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Tolland Public Schools

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March 15, 2012

Dear Fourth Grade Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Tolland Intermediate School has been selected to represent schools across our state to pilot a reading and writing examination for the Connecticut State Department of Education. This Connecticut Mastery Test Degrees of Reading Power, Reading Comprehension, and the Direct Assessment of Writing pilot will be conducted online. The Connecticut Department of Education is aiming to reach their goal of having all students tested online in 2015, and this is a step in that direction. This test will allow the state to gather item performance data to ensure test reliability.

You are receiving this letter because your child has been randomly selected to take the online pilot. This test will be administered between Monday, March 19th and Tuesday, March 20th and will take students approximately 60 minutes to complete. There is no need to study in preparation for the pilot, however we ask parents to encourage their child to do their best.

We are excited that students from Tolland Intermediate School will be participating in this pilot. Your child's participation is appreciated. Please contact me if you have any question regarding the examination.

Sincerely,

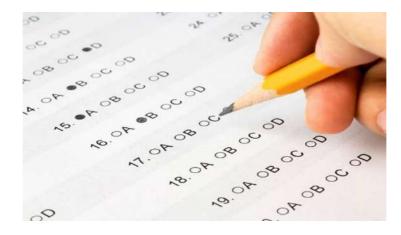
John Bean Assistant Principal



CMT Spirit Days

Sponsored by Fourth Grade Student Council

Let's get ready to celebrate everyone's hard work and effort during the CMTs and show your TIS spirit! CMT Spirit Days are a chance for everyone to show school spirit together.



*<u>Wednesday, March 21st</u> – Wear Elash's the Hawk's Eavorite Colors Third graders wear green Fourth Graders wear red Fifth Graders wear blue

*<u>Thursday, March 22nd</u> - March Madness - Wear the colors of your favorite sports team

<u>*Friday March 23rd</u> - Wear your <u>CRAZY SOCKS</u> Day





Grade 5 Chorus

Wednesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm

Tolland Intermediate School All Purpose room

You are invited to the grade five chorus concert on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 2 at</u> <u>7:00 pm</u> in the Tolland Intermediate School All Purpose room.

Students are to arrive at 6:40 to Mrs. Baker's music room.

Students are to dress their best. Please no jeans, sweatpants, athletic outfits or T-shirts.

All refreshments for the reception following the concert can be placed in the APR on the table in the back of the room. There will be refreshments immediately following the concert.

I am looking forward to seeing you all there for an evening of music and entertainment.

Thank you, Mrs. Judith Baker



Wednesday, May 2, 2012 Grade 5 Spring Chorus Concert 7:00pm TIS All Purpose Room

The students and I would like to have a small reception in the back of the APR following the concert. All finger food type snack donations would be greatly appreciated. Please sign and return by Friday, April 27 with your contributions.

Reception contribution_____

Signature_____

We would also like a couple parent volunteers for set up and clean up for the reception. Please contact me at <u>jbaker@mail.tolland.k12.ct.us</u> or by phone 860-870-6885 if you can help. I will be looking forward to seeing you at the concert. Thank you, Mrs. Baker

SAVE THE DATE! SPRING FLING 2012

Sponsored by TEPTO Saturday May 19th, 11-3 Tolland Intermediate School Rain or Shine!

TWO Bounce Houses Dunk Tank S.W.A.T. Truck Games **Tolland Sand Art** Pinewood Derby Track **Book Nook Face Painting** Penny Candy Store **Cupcake Decorating** Sweet Shop Cake Master Competition **Raffle Baskets** Popcorn & Cotton Candy Greenhouse Food Tent including Hamburgers, Hot dogs & Pretzels Volunteer information coming soon!

"Many hands make light work"

- John Heywood



The Spring Book Fair is coming to TIS! Help TEPTO raise money for programs, books and events for your child's school and promote reading for your child!

<u>TIS Book Fair Hours --</u>

Saturday, March 24th - 10am - 2pmMonday, March 26th - 8:30am - 5:30pmTuesday, March 27th - 8:30am - 5:30pmWednesday, March 28th - 8:30am - 4pmThursday, March 29th - 8:30am - 6pmFriday, March 30th - 8:30am - 11:30am

We hope you will stop by and check out the extensive selection of books for ALL ages, including adults! If you can't make it to the fair at TIS, please consider making a purchase through our online

fair —

http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/tollandintermediate. The online fair runs from 3/13—3/30/2012

The TIS Book Fair cannot be a success without a great team of volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to help with setup and breakdown of the fair; and for help during the fair with classroom visits and sales. We hope you will consider donating a couple of hours to help with this fun and exciting event for our children and TIS. To volunteer please go to the following link — http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/2623456343221540105.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tonya Lyon at lyonnos@comcast.net or Kim Schwarz at schwarz7@comcast.net.





