

TIS Digital Backpack
November 13, 2023



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

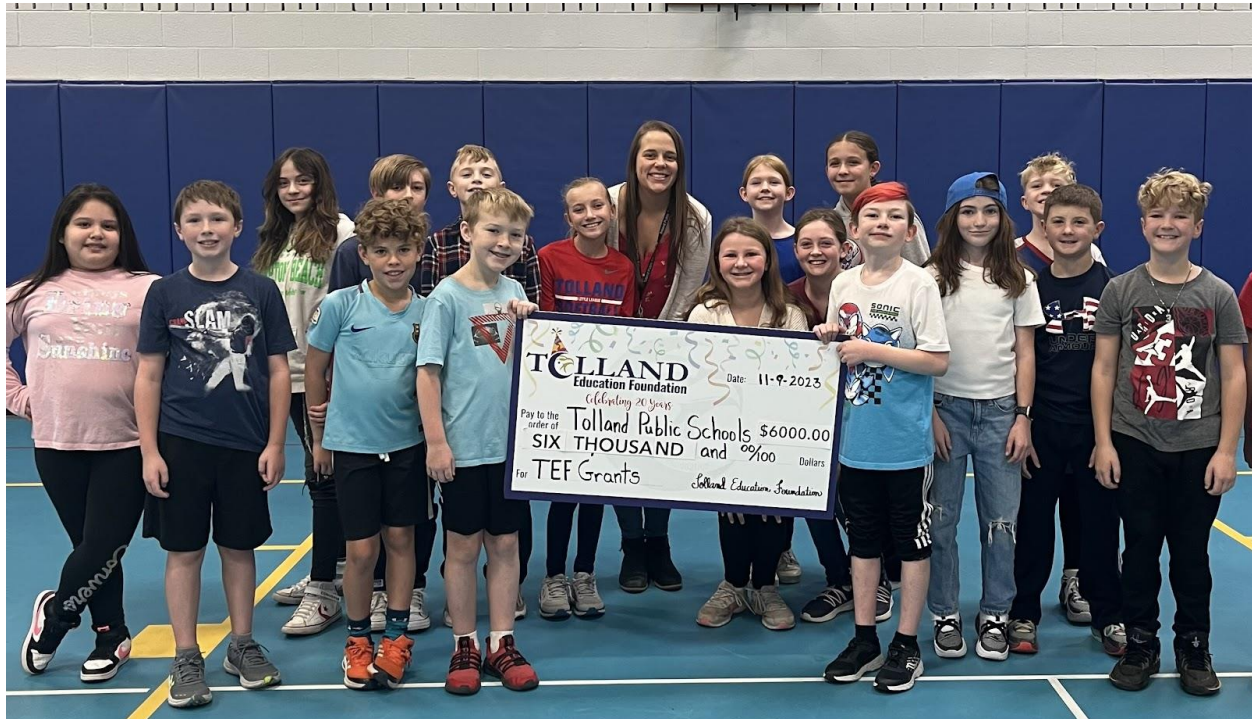


Paying Tribute to Veterans

This year our music teacher extraordinaire, Ms. Baker created a slide presentation to honor veterans. The slide show was the centerpiece of the first whole school we've held since the pandemic. The slide show consisted of a number of patriotic poems read by teachers as well as some patriotic songs by students. The students were presented with a special treat when parent and U.S. Army Specialist Sierra participated in an interview about her time in the military. The interview was conducted live at the assembly. Thank you Specialist Sierra and thank you for your service.

In addition, for the twelfth year in a row, the front office windows were adorned with our traditional student created Veterans Day Hero biographies. All Tolland Intermediate School students had the opportunity to write a bibliography about a

family member or family friend who has served in the military. Thank you to all students and staff who participated!



Tolland Education Grant Awards

Tolland Intermediate School recently received a \$6,000 grant from the Tolland Education Foundation. The grant will be used to upgrade the school's recording studio. The recording studio is used by members of the Tolland Intermediate School's Technology Club. The tech club produces weekly video announcements that are broadcasted throughout the school on Fridays.

The picture below was taken after a \$175 grant was awarded to Melissa Silberberg, TIS Reading Interventionist. Mrs. Silberberg is working with teachers in fourth and fifth grade on the implementation of a scientific investigation of words. The scientific investigation, Structured Word INquiry (SWI) looks at how word parts, structure, origin, and history over time have come together to tell the story of what words mean, how words are connected, and how they are spelled. It is a linguistically sound approach to language instruction that Tolland Intermediate School is integrating into its fourth and fifth grade English Language Arts curriculum.

SWI incorporates the teaching of norms of spelling, hyphenation, capitalization, word breaks, emphasis, and punctuation. Your student will study word families that share a base (the foundation of a word) and learn how affixes (prefixes and suffixes) change how a given word functions in a sentence. SWI is about understanding larger patterns across words, i.e., shared roots/bases/families, as much as understanding the evolution and structure of one word. Students learn investigative tools to understand new vocabulary, and so they can apply SWI across every discipline.



