



T.I.S. Digital Backpack

November 22, 2021



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

PJ Day for the Kids

On Friday, December 10th, students across Tolland will participate in Connecticut Children's Medical Center's PJ Day for the Kids. The goal of PJ Day for the Kids is to raise awareness and money, as well as to lift the spirits of children who must wear their pajamas for days, weeks, or longer while fighting cancer or other serious illnesses.! We hope you will consider making a donation in honor the young patients who turn to Connecticut Children's for hope. [Click Here to Donate](#) or bring \$ 1.00 on December 10 to wear your pajamas to school!

School Hours

Our school hours are 8:45 - 3:15. Students arriving to school after 8:45 will be marked tardy. Any student dropped off after 8:45, must be walked into the building and signed in by a parent or guardian, as T.I.S. staff may not be on outdoor duty past 8:45.

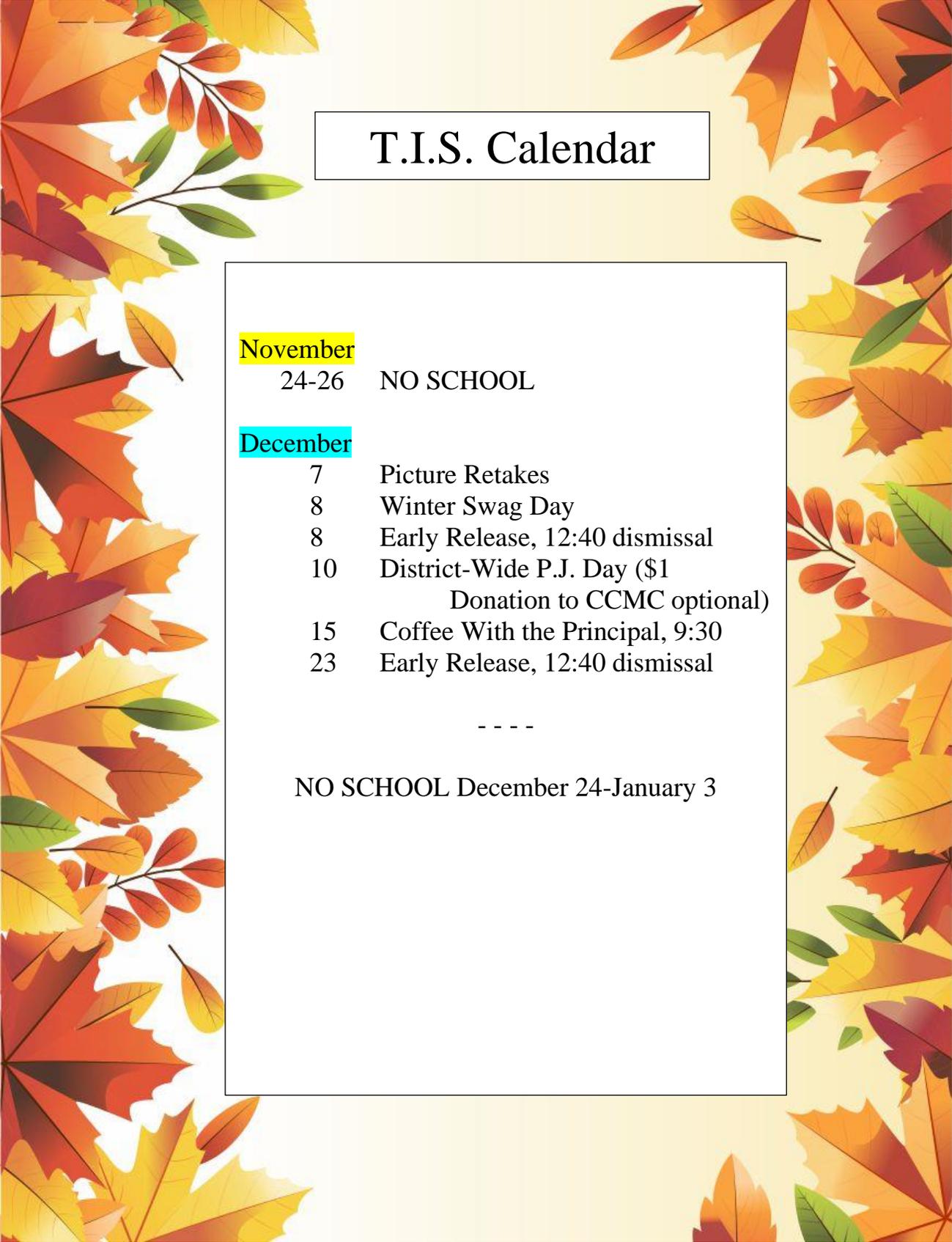
School Cell Phone Policy

We've recently experienced some minor issues with student cell phones usage in school. Below is the school policy regarding cell phones in school. The policy is consistent with that of Tolland Middle School.

