

TIS Digital Backpack February 26, 2024



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Kindness Signs

Thank you to our PTO for organizing the Kindness Sign initiative and thanks to all those that participated. Signs were created by TIS and are dotting the front lot of the school.



Optional Winter Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8, TIS and BGP will run on an early release dismissal schedule (12:40 for TIS). The early release schedule is to allow for optional winter parent/guardian teacher conferences. This second round of conferences consists of brief parent/guardian teacher meetings scheduled at teacher or parent/guardian request. If you did not receive an email requesting a conference for your child and would like to schedule a 15-minute meeting, simply

email the teacher you would like to meet with indicating your desire to have a conference. In response to your email, you will receive a reply containing a link to the SignUp Genius website where you will be able to schedule a conference.

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.

TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024-2025 CALENDAR

Please note: You can access this calendar on the school's website or by clicking the link below:

[Approved-2024-2025 BOE Calendar.pdf - Google Drive](#)



TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS District School Calendar 2024-2025

First Day: September 3, 2024
Last Day of School: June 16, 2025
180 Days

Approved 2/14/2024

August 2024		(0 school days)							February 2025		(17 school days)								
		S	M	T	W	TH	F	S			S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
New Teacher	23-26	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			2	3	4	5*	6	7	8	Prof. Development	5
Onboarding		11	12	13	14	15	16	17			9	10	11	12	13	14	15	President's Day	17
Teacher In-Service	27-30	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	February Break	17-19
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31			23	24	25	26	27	28		In-Service	19
September 2024		(20 school days)							March 2025		(21 school days)								
		S	M	T	W	TH	F	S			S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
Labor Day	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			2	3	4	5	6*	7*	8	Parent Conferences	6-7
First day of School	3	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Prof. Development	19
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21			16	17	18	19*	20	21	22		
Prof. Development	25	22	23	24	25*	26	27	28			23/24	24/25	25	26	27	28	29		
		29	30																
October 2024		(21 school days)							April 2025		(17 school days)								
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Prof. Development	3			1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3	4	5		
Columbus Day	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			6	7	8	9*	10	11	12	Prof. Development	9
Prof. Development	16	13	14	15	16*	17	18	19			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Spring Break	14-18
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Good Friday	18
Prof. Development	30	27	28	29	30*	31					27	28	29	30*				Prof. Development	30
November 2024		(17 school days)							May 2025		(21 school days)								
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Parent Conferences	7-8	3	4	5	6	7*	8	9							1	2	3		
Prof. Development	13	10	11	12	13*	14	15	16			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Prof. Development	14
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23			11	12	13	14*	15	16	17	Prof. Development	28
Thanksgiving Break	23-29	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Memorial Day	26
											25	26	27	28*	29	30	31		
December 2024		(15 school days)							June 2025		(11 school days)								
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Prof. Development	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
		8	9	10	11*	12	13	14			8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
Winter Break	23-Jan 1	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			15	16*	17	18	19	20	21	Projected Last Day	16
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28			22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
		29	30	31							29	30	31						
January 2025		(20 school days)							July 2025		(0 school days)								
		S	M	T	W	TH	F	S			S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
New Year's Day	1				1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4	5	6			
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11			7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
MLK Day	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
Mid-Sem (9-12)	22	19	20	21	22	23	24	25			21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
In-Service (K-8)	24	26	27	28	29	30	31				28	29	30	31					

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-Service (NS) Conferences District Closed Prof. Development (Early Release) 	<p>*Early Dismissal Day – All District</p> <p>THIS Mid Semester Date - January 22, 2025 - Grades 9-12</p> <p>K-8 Teacher In-Service – January 24, 2025</p> <p>** Please note the THIS mid-semester is subject to change based on weather</p>	<p>Parent Teacher Conferences</p> <p>November 7, 2024 – Early Release K-12</p> <p>November 8, 2024 – No school for students</p> <p>March 6 & 7, 2025 – Early Release K-12</p>
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The last day of school is scheduled for June 16, 2025. Please note, where possible, snow or emergency days will first be made up through June days. If, however, such snow or emergency days push the last day of school potentially into the last week of June, days may need to be taken from April or other vacations as needed. According to Connecticut General Statute 10-15 and 10-259 the school year must be at least 180 days and cannot extend past the last day of June. The school calendar is posted on the Tolland Public Schools website at <https://www.tolland.k12.ct.us>

