the CREW After School" Program

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- After School Care for TIS Students
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**Offer Terms:**

- Service addresses within 15 miles of Coventry, CT
- Services scheduled for 2023-2024 school year



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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 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.

**Keep This Page**

# 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** 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**

**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

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**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**

# **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, 3part, 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

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Please fill out and return

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**

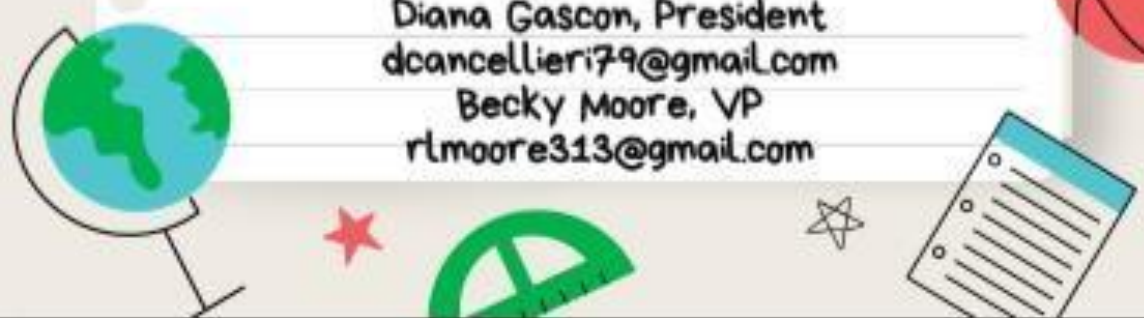
Questions? TEPTO Contact Information:

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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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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You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



### SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



### EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

## SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE?

You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt!  
See how at [BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts](https://www.btfef.com/emailgroceryreceipts)



## BOX TOPS CLIPS

You may occasionally find an old Box Tops clip on packages in stores. You can still clip them and send them to school, as long as each clip has a valid expiration date.

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