

TIS Digital Backpack
August 28, 2023



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL!**

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year!

As a staff, we are thrilled to welcome students back into the building. Preparing for the opening of school is truly a community-based effort. It is through the coordinated efforts of many individuals that we are able to continually provide our students with the education that they truly deserve.

Thanks to the hard work put in by the entire T.I.S. staff, we are prepared and ready for learning on day one!

A special thank you to Mr. Peter Sztaba, Tolland Public Schools Maintenance Director his staff, and the T.I.S. custodial staff for working diligently throughout the summer to thoroughly clean the building as well as to make many improvements to our facility. Amongst some of the improvements were upgrading the front sidewalk and brightening up the interior with many gallons of fresh paint.

Lastly, thank you to our wonderful teachers for all the time and effort they have spent preparing for the start of school. Whether it is fine tuning lessons, designing welcoming activities, creating community building activities or putting up interactive bulletin boards, our teachers have worked incredibly hard getting ready to welcome our students.

Ms. Leser's Passing

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the recent passing of our beloved fourth-grade teacher, Ms. Susan Leser. Ms. Leser had been an integral part of our school community since 2004. She will be sorely missed by both students and staff alike.

In light of this tragic loss, we understand that our students may be experiencing a range of emotions and requiring additional support during this difficult time. We want to assure you that our school has arranged for our counseling team to be available to assist students cope with their feelings and grief.

Our team of compassionate counselors will be on hand to provide individual and group counseling sessions as needed to help students express their emotions, ask questions, and receive the support they need. These sessions will also focus on helping our students navigate the grieving process, understand loss, and develop healthy coping mechanisms.

We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of our parents and guardians during this challenging period. It is our shared responsibility to support our students in their emotional well-being, and we encourage open communication between home and school. Should you believe your child may benefit from additional counseling or support, please reach out to our counseling department, who will be more than happy to assist you.

We understand that the sudden loss of a teacher can be overwhelming, especially for young students, and we are committed to providing a caring and nurturing environment for them to grieve and heal.

If you have any questions regarding supports available to your child in regards to Ms. Leser's passing, please let us know by sending an email to either Ashly Bishopric (abishopric@tolland.k12.ct.us) or Melinda Welnicki (mwelnicki@tolland.k12.ct.us)

Our thoughts go out to the family and friends of Ms. Leser. We will remember her immense dedication to education and the positive impact she had on the lives of countless students. Together, we will honor her memory and continue her legacy of excellence in education.

PTO

Thank you to our wonderful PTO for providing each of our teachers with \$100.00 to help equip their classrooms with supplies. In addition, thanks to the PTO for providing the TIS staff with snacks to enjoy while they were prepping their classrooms for the start of school.

Morning Drop Off

Student drop off is located in the parking lot directly in front of TIS. Students may be dropped off beginning at 8:30. A staff member will be stationed in the drop off lane each morning from 8:30 – 8:45. Students arriving after 8:45 must be walked into the building by a parent or guardian and signed in at the main office.

After School Pick Up

Our end of the day pick student pick-up remains in the rear of the building. In order to maintain a safe environment for our students and staff, parents and guardians will not be allowed in the building. Parents and guardians will stand in a line outside the rear of the building and proceed to the rear door one at a time. Parents/guardians will be required to hold an ID up to the door window. Staff will then view the parent/guardian ID and bring the student to the door for dismissal. After-school pick up begins at 3:15.

TIS Parent Pickup Form for 2023-24

Please fill out this form if your student is a REGULAR PICKUP at the end of the school day. If you have more than one student at TIS, please complete this form for each student. Thank you for all your help!

[TIS Parent Pickup for 2023-24 \(google.com\)](#)

Visitor Parking

To help ensure the safety of our students, the driveway in front is reserved for bus traffic only. Please do not drive on the bus lane. Visitor parking is located in front of T.I.S. If you are visiting TIS, please use one of the designated visitor parking spaces located in the front lot.

Student Handbook

Please see the TIS Student Handbook, located under the Parents tab on our website.

[Student Handbook - Tolland Intermediate School](#)

Superintendent's Community Workshops:

[Community Workshops - Tolland Public Schools](#)

Please join us on Wednesday, August 30th for our annual Meet and Greet. This is a day when students and parents can come to T.I.S. and tour the school and meet your new teacher. Feel free to bring your school supplies and put them in your new desk or new locker!

Times for each grade are as follows:

Grade 3 – 12:30-1:30

Grade 4 – 1:30-2:30

Grade 5 – 2:15-3:00

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN VISITATION TIME FOR GRADE 5. *Due to a scheduling conflict, the 5th grade teachers will not be available after 3:00. Their classrooms will, however, remain open until 3:30.*

T.I.S. UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

August

- 30 Meet and Greet (see schedule above)
- 31 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! (This is a full day (8:45-3:15))

SEPTEMBER

- 4 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- 14 Grade 3 Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 20` EARLY RELEASE (12:40)
- 21 Grade 4 Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 PICTURE DAY!
- 27 Grade 5 Open House, 6:30 p.m.





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!

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Supplemental Student Accident Insurance is Now Available



Health Special Risk, Inc. is offering two options for supplemental student accident insurance.

AT-SCHOOL COVERAGE

At School coverage provides protection for students enrolled full time in Kindergarten through 12th grade during regular school hours for the entire school year.

24-HOUR COVERAGE

This coverage provides protection 24 hours a day, seven days a week for any covered student accident that occurs anywhere, not just on school grounds.

The premium for either option is paid annually. This one time payment provides coverage for the entire year. Both coverage options provide protection beginning from the date of enrollment in the plan.

Supplemental student accident insurance is applicable for any covered activity. Certain exclusions and limitations apply. Please read the policy information carefully for an overview of the plan. If you wish to purchase this coverage, here's how to enroll:

Go to: www.K12StudentInsurance.com

New Visitors

- 1 Browse rates
- 2 Open a new account. Once you've determined your school is covered, you'll need to open a new account and add student and coverage.
- 3 Add student(s) and coverage on the MyAccount page.

Returning Account Holders

- 1 MyAccount Logon
- 2 Maintain Student Data
- 3 Maintain Insurance Coverage

For information or assistance regarding all student insurance, contact our customer service department at (866) 409-5733.

Underwritten by Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company,
3300 Mutual of Omaha Plaza, Omaha, NE 68175.

Policy Form TSMP Series 64405 NC; Series 67545 FL

Policy Form B33MP Series 84085 TX

Policy Form SR2014 TX

Riders: 868MS-EZ, 0KV5M, 6785M, 0CX5M, 867MS-EZ, 6773M, 0KV4M,
1359MS-EZ, 6653M, 850MS-EZ, 851MS-EZ, 6425M Rev 04-10, 0UBMS,
9130MS, 6925M, 1364MS, 0LC7M.



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



EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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.

LOOK
FOR THE
LABEL:



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

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



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

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

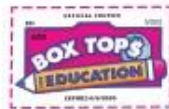


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Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

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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APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:





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