All electronic devices are to be turned off and stored away for the duration of the school day (8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.). This includes, but is not limited to cell phones, music players, video systems, and video game systems. Cell phones and cell phone cameras that are misused anywhere on school grounds and/or on any school field trip or function will result in disciplinary action.

Before School Clubs

Drop off for before school clubs begins at 7:50. Please do not drop your child off before 7:50, as club advisors and crosswalk supervisors are not on duty before 7:50.



T.I.S. Calendar

November

24-26 NO SCHOOL

December

7 Picture Retakes
8 Winter Swag Day
8 Early Release, 12:40 dismissal
10 District-Wide P.J. Day (\$1
Donation to CCMC optional)
15 Coffee With the Principal, 9:30
23 Early Release, 12:40 dismissal

NO SCHOOL December 24-January 3

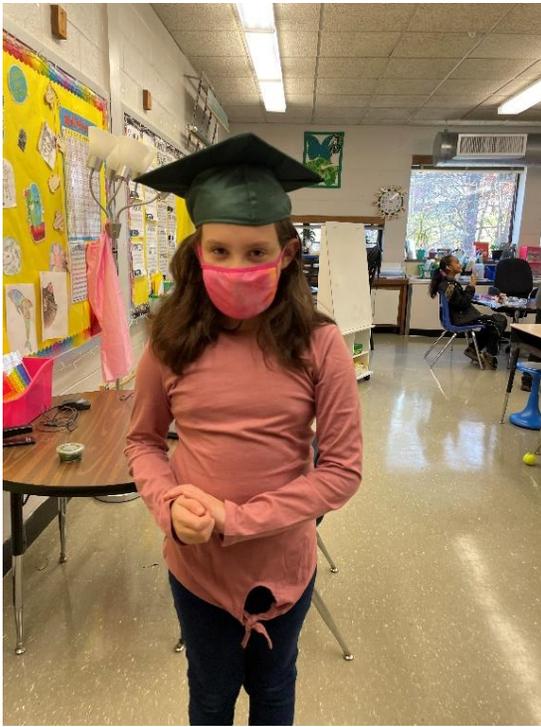
PICTURE RETAKE DAY
DECEMBER 7TH



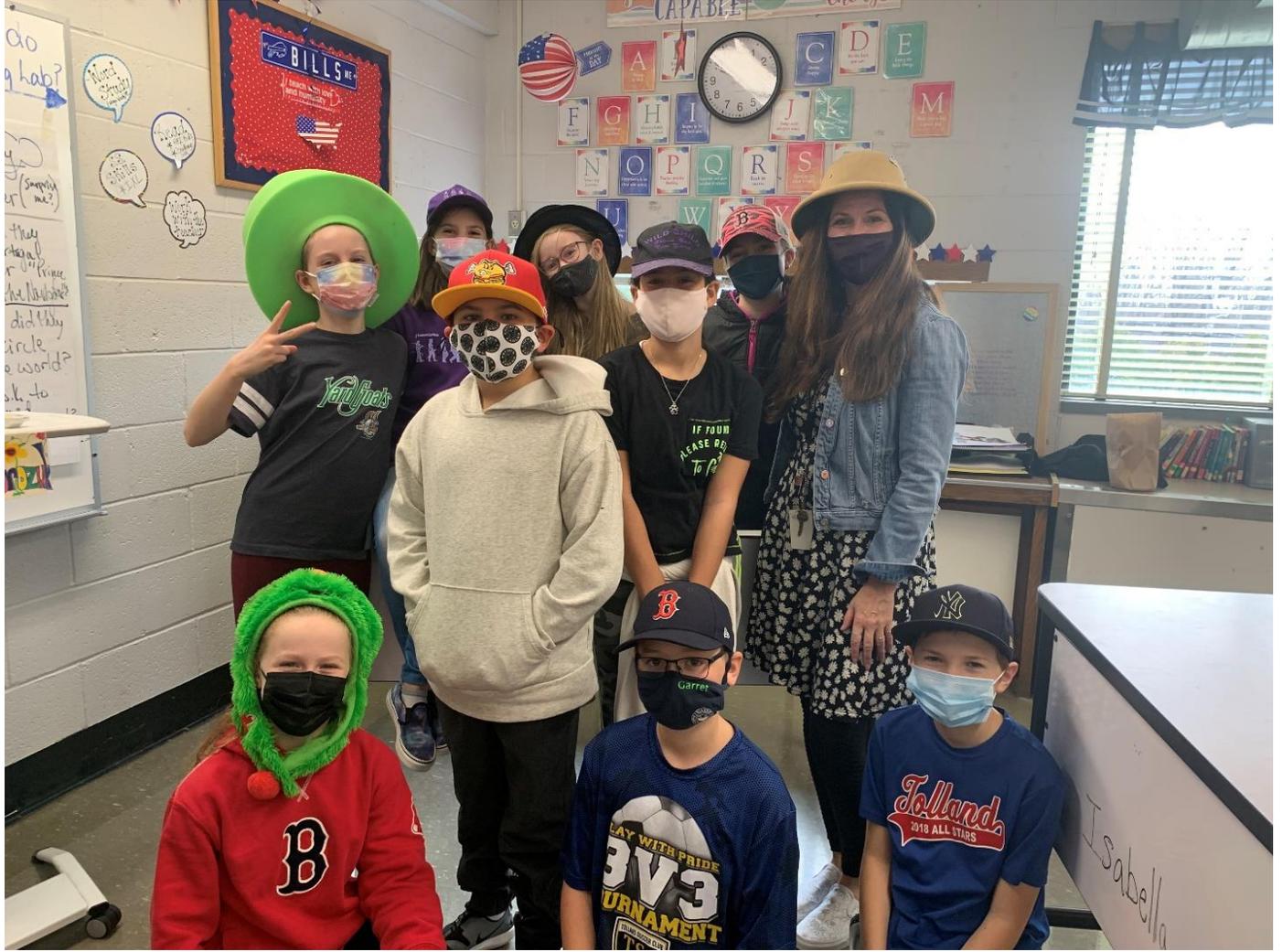
Students who wish to have a retake should bring their original picture package to be turned in.

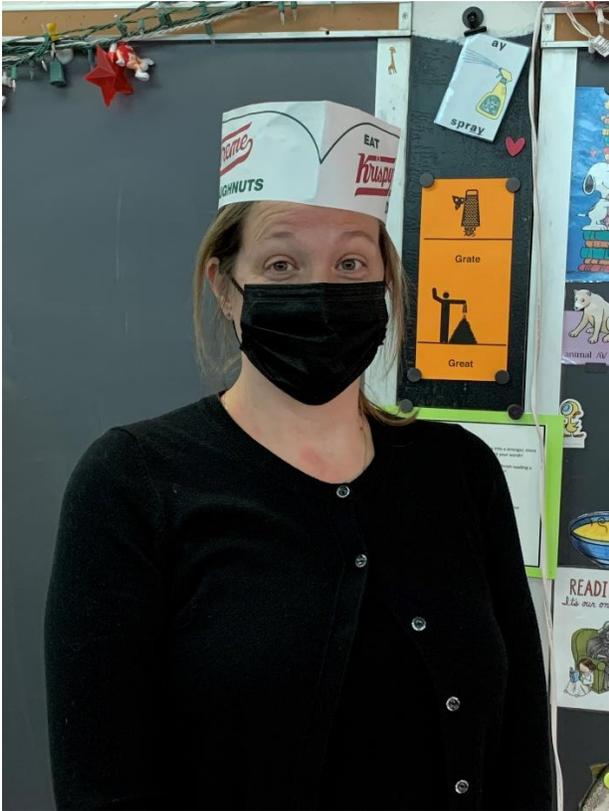
Students who were absent on the original picture day date will receive information on creating a new order.

HAT DAY 2021 AT T.I.S.