* **Early Dismissal Days-** September 25, October 16, October 30, November 7, November 13, December 11, February 5, March 6, March 7, March 19, April 9, April 30, May 14, May 28, June 16

TPS Mid-Semester Date- January 22, 2025 ** Please note this is subject to change based on weather.

2023-2024 Term Dates

Quarter 1 - September – November, Quarter 2 - November – January, Quarter 3 - February – April, Quarter 4 - April - June

Trimester 1 - September – December, Trimester 2 - December – March, Trimester 3 - March - June

Semester 1 - September – January, Semester 2 - February - June

** Please note these are subject to change based on weather.

SCHOOL HOURS

SCHOOL(S)	START	END
Tolland High School		
Regular School Day	7:15	1:45
2-Hour Delay	9:15	1:45
Early Dismissal/Exam Days	7:15	10:45
Tolland Middle School		
Regular School Day	8:00	2:30
2-Hour Delay	10:00	2:30
Early Dismissal	8:00	11:45
Tolland Intermediate School		
Regular School Day	8:45	3:15
2-Hour Delay	10:45	3:15
Early Dismissal	8:45	12:40
Birch Grove Primary School		
Regular School Day	9:00	3:30
2-Hour Delay	11:00	3:30
Early Dismissal	9:00	12:55

2023-2024 HOLIDAYS AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

TPS encourages all students and staff members to appreciate and be respectful of each other's heritage and cultural diversity. The following is a list of dates for secular holidays as well as other festivals and holy days observed in our community. Additional information regarding these and other celebrations is available on our website.

Labor Day	September 3, 2024
Rosh Hashanah	October 2, 2024
Yom Kippur	October 11, 2024
Columbus Day	October 14, 2024
Veterans Day	November 11, 2024
Diwali	October 31, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	November 28, 2024
Hanukkah begins	December 25, 2024
Christmas	December 25, 2024
Kwanzaa begins	December 26, 2024
New Year's Day	January 1, 2025
Three Kings Day	January 6, 2025
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20, 2025
President's Day	February 17, 2025
Ramadan begins	February 28, 2025
Holi	March 14, 2025
Good Friday	April 18, 2025
Eid al Fitr	March 21, 2025
Passover begins	April 12, 2025
Greek Orthodox Easter	April 21, 2025
Memorial Day	May 26, 2025
Juneteenth	June 19, 2025

■ Indicates days on which schools are closed

OUR SCHOOLS

Tolland High School

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 Kimberly Mariman, Assistant Principal
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Tolland Intermediate School

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 Jennifer Merritt, Assistant Principal
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 Fax: 872-7126
<http://www.tis.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

Tolland Public Schools

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 51 Tolland Green
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 Fax: 870-7737
<http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

Tolland Middle School

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 Anthony Spangle, Assistant Principal
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 Fax: 870-5737
<http://www.tms.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

Birch Grove Primary School

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 Suzanne Guglietta, Assistant Principal
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<http://www.bgp.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

T.I.S. CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

27-28 Grade 3 to Wadsworth Museum (see info below)

MARCH

6 GRADE 3 TO WADSWORTH 9:15-11:45, Arner & Zevallos

7 EARLY RELEASE, PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

8 EARLY RELEASE, PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

13-22 Scholastic Bookfair

15 Silly Hair Day

20 EARLY RELEASE

26 Curriculum Night at TIS (see flyer below)

28 GRADE 3 TO WADSWORTH 9:15-11:45, Williams

28 Career Dress Up Day

29 NO SCHOOL

Wadsworth Atheneum

Field Trip Schedule

Day	Date		Teachers
<u>Wednesday</u>	2/28		Babiec Stern
<u>Thursday</u>	2/29		Dudas Fitzgerald (Jones)
<u>Wednesday</u> Spirit Day Career Day	3/6		Arner Zevallos
<u>Thursday</u>	3/28		Williams

NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK:

February Reading Thoughts from the TIS Reading Department

7 Reasons Why You MUST Read Aloud To Your Kids At All Ages

[Katherine Stone](#)



I believe the fact that I read aloud to my children is the single most important contributing factor to their success in school.