Before School Clubs

Drop off for before school starts 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

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

NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK:



Wear your Pajamas to School – December 8, 2023

Please consider making a donation in honor of the young patients at Connecticut Children's who must wear their pajamas for days, weeks, or longer while fighting cancer or other serious illnesses. Help us help kids who need it most! Together, we can make a difference for these courageous kids. Bring \$1.00 to school to wear your pajamas to school or you can make a donation using the link below.

<https://give.connecticutchildrens.org/tolland23>

TIS SPIRITWEAR!!

Get ahead on your holiday shopping with the TIS Holiday Sale! Featuring new designs and gifts for parents, grandparents and more! Shop at <https://1stplace.sale/109626>

Holiday Sale Info

- **Sale Dates:** November 6th - December 8th
- **Savings:** 20% discount sitewide
- **Shipping:** Free shipping over \$75, \$5 shipping under \$75
- **Delivery:** All orders are guaranteed delivery by December 23rd

Links

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

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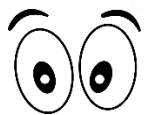
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LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS



GRADE 3

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. We also read a biography about Roberto Clement, where we focused on cause and effect, and literal and nonliteral meanings. 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. Oh 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 arrays, 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

Fourth graders continue to demonstrate HAWK enthusiasm by participating in various spirit days held so far this year. The students were able to see the contributions of veterans through a whole school assembly on Friday, November 10th honoring those who serve, or have served, our country. Many students completed biographies of veterans in their own lives which are displayed in the school or made cards to be distributed by the American Red Cross as part of the Holiday Cards for Heroes program.

Math Number Corner activities include many hands-on tasks that focus on elapsed time and measurement. Students will measure and compare cups, quarts, and gallons. The Bridges in Mathematics Program continues to focus on multiplication and division strategies through direct instruction, problem strings, and Work Place activities.

In language arts we continue to work on close reading strategies to analyze texts. Some recent literary techniques have been identifying the use of allusion and hyperbole and

focusing on how they add to the plot of the selection. Story structure, fact and opinion, conclusions and generalizations as well as author's purpose will be a focus.

The students completed their study of map skills and are beginning our first science unit, "Our Changing Earth." This unit focuses on weathering and erosion and their effect on the earth's landscape. At the end of the unit, students will apply their learning as they work to create a plan to slow erosion on hiking trails.

We hope that everyone continues to enjoy the fall weather and quality time spent with family and friends.

GRADE 5

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 preparing to write 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 learn 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.



Clean out your closets and support RAGE Robotics!

RAGE Robotics is having a clothing and housewares donation drive to help fund our 2023-2024 season on

Saturday 11/18 from 8:30 am - 11:30 am
at Tolland High School

Please pre-bag clothing and box housewares.

Questions? Email us at
173RAGE@gmail.com

FUNDrive





Tolland Elementary PTC
Presents

FROSTY Fest

Crafts and Games | Pottery | Bake Sale
Food by Saults, LLC
Little Shoppers | Book Fair | Candy Shoppe
Hot Cocoa...and more!

Sat. Dec. 2
11am - 1PM

Birch Grove School

**Donations will be collected for the
Tolland feed Bank!**

ITEMS FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK

Congratulations to our TIS teacher, Miss Stern - October TEF grant award winner

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



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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- Monday-Friday open until 6:00 P.M.
- Includes Early Release Days!
- We focus on homework & reading each day as well as recreational games & activities

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K-12 Accident Plans available through your school:

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

How to Enroll Online

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cómo inscribirse en línea

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

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

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



TEPTO

TOLLAND ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS!

Wednesday September 6: Birch Grove Primary Library

Wednesday October 4: Tolland Intermediate School Library

Wednesday November 1: BGP Library

Wednesday December 6: TIS Library

Wednesday February 7: BGP Library

Wednesday March 6: TIS Library

Wednesday April 3: BGP Library

Wednesday May 1: TIS Library

Wednesday June 5: BGP Library *

7:00 pm

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All meetings begin at 7:00 PM

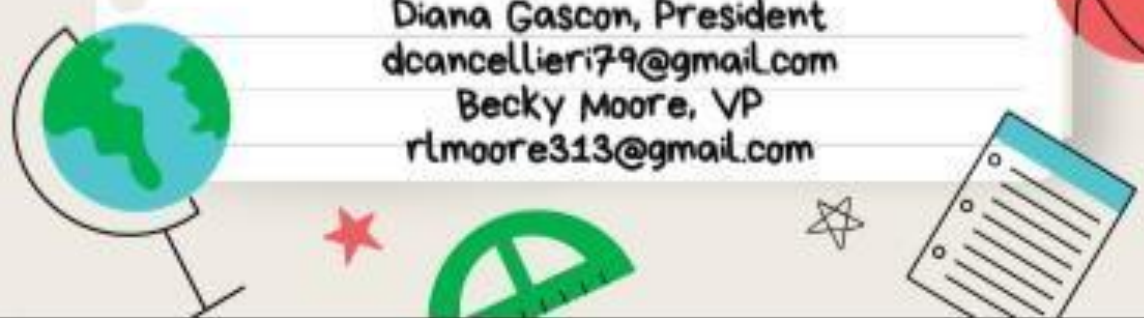
Questions? TEPTO Contact Information:

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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!



School Meals 2023-2024:

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

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

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

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

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



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