GRADE 5 CLASSROOMS:

In ELA, students are well into their first unit on Cultures in Conflict. This unit examines the cultural conflict between Native American and European American societies by asking students to consider how the beliefs and values of a culture, specifically the Nez Perce tribe, guide the actions of its people. So far, students have learned about Native Americans and the importance of natural resources and their homeland. Students continue to explore the impact of the United States' territorial growth through the eyes of the Nez Perce. They continue to examine the cultural conflict between Native American and European American societies by asking themselves how the beliefs and values of a culture, specifically the Nez Perce tribe, guide the actions of its people. Students have been practicing their writing skills through written summaries which include a topic sentence, text evidence, elaboration and a conclusion sentence. We are currently writing a compare and contrast essay on two of the main characters from, *Thunder Rolling in the Mountains*, by Scott O'Dell and Elizabeth Hall.

In Social Studies, students have learned what life was like for indigenous people and how they used their natural resources to sustain their lifestyle. Currently, our Social Studies and ELA topics align, and we are learning how the relationship between the Europeans and indigenous people reveals differing beliefs and values of each group. Students are also learning reasons for European exploration and the conflicts the Europeans had with the Native Americans. Students are learning about the Vikings, Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, and other early explorers.

In Math, students have been learning about adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. We learned about strategies using clocks, money, number lines, and the least common denominator. Students have applied these skills to word problems and ratio tables. They are also very excited about learning new workplace games such as Target Practice and Racing Fractions.

In number corner, students have been collecting a meter a day and converting our totals into other metric units on our Calendar Collector chart. They have also been classifying triangles every day in our Calendar Grid and discussing transformation such as reflections, rotations, and translations. Students should continue to use Reflex and IXL in school and at home.

In Science, students have been loving the Earth, Moon, and Sun unit. We have learned about patterns such as day/night, seasons, moon phases, and shadows. This unit will wrap up in December and the 5th grade scientists will get ready to start a unit on Habitats. It is always one of the favorite science units.

5th grade t-shirt orders went home the week of November 8th. Be sure to return this to school!

FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK:

Unified Arts Update for November 2021

Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education

Ms. Ballard - Art

Third graders students will begin exploring the **Element of Art** called **Space**. They will create a 3D picture with a foreground, middleground and background. We will be using 3DO's to help us create the sense of Space in our pictures. 3DO's are sticky circular form spacers that will be placed on the back of the foreground and middleground items. **Everyone should put their scissors and a new pencil in their art bag for the month of November.**

No smock is needed this month.

Fourth graders will be working on **Fire Prevention Posters** during the month of November. We will be using crayons, markers or colored pencils for this project. **No smock is needed this month.** Students will be given all rules and a folder for their art work. **Take your time and do a job you're proud of! Good Luck to all!**

Fifth graders will be finishing up their Animal Wire Sculptures with colored wire and painting the base for their sculptures. **Smocks are needed for painting because the paint doesn't come off of your clothes.**

After the Animal Wire Sculptures the 5th graders will move on to their **Fire Prevention Posters**. Students will create a theme for their poster and use crayons, markers or colored pencils to add color to their design.

We hope we can have Tolland 4th or 5th grade student win the State Fire Prevention Contest this year! Are you going to be the one? Good Luck to all!



Mrs. Hill - Library/Tech/STEM

Third grade: students will begin fiction genre studies at the intermediate school level. They will be learning about fantasy, mystery, historical fiction, science fiction, realistic

fiction and traditional literature. Learning will be through a variety of methods, including: mini-movies from teachertube, powerpoint presentations, hands-on book sorting, genre bingo, Socrative reviews on the computer and interactive SmartBoard lessons. Third grade has also received the guidelines for the *voluntary* Library Book Challenges for this year. The library book challenges are based on reading from all different types of fiction genres.

Fourth grade and Fifth grade: have just finished reviewing fiction and fiction genres, and will now be moving on to nonfiction and reviewing the Dewey Decimal System. Students will start nonfiction with a “book tasting”. Many books will be piled on tables, each table will represent different topics in nonfiction. Students will have 5-6 minutes to pick up any book at the table and read it. The hope is that students will find new topics they want to read about. Or that they will discover, yes, the library does have a book on this interesting topic! After the tasting, students will tour the nonfiction and review how books are in order in this section. They will practice finding books and using the Dewey Decimal System after a Google Slide presentation.