Just reading. Out loud. Every night.

And here's what I want you to know: You should definitely, absolutely, without any question read aloud to your kids. All the time. And not just when they're little.

We are so obsessed with reading in my house that when we went on a Spring Break trip to New York City a couple of years ago we made sure to visit the [Scholastic store](#) in addition to the Statue of Liberty. I might as well have [Random House Children's Books](#) on speed dial. [Barnes & Noble](#) is among the three stores I frequent more than any other, and the vast majority of the money I spend there is on children's books. In fact, I am so in love with reading that I want to make sure other children have things to read, too. Whenever we're done with kids' books at my house we either donate them to the local library or to my children's school's library. At our neighborhood-wide garage sale a few weeks ago, my kids handed out a free children's book to every family that came by with kids.

I have read aloud to my children since they were little, and I continue to do so. I think that's vitally important. I continue to read aloud with my 11-year-old when he's not still buried under homework at bedtime. I won't ever stop reading to him until he says he doesn't want to anymore,

and even then I'll probably beg him to let me keep doing it anyway. We read books. We read magazines like [Spider](#) and [National Geographic Kids](#) for my daughter and [National Geographic](#), the grownup version, for my son. They read on their iPads.

Also, every night I have my daughter read aloud to me for 15 minutes or so before I read to her. She's seven years old, just finishing up first grade, and when she was tested a couple of weeks ago her reading level was at 5th grade. I'm convinced, beyond a doubt, that it's because we make sure that reading is a focus at home and we don't just leave it to the school to make it a priority. All it takes is a few minutes of a parent's time to make a huge difference.

Reading to your kids is about so much more than simply teaching them to read in kindergarten or first grade. Here are seven great reasons why you should be obsessed with reading aloud daily to your children, no matter their age:

1. It's time spent together. Reading time is time when you're focusing on no one else and nothing else but them. It's impossible to read to your kid and look at your smartphone or watch TV at the same time. I read to each of my children separately before bed. This lets me spend quality time with them individually. It makes for a longer bedtime ritual, but I don't care because I love it.

2. It's a conversation starter. Books always give us a reason to talk with each other, even if we don't feel like we have anything to talk about. It keeps communication open.

3. It's a great way to talk about emotional health. We talk about the things that happen in the stories, how we would feel if they happened to us, and how we might deal with such events the same or differently. Books have helped me broach topics that I might not have thought to raise if it weren't for the subject matter in the story.

4. It's a great way to honor the individuality in your children. I read different things to my daughter than I do to my son. We go to the bookstore and they pick out books about topics about which they are interested. Through paying attention to what they want to read, I can learn more about what their likes and dislikes are, including what they might want to be when they grow up.

5. You can open up new worlds for your kids. Reading allows you to introduce your kids to things that their school curriculum just doesn't have the time or perhaps even the interest to cover. My 6th grader has recently expressed an interest in industrial design, so I'm on a hunt for cool books about the design of cars and about architecture. *Dear publishers: Please publish more books for young readers about these things!! We don't just need stories about zombies and vampires.*

6. You get a wealth of information on where your children might need help. Through reading aloud to my children I've been able to teach them the meaning of words they still didn't understand. They have better vocabularies. They have better comprehension skills and understanding of abstract concepts. And reading allows them to excel not just in language arts, but in all of their subjects. I've been able to see when my daughter was ready to read on her own — she started pushing me out of the way and reading the words herself — and also to see if and when she needs help.