Campaígn 2012

The Tolland High School Scholarship Fund Committee is looking for your help to achieve our fundraising goals this year. For 40 years, this fund has provided financial assistance to Tolland High School seniors seeking higher education. Awards are based on multiple criteria including academic achievement, leadership, service, special interests, and financial need. Applications for these scholarships are available through the Tolland High School counseling office.

We hope Tolland residents will support our scholarship fundraising efforts, as many of you have in the past. Please consider sending a tax-deductible donation. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. Donations received by May 1, 2012 will be acknowledged in the Tolland High School graduation program in the following categories:

Contributors:	\$25 - \$49	Sponsors:	\$100 - \$199
Friends:	\$50 - \$99	Patrons:	\$200 and over

If you would like to establish a scholarship as a tribute to family or friends, please consider our endowment program. For more information, you may contact the scholarship committee at: thsscholarshipfund@tolland.k12.ct.us.

The Tolland High School Scholarship Fund Committee thanks you for your support.

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Please make checks payable to: THS Scholarship Fund Return this portion with your donation to: THS Scholarship Fund One Eagle Hill Tolland, CT 06084

Name(s) to appear in graduation program:

Address:

Amount Enclosed: _____



Tolland Elementary PTO March 2012

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> Kelly Euliano, keuliano914@yahoo.com

Financial Activity through Feb. 29, 2012

11/12 Budget remaining (\$46,475 start): \$21,702.54 Funds raised to date for 12/13 budget: \$30,001.50 (This includes completed fundraisers only)

TEPTO Funds Allocated:

Teacher reimbursements: (BG): \$290.39 Teacher reimbursements: (TIS): \$75.00 Fitness/Health (BG): \$398.90 Fitness/Health (TIS): \$399.18 Field Trips – 3rd grade (TIS): \$2000 Field Trips – 1st grade (BG): \$2000 Field Trips – 5th grade (TIS): \$1500 TEPTO Misc. Expense: \$273.25 TEPTO Misc. Expense: \$273.25 Whole School Assembly (BG): \$4,000 Kindergarten Enrollment (BG): \$309.22 Recess Equipment (BG): \$499.01 Recess Equipment (TIS): \$499.13 Music Department (BG): \$154.35 Music Department (TIS): \$521.37

President's Report

Karen Moran, 870-1111, 4morans@gmail.com

I have a lot to fill you in on, so I'll get right to it.....

First, I'd like to thank everyone who donated to the Game Drive for both Birch Grove and TIS. They all went to good use in the classrooms as well as the Games Club at TIS! Our Box Tops contest was successful once again, and we had two lucky winners. Read on for the details, and keep on clipping! We also had our Tile Wall unveiling at TIS in February....if you have not seen it yet and get an opportunity, check it out! The second floor of TIS has become much brighter since its installation. Thank you to **Nick** and **Jim Grassi** for their enormous amount of help with this project, and ALL the volunteers who assisted with this project. We truly could not have done it without them. Also at the unveiling, Tolland Education Foundation presented us with a \$5000 check for the TIS playscape! TEF does some wonderful things for our school system, so we appreciate their help with this worthy project! Please support their efforts when you can! And what can I say about Family Game Night....WOW! What a turnout! The TIS cafeteria was completely filled with families playing games, and having fun! And that's what our family fun nights are all about! Thank you to our game gurus and all the families who purchased games.....we raised nearly \$500 for the playscape fund!

SPRING is in the air.....and that means Butter Braids, Book Fairs, Spring Cleaning, and our Annual Spring Fling children's fair! Read on as our chairpersons update you on all the events coming up! We appreciate any support you can give! Speaking of Spring Fling....this is our biggest event of the school year! All those smiling kids having fun is proof of why we do what we do. This event requires the help of many volunteers, so if you can sign up for a shift, or take charge of a station, it helps us keep the day organized and fun for all! We'll be sending out our volunteer requests soon, so stay tuned! Enjoy the warmer days ahead!

Pennies for the Playscape:

Many area businesses have agreed to display our "Pennies for the Playscape" buckets to collect additional funds for the TIS playscape. Keep a lookout for them as you are out and about! More will be added...but, in the meantime, here's a list of where you can find the buckets now....

Papa T'sNapa Auto PartsVillage SpiritsVerizon WirelessElle NailsParamount Cleaners7-ElevenAgoraCountry LiquorsSubway at Lafayette Shopping PlazaDunkin Donuts at Lafayette Shopping Plaza

American Creamery/Citgo Tavern House Grill Tolland Pizza Worldwide Wine Cellars Dr. Palozej Eye care

WHAT'S COMING UP...

School Toolboxes

Keri Condos, 872-7572 <u>keri condos@yahoo.com</u> Anne Hill, 872-3187 <u>merlothills@sbcglobal.net</u>

Once again TEPTO is partnering with School Toolbox