Fifth grade: just concluded a Library STEM Challenge in October to build a monster trap that did not hurt the monster. The students created some very interesting and innovative traps and demonstrated them to their classmates. Check out this short video clip from one STEM team. I will combine all of the videos taken for each STEM project by class. The iMovies will then be uploaded to the class Library Google Classroom for viewing.



[For one Monster Trap STEM Challenge Example click here!](#)

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER:

Fourth grade will show their STEM skills in the Library when they explore **how to catch a turkey!**



Ms. Baker – Music

Grade 3 general music: Third graders are learning to read and perform rhythms which contain eighth notes, quarter notes, quarter rests, and sixteenth notes, using boomwhackers and non-pitched percussion. The third graders are learning how to appropriately and respectfully use a variety of musical instruments while learning colonial Tolland folk songs.

Grade 4 general music: The fourth graders just completed their studies of the music of Australia and are now working on the music of North America. Students learn about the music cultures, instruments and geography of this continent. The fourth graders are also learning to read and perform rhythms which contain eighth notes, quarter notes, quarter rests, and sixteenth notes, using boomwhackers and non-pitched percussion. They are learning how to appropriately and respectfully use a variety of musical instruments.

Grade 5 general music: The fifth graders are creating, creating, creating. They have composed and performed their own graphic notation pieces using vocal sounds and body percussion as well as using our creativity boxes which are full of unique musical instruments. They will be playing and learning about the ukuleles starting immediately after the Thanksgiving holiday. Fun, Fun, Fun!!



Mrs. Marchesani - Band/Chorus

Grade 4 and Grade 5 Chorus: Choruses will be starting soon at TIS! Stay tuned for Chorus info!

Grade 4 Band: Band members have learned how to assemble, disassemble and clean their instruments safely. They are working hard to learn fingerings and proper embouchure (mouth position). It is so exciting to see and hear students enthusiastically learning how to play their instrument! Students have reviewed the values for whole and half notes and whole and half rests. Many Band students are already playing simple melodies such as “Hot Cross Buns” on their instrument!

It is truly a joy to witness your children on their amazing journey of learning how to play an instrument solo and in small groups!



Grade 5 Band: All Band members are working hard to master melodies using the Concert Bb scale. Later on, we will add in Concert Eb and Concert F scales. Mike Hannickel's "Scale Preps for Beginning Band" helps Band students develop technique and listening skills. We use them for warm-ups and a fun way to start Band class. We are also reviewing counting and playing eighth notes using red book # 45 "Eighth Note Encounter" and # 46 "Jim Along Josie", an American folk tune.

I look forward to the chance to help each student experience growth in their musicianship and leadership skills this year!

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 playing Newcomb, a volleyball lead-up game. Newcomb introduces students to the basics involved in the game of volleyball.

Fourth grade: Students will be starting a throwing unit. During the unit, the critical elements associated with the overhand throw will be reviewed and the students will practice the overhand throw using a variety of throwing activities and games.

Fifth grade: Students will be starting a basketball unit. Throughout the unit, the students will play a variety of games to reinforce the basic basketball skills dribbling, passing, and shooting.

FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

During the end of October, November, and December hearing and vision screenings will be taking place in Tolland Public Schools.

Students will have vision screenings performed with a 20-second scan via the PediaVision scanner as performed by a trained Tolland Lions Club member. This screening is capable of screening for astigmatism, nearsightedness, farsightedness, lazy eye, misalignment of the eyes and pupil size anomalies.

The scanner is held 3 feet away from children so there is no direct physical contact. All of the screening is also done in the presence of the school nurse.

For any student who screens outside of normal, a printout and referral letter will be sent home. For students currently under care for vision, this printout can be provided at their next exam.

For hearing screening, students will be screened by the school nurse. Any student who does not pass initial hearing screening will be rescreened by the RN prior to a referral letter being sent home.

For any questions about this screening process, please reach out to your school nurse, Paula Feyerharm, RN at pfeyerharm@tolland.k12.ct.us or 860.870.6891 ext 2.