7. It can lead to a lifelong love of reading in your kids. If you do it right, by reading like you mean it — which means getting into the story, changing your voice to reflect what is happening and not droning on like you hate what you're reading — your children will learn to love reading on their own. My 11-year-old has now read more than 25,000 pages in his lifetime. How do I

know this? For fun, together we created an Excel spreadsheet (OCD, anyone?) where we record the books he has read and how many pages were in them. He loves that little sheet, because it gives him a sense of accomplishment and he can look back on all that he has read and remember his favorites.

Reading is awesome, and even better, it's accessible to all through our country's public [library system](#). So please, get out there and read to your babies and, most importantly, don't quit.



Tolland Intermediate School Yearbook Sale ON SALE THROUGH MARCH 15th

The Tolland Intermediate School yearbook staff is working hard to deliver an exciting 2023-2024 TIS Yearbook featuring many new things encompassing our school year!

The cost is **\$20 per book**. Please visit www.jostens.com or scan the QR code to the right to order your yearbook and **support contactless payment**.



1. Click "Order Yearbook"
2. Enter "Tolland Intermediate School" in the search field, then follow the prompts!

Should you prefer to pay by check, please send in payment (made out to TIS SAA) in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher.

PHOTOS NEEDED

We need your photos! Feel free to share: first day of school photos, spirit days, events/fundraisers, fun candid school photos, and more!

Please submit photos to our yearbook sharing site at: <https://images.jostens.com/0v0NfveFGFxV0NDA4KzjvTw> or scan the QR code to the right for a quick, easy upload.



Be sure to include a brief description of the images uploaded to be sure they are included in the correct section of our yearbook.

If you have questions, please call Customer Service at 1-877-767-5217.

Tolland Intermediate School Yearbook

Student Name: _____
 Grade: _____ Teacher: _____
 Contact phone: _____
 Contact email: _____



10/28/2024
 Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.
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Tolland Family Resource Center Preschool 2024-2025

Our preschool programs promote child-initiated exploration in a safe, secure, and nurturing environment. All classes provide a balance of play, social time, and structured learning activities.

Tolland FRC 3's Preschool for three-year-olds

Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday - 9:00am – 12:00pm / located at Birch Grove in room B14

Children must be 3 on or before December 31, 2024.

Tolland FRC 4's Preschool for four-year-olds

Schedule: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – 9:00am-12:00pm/ located at Birch Grove in room B14

Children must be 4 on or before December 31, 2024.

Creative Preschool for 3- to 5-year-olds

Schedule: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday - 9:00am – 12:00pm / located at Tolland High School room 85.

Children must be 3 on or before December 31, 2024.

Kindergarten Readiness for those children not eligible for kindergarten due to the new state regulation.

Schedule: Monday – Friday 9:00-3:00 /located at Birch Grove in room B12.

Children must be 4 on or before September 1, 2024.

How can you help your child succeed in preschool?

A positive preschool experience can help set your child up for future success in kindergarten and beyond. You can help to ensure your child will flourish in a preschool class by working on the following readiness skills:

- Listening and following simple directions.
- Expressing wants and needs verbally.
- Following a routine with multiple transitions.
- Sharing and taking turns with friends and family.
- Self-help skills such as getting dressed, using the restroom, and eating lunch/snack with minimal assistance.

We strongly encourage families to begin working on toilet learning prior to the start of the school year. Please let us know if you need support and guidance during this learning process.

[FRC Preschool 2024-2025 Registration Form](#)



Join the Family Resource Center's School Age Care Programs

Where friendships are formed.

We provide time for homework, snacks, free play, crafts, and outside play.

We hold programs at both Birch Grove Primary School and Tolland Intermediate School.

We provide morning care from 7:00 am-until the start of school and after school care from the close of school until 6:00 pm.

We are open on scheduled early release days as well as all Teacher Inservice & Parent Teacher Conference Days.

Please follow the link to register.

