



T.I.S. Digital Backpack

November 29, 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

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.

All students have received a slip in their backpacks with information on creating a new order for those students absent on the original picture day.

Please call the office (860-870-6885) with any questions.

GRADE 3 CLASSROOMS:

We are moving right along with our curriculum in third grade. In the Journeys reading program, we have read stories like Bat Loves the Night, where we focused on sequence of events and action verbs. Another story that many third grade classrooms read was What Do Illustrators Do? The focus comprehension skills were text and graphic details as well as more sequence of events. Our grammar focuses are verb tenses, synonyms, and using commas. The stories we will read together as we move on will focus on drawing conclusions, context clues and more using commas. We have been mixing in narrative writing as we go. Students have the opportunity to write detailed narratives about their personal experiences.

In Foundations we are moving forward with Units 4 and 5. Third graders got experience using suffixes and marking up words that add extra consonants. We are still practicing sound alike words and connecting their new knowledge to their everyday writing. Of course students have been excited to continue to learn cursive. We are still working on the lowercase letters.

In math, all third grade students and teachers are working with the Bridges program. Classes are engaged in Unit 2, which is focusing on multiplication. We are looking at finding the area of areas, using strategies that connect to multiplication. Students are encouraged to do repeated addition or use the multiplication facts that they know to figure out real word problems involving a pet shop, ocean animals, and window washing in a town. In Number Corner, our focus is arrays as well as fractions.

We have started our social studies unit which focuses on exploring Tolland in the 1700s. We were so lucky to be able to do self-guided tours of the Benton Homestead. Students learned what it was like to live in Tolland when families had to be self-sufficient. They learned about the jobs that children their age would have done on a farm. We also are trying to work on mapping skills to review things like global address, the continents, and learning more about looking at a map.

As always, we would like to thank families for their continued support.

GRADE 4 CLASSROOMS:

Fourth graders have **FALL**en into a great routine. We continue to focus on being respectful classmates and strong community members. The students were able to see the contributions of veterans through a whole school virtual assembly on Veterans Day honoring those who serve, or have served, our country. Many students also completed biographies of veterans in their own lives which were displayed in the school.

The students are engaged in our Bridges in Mathematics series. This month our Number Corner activities focused on elapsed time and measurement with hands-on tasks. A highlight was measuring and comparing cups, quarts, and gallons. We continue to focus on multi-digit multiplication and division through the Problems and Solutions and Work Places in our new program.

We are completing Unit 1 in our Journeys series, which includes stories about reaching out to people in a community. Unit 2 features several selections about the performing arts. The skills targeted in this unit include story structure, fact and opinion, conclusions and generalizations, and author's purpose. Classes continue to work on elaborating and adding details to our writing, as we move into our informational unit.

The students participated in a trail walk at Crandall Park in connection with our weathering and erosion unit in science. They recorded examples of erosion and methods to slow erosion that they observed along the trail. They then used these observations to complete a performance task for the unit. The students also participated in a science lab on erosion with Mr. Ruede, our science supervisor. Our first social studies unit will focus on map skills. We stay connected to landforms as we study physical maps.

We wish everyone a restful Thanksgiving break and time to enjoy family and friends!

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!

Tolland Intermediate School

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860-870-6885

Attention: 4th Grade Students and Families

4th Grade Chorus Sign-Up Information

November 19, 2021

I am very excited that we can start 4th Grade Chorus!

4th Grade Chorus meets 1 day per week. (Band students: you can sing in the Chorus, too!) 4th Grade Chorus meets on Friday mornings from 8:00 to 8:40 a.m. in the Cafeteria. A small second section for students who cannot be dropped off before school will meet during the 4th grade recess time in Mrs. Marchesani's room. According to the State of CT guidelines, Chorus members will sing with masks on and be spaced 3 feet apart. The Spring concert will be an evening performance, date TBA. 4th Grade Chorus begins on **Friday, December 10, 2021!**

Student Responsibilities:

- Understand that Chorus is a year-long commitment
- Attend weekly rehearsals
- Follow basic music room guidelines
 - Respect others, yourself, and all materials
 - Always do your best work
 - Always use your best manners
- Stay on task during rehearsals

Chorus Benefits

- Develop proper singing techniques & healthy vocal habits
- Singing two, three or four part rounds & partner songs
- Learn how to read basic notation
- Refine performance skills
- Experience movement & expression
- Experience & enjoy a wide variety of music
- Have lots of fun !!!!!!!!!!!

To sign up: Send the Chorus Contract (page 2) back to TIS by Friday, December 3rd.

Chorus is open to anyone in fourth grade. No audition required! Students that sign up for chorus are "instant members."

I am looking forward to a great chorus year! Please contact me during the school year if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Norma Marchesani

nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us or 860-870-6885, x 40226.

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Student _____

Classroom Teacher _____

The following questions will help me with scheduling and music planning. Remember: no previous experience is necessary! ☺

What was your favorite song in 2nd or 3rd grade?

Do you prefer Morning Chorus (Friday 8:00-8:40 a.m.) or Recess Chorus?

Please circle: **Morning** **Recess (recess Chorus is limited to 10 students)**

****Morning Chorus is most highly recommended. Students have less than 25 minutes of rehearsal time at recess****

*******Chorus Contract*******

I understand that every Chorus member is important to the success of the group. The 4th Grade Chorus is incomplete unless I attend my weekly rehearsals and scheduled performance(s). I fully understand my responsibilities and agree to all the policies of the 4th Grade Chorus.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Best telephone number _____

Email _____

Please indicate any additional comments/concerns/accommodations needed below.

Return This Page to Mrs. Marchesani

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

Tolland Public Library

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(860) 871-3621 | www.tolland.org/library

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, 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

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

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

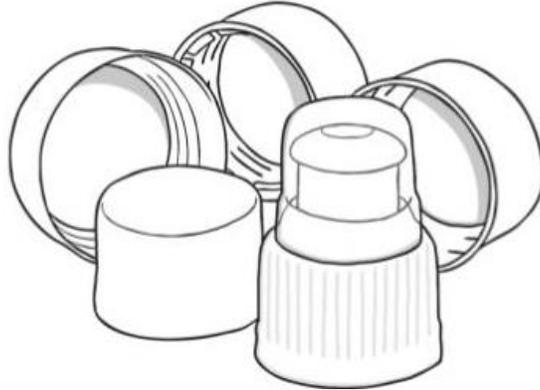
A separate Basketball Program for younger children will be offered in January.

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
- Peanut butter 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

SHAKE OFF SOME WINTER F.O.G. WITH US

FOOT SKILLS
ONE VS ONE
GAMES AND MORE

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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LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

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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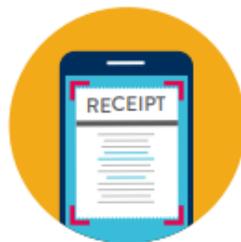


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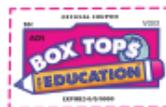


EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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.btfec.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.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfec.com)

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