You Are Cordially Invited To:



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL
2021-2022

*T.I.S. Coffee with the Principal will be **VIRTUAL** this year.*

Meeting Dates:

October 27, 2021

February 9, 2022

No November Meeting

March 23, 2022

December 15, 2021

April 27, 2022

January 26, 2022

May 25, 2022

(all meetings begin at 10:15 a.m.)

Please RSVP

to Pam Babey (pbabey@tolland.k12.ct.us) by the day before the meeting date you would like to attend. You will then receive a link to the meeting. Please join us!



PJ Day-Wear your Pajamas to School

Friday, December 10, 2021

We are excited to raise money for Connecticut Children's and get our name on the PJ Day map once again! We look forward to joining with other schools and businesses across the state to honor patients who must wear their pajamas for days, weeks, or longer while fighting cancer or other serious illnesses.

We hope you will consider making a donation in honor the young patients who turn to Connecticut Children's for hope.

[Click Here to Donate](#) or bring \$ 1.00 on December 10 to wear your pajamas to school!



HOLIDAY CARD DECORATIONS

Saturday, December 11

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Decorate beautiful Christmas,
Hanukkah, & Kwanzaa cards.
Watch a special holiday movie
as you decorate!



Tolland Public Library
21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084
(860) 871-3621 | tolland.org/library





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Wednesday, December 15

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

**Watch Anime With Your Friends
Discuss Your Favorite Manga
Read, Draw, Game, and Enjoy Exotic Snacks**

Club for Pre-Teens & Teens, Ages 10+ only.

FREE.

Registration Required

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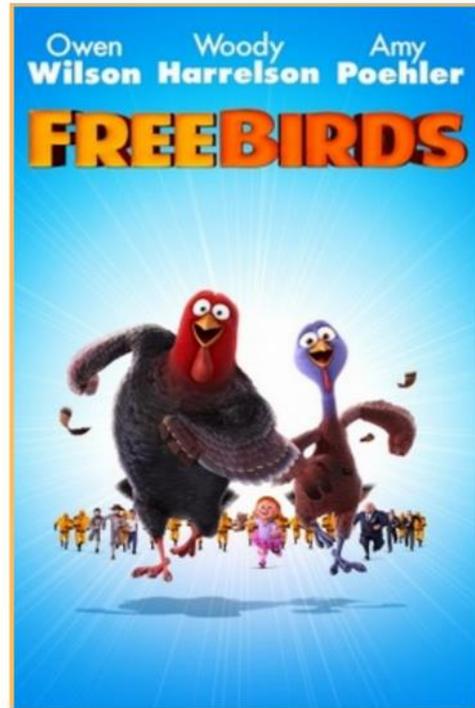
Saturday, November 27

3:00 PM - 4:45 PM



"FREE BIRDS" (2013)

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(860) 871-3621 | TOLLAND.ORG/LIBRARY
ALL AGES | FREE | "FREE BIRDS" RATED PG



LEGO® CLUB



Thursdays, December 9 & 23
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month

Create, challenge yourself, & build with friends!



Kids & Pre-Teens Only

Masks Required

Tolland Public Library
21 Tolland Green Ext - Tolland, CT 06084
tolland.org/library/pages/kids-and-teens
(860) 871-3621 | ageary@tolland.org



***Contact our Children's Librarian
for Online Hybrid Options***

TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL



**Wednesday, November 24
4:00 - 4:45 PM**

- Design your own library programs.
- Earn community service credit hours.
- Have a say in the YA books, movies, and games that YOU want in the library!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - AGES 13+ - FREE

Call **(860) 871-3621** or email **ageary@tolland.org** for more info

**TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
[HTTPS://WWW.TOLLAND.ORG/LIBRARY/PAGES/KIDS-TEENS](https://www.tolland.org/library/pages/kids-teens)
21 TOLLAND GREEN EXT. - TOLLAND, CT 06084**

TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL



Wednesday, December 29
4:00 - 4:45 PM

- Design your own library programs.
- Earn community service credit hours.
- Have a say in the YA books, movies, and games that YOU want in the library!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - AGES 13+ - FREE

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Tolland Recreation Dept, Youth Basketball

For boys & girls in Grades 3 thru 12

A fun program designed to help improve individual skills and learn the fundamentals of basketball. Separate program for boys and girls.

Boys League: Grades 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th and 9th - 12th

Girls League: Grades 3rd - 5th and Grades 6th - 9th

All practices and games take place on Saturdays, starting December 11th through March. Times will vary based on number of teams in each age category.