[FRC 2024-2025 SAC Registration Form](#)

ITEMS FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK

Unified Arts Update for February 2024

Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education

It's Kindness Month at TIS

***Want more UA information? Check out our individual pages in your child's Google Classroom!**

Ms. Ballard - Art

Grade 3 In the month of February, the third graders will finish their coil pots by glazing them. After the Coil pots have been **fired in the kiln**, students will select two **glazes** to put on the inside and outside of their **clay Coil pots**. While waiting for our coil pot to be fired we will move on to the **Element of Art** called **Shapes** and shape designs.

- **Smocks should be sent in for your child to wear during this clay project.**

Grade 4 The fourth graders will be finishing pasting and now start painting their **3D**

Paper Mache Sculptures. The sculptures are coming out great! **The paint does not come off clothes so everyone should wear a smock during this project.**

Grade 5 This month the 5th graders will finish up their Marionettes before February break. WE will then start two new projects about animals. One is a pencil drawing of their selected animal and the other is a **3D Animal Wire sculpture** on a wooden base. **The picture should be of the whole animal's body.**

- **The 5th graders will need to bring in a picture of the animal they wish to make for their sculpture. If they can not bring a printed picture of their animal they can bring a book , or their chromebook to class.**

Mrs. Hill - Library Media

* Books on Display in February: Black History Month, Valentine's Day and Biographies are the Fifth Grade Genre of the Month!

Special Display: Perfect Pairs! Take home the perfect pairing of one fiction and one nonfiction book on the same topic.

During the month of February, **third graders** will begin a folk and fairy tale exploration. Every visit, they will **watch, discuss, write, and draw about one classic folk or fairy tale** like Cinderella or Jack and the Beanstalk. They will also watch a second story that is usually a fractured version of the same tale and verbally compare similarities and differences. Their written work each week will be combined into a take-home book!



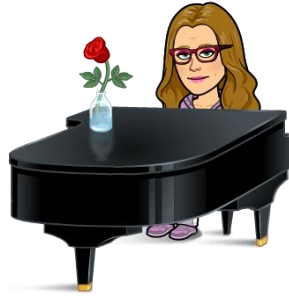
In the month of February, **fourth and fifth graders** will begin to learn about, and practice using, **Reference Sources** such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, and thesauri. They will **use online and print versions** of these reference sources as reading and note taking from online articles and printed text are both very relevant, life-long skills.

Your student is encouraged to put books on hold at school or at home and the library staff will deliver the books to their classroom! So easy!

Log in to Destiny. The username is the five digit school ID number that starts with 5 (in their email address) and the password is their school assigned password. Find the book wanted, click hold - it's that easy!

Ms. Baker - General Music

Always Celebrating Diversity!



Grade 3 general music: The third grade students are working hard on learning to read eighth notes, and will be starting sixteenth notes and syncopated rhythms. They are learning folk songs, folk dances and fables related to Colonial Tolland. Third graders are experiencing music through movement, playing non-pitched percussion and using boomwhackers. They will be starting to learn how to play the recorders soon. They are also learning the names of the lines and spaces on the treble clef staff.

Grade 4 general music: The fourth graders are learning about the music and geography of Africa. They will be playing games, instruments, dancing and singing songs from the continent and culture. They are also learning the names of the lines and spaces on the treble clef staff and playing their recorders.

Grade 5 general music: It's Ukulele Time!!!! The fifth graders are very excited to start learning the ukuleles. They will learn to read chord charts and tabs. The ukulele unit will be integrated with the music, instruments and culture of Hawaii. They are also learning the names of the lines and spaces on the treble clef staff. This year the fifth grade students are learning to play recorders during their WIN music time.



Grade 4 & 5th grade Choruses: The fourth and fifth grade chorus students' voices are growing and maturing nicely. They are making beautiful music and harmonizing together. They are learning both traditional choral music and pop music. They will be adding instrumentation to several of their songs for their April concert.

Please mark your calendars:

*****The grade 4 chorus concert will be Thursday, April 25, 2024 in the TIS cafeteria.***

*****The grade 5 chorus concert will be Thursday, April 25, 2024 in the TIS cafeteria.***



Mrs. Marchesani - 4th and 5th Grade Band and 3rd grade Chorus Mx3

Grade 4 Band: Students are working towards mastery in playing tied notes. “Farm Out” is a song with our first experience with tied notes. The 4th grade Band has mastered playing solo/tutti style in their small groups and at Full Band rehearsal! We’ve begun playing a fun song titled “Sweetly Sings the Donkey” and learning the skill of playing the song as a round. Save the Spring Concert date! Tuesday May 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the TIS “Cafetorium”.

Grade 5 Band: The 5th Grade Band small group classes are working to master the “Concert Eb Scale Preps for Beginning Band” by Mike Hannickel. “Bingo” is a fun piece in Concert Eb students enjoy playing! “Regal March”, also in concert Eb, introduced the concept of 1st and 2nd endings. We have begun learning “Montego Bay”, another piece containing 1st and 2nd endings. Our February challenge is preparing for the March 18th, 7:00 pm Step Up Concert with the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Band **at TMS**. (Snow date is March 19th)

Music Times Three (Mx3) - 3rd grade Chorus: We are in the process of learning two fun Irish songs “Molly Malone” and “O-ro the Rattlin’ Bog”! The Rattlin’ Bog song has many cumulative verses so students need good memory skills to remember all the verses. Our favorite singing and movement activity is definitely the Scottish “Here Comes a Bluebird”. We definitely have a fun evening concert planned for families on March 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the TIS “Cafetorium”.

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

Mr. Downing - Physical Education

Third grade: Students will be starting the cooperation unit. Students will participate in a number of activities while in small groups. The emphasis will be on sharing ideas, planning, and teamwork.



Fourth grade: Students will be starting the cooperation unit. Students will participate in a number of activities while in small groups. The emphasis will be on sharing ideas, planning, and teamwork.

Fifth grade: Students will be starting the cooperation unit. Students will participate in a number of activities while in small groups. The emphasis will be on sharing ideas, planning, and teamwork.

TIS SPIRITWEAR!

Please see the new sales on TIS Swag! Save 25% on all 1/4 Zips

We are running a great promotion this week. All 1/4 zips are discounted 25%! This includes Nike, Adidas and Badger 1/4 zips! We are also featuring a women's-cut Adidas 1/4 zip! Your new sale ad is below. A direct link to all 1/4 zips is:

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/collection/109626?style=1/4+Zips>

1/4 Zips Social Copy

This week only, save 25% on all TIS 1/4 zips! This includes styles from Nike, Adidas and Badger! Shop Now: <https://1stplace.sale/109626>

Upcoming Weekly Promotions

Each week we will feature a different product line at a discounted price! Upcoming promotions include:

- 1/29: Crewneck Sweatshirts \$10 off
- 2/5: Pajama Pants \$10 off
- 2/12: Water Bottles: 25% off

TIS Links:

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

Tolland Public Schools K-8 Curriculum Night

Save The Date!

**Tuesday
March 26, 2024
5-8PM**

Back by popular demand! Join TPS staff for an evening of fun activities for the whole family, highlighting the amazing things happening in our classrooms every day! This year we are hoping to expand our night to include grades K-8. We hope you can join us!

Pizza will be provided for everyone that attends.



FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE:

Appropriate Outerwear and Appropriate Footwear

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

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



TEPTO

TOLLAND ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS!

Wednesday September 6: Birch Grove Primary Library

Wednesday October 4: Tolland Intermediate School Library

Wednesday November 1: BGP Library

Tuesday December 5 : TIS Library

Wednesday February 7: BGP Library

Wednesday March 6: TIS Library

Wednesday April 3: BGP Library

Wednesday May 1: TIS Library

Wednesday June 5: BGP Library *

7 :00 pm

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM

Questions? TEPTO Contact Information:

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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!



JOIN THE

-CREW-

After School

SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!



TOLLAND RECREATION PRESENTS "the CREW After School" Program

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- After School Care for TIS Students
- Monday-Friday open until 6:00 P.M.
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For more information call 860-871-3610 or visit www.tollandct.myrec.com

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K-12 Student Accident Insurance **Enroll Online**



www.studentinsurance-kk.com

Worried about paying for your child's medical care if an accident should happen? K&K's student accident insurance can help.