Please DO NOT wait to register-**SPACE IS LIMITED!!!!**

Register on-line, by mail, or in person (REGISTER AT: WWW.TOLLANDREC.COM)

We will not accept registrations after November 28, 2021

Volunteer coaches are needed for all age groups – Coaches training provided.

Call the recreation office at 860-871-3610.

Day: Saturdays

Date: December 11, 2021 - Beginning of March 2022

Time: TBA

Ages: Grades 3 - 12

Registration Fee: \$95.00

Location: TBA

A separate Basketball Program for younger children will be offered in January.

SPACE IS LIMITED!!!!



1 Million Bottle Caps:

Donate Your Bottle Caps to Keep Our Ocean Environment healthy and safe for everyone.



New Date: October 1st - June 2022

Please empty your bottle caps (no plastic bags) into the bins around the school

Acceptable Types of Bottle Caps:

- Beverage bottle caps
(water, soda, juice, sports drinks)
- Milk and juice jug caps
- Medicine caps (no labels)
- Detergents caps
- Hair spray and spray paint caps
- Toothpaste/ointment tube caps
- Apple sauce pouch caps
- Flip-top/spout caps (ketchup, mustard, creamer)
- Shampoo and conditioner caps
- Peanutbutter jar caps



Tolland Girls Travel Basketball

Jeff Martens: Director:
860.882.9160 Jeffmartens72@gmail.com
Website: [Coming Soon](#)



Introduction:

Tolland Travel Basketball is an organization that provides increased opportunities and training for girls to become competitive basketball players. Girls will gain a foundation of skills and understanding of the game so they can continue playing in high school and beyond.

Commitment:

The player's experience will depend on the level of commitment they give to practices and games. Please do your best to attend as often as possible in order to have prepared and competitive teams.

- ★ November-February (some teams make the playoffs extending into March)
- ★ practice 2-3 times a week for around 75 mins each practice
 - All practices will take place at a Tolland School
- ★ 1-2 games on the weekend
 - Most games are within a 25-minute drive. The farthest is typically 40.
- ★ tournaments as early as November 18th

Ages/Teams:

Girls in grade level 5-8: Advanced 4th graders can also tryout. Every season, the number of teams that Tolland fields depend on the number of girls that sign up. Typically, each grade level has one team; however, there have been many years in which two grade levels combine for one team. It is also possible that one grade level has multiple teams.

Selectivity/Cuts:

As mentioned above, every season is different. Coaches will evaluate players each fall, make thoughtful decisions, and have conversations with each family regarding the outcomes/decisions made.

Cost:

Thanks to our highly generous sponsors, Tolland Travel will only be \$300 for the season. This includes the cost of a uniform, practice jersey, warm-up shirt, sweatshirt, sweatpants, and bag (for new members only) as well as referees, gym rentals, league fees, and team equipment. Please bring a check, made out to Tolland Travel Basketball, on the first day of tryouts. If your child is not selected, your check will be returned or destroyed.

Tryouts:

Will be held during the first week of November. To receive further information (when available), please complete this [Form](#).

**COERVER CT EAST WINTER PROGRAMS
2021 - 2022**

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**F O O T S K I L L S
O N E V S O N E
G A M E S A N D M O R E**

Strong one-on-one skills are a huge asset for a soccer player. Just about every game situation includes individual attacking and defending.

10 WEEKS – 2 LOCATIONS

**OAKWOOD SPORTS CENTER
GLASTONBURY, CT**

SESSION 1

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER - 15,22,29

DECEMBER - 6,13,20,27

JANUARY - 3,10,17

SESSION 2

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

JANUARY - 24, 31

FEBRUARY - 7,14,21,28

MARCH - 7, 14, 21, 28

**STAR HILL FAMILY ATHLETIC CENTER
TOLLAND, CT**

SESSION 1

TBA

SESSION 2

TBA

REGISTER AT - COERVERCTEAST.COM



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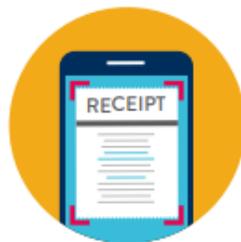


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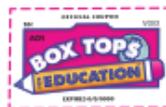


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