K-12 Accident Plans available through your school:

- *At-School Accident Only*
- *24-Hour Accident Only*
- *Extended Dental*
- *Football*

How to Enroll Online

Enrolling online is easy and should take only a few minutes. Go to www.studentinsurance-kk.com and click the "**Enroll Now**" button.

1. Start by telling us the name of the school district and state where your child attends school.
2. We'll request each student's name and grade level.
3. You'll see the available plans and their rates. Select your coverage and continue to the next step.
4. We'll request information about you, like your name and email address.
5. Next, you'll enter information about the child or children to be covered.
6. Enter your credit card or eCheck payment information.
7. Finally, print out a copy of the confirmation for your records.

For further details of the coverage including costs, benefits, exclusions, any reductions or limitations and the terms under which the policy may be continued in force, please refer to www.studentinsurance-kk.com. Student is able to purchase the coverage only if his/her school district is a policyholder with the insurance company.

¿Le preocupa tener que pagar la atención médica de su hijo si ocurre un accidente? El seguro contra accidentes para estudiantes de K&K puede ayudarlo.

Planes de cobertura en caso de accidente para K-12 disponibles a través de su escuela:

- *Sólo accidentes en la escuela*
- *Sólo accidentes, 24 horas*
- *Dental extendido*
- *Fútbol*

Cómo inscribirse en línea

Inscribirse en línea es fácil y sólo le tomará unos pocos minutos. Visite www.studentinsurance-kk.com y haga clic en el botón "**Enroll Now**" ("Inscribirse ahora").

1. Comience por decirnos el nombre del distrito escolar y el estado en el que su hijo(a) va a la escuela.
2. Solicitaremos el nombre y el grado de cada uno de los estudiantes.
3. Verá los planes disponibles y sus tarifas. Seleccione su cobertura y continúe con el siguiente paso.
4. Le solicitaremos información sobre usted, como su nombre y dirección de correo electrónico.
5. Después, ingresará la información acerca del niño o niños que recibirá(n) cobertura.
6. Ingrese la información de pago de su tarjeta de crédito o eCheck.
7. Finalmente, imprima una copia de la confirmación para sus registros.

Para obtener más detalles sobre la cobertura, incluidos costos, beneficios, exclusiones y reducciones o limitaciones y los términos en virtud de los cuales esta póliza podría continuar en vigencia, consulte www.studentinsurance-kk.com. Los estudiantes pueden comprar la cobertura únicamente si su distrito escolar es titular de una póliza con la compañía de seguros.



School Meals 2023-2024:

All students are eligible for a free breakfast each day. Students who qualify for free or **reduced-price meals** will also be eligible to receive one free lunch daily. **ALL OTHER LUNCHES WILL BE CHARGED AT THE CURRENT LUNCH PRICE PER SCHOOL.**

Payment for these lunches is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. The district participates in the National School Lunch Program and Breakfast Program which offers students nutritionally balanced meals daily. The lunch period is 30 minutes. Proper manners are always expected in the cafeteria. Free and reduced price meals are available based on financial need. Information on this program may be obtained from the main office or Abby Kassman-Harned, the Food Service Director, at aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us or 870-6854.

We use a Point-of-Sale System that allows you to put money into an account for your child to purchase meals.

Scanning – All students will be scanned unless the parent or guardian opts out of this biometric identification procedure. When your child comes through the service line, he/she will scan his/her finger as a means of identification.

Payments – The cost of lunch at Birch Grove and Tolland Intermediate school is \$3.15. One school breakfast is free for all students. One milk is provided for each lunch and breakfast. Ala carte milk is \$0.75. You may sign up for [“My School Account”](#) and make your payments online. Your child may give payment along with a form to his/her classroom teacher to send to the office, or he/she may bring payment directly to the cashier in the cafeteria at mealtime. Your payment may take us a few days to process. It is important to keep a positive balance in your students’ accounts. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact us at 860-870-6854 or aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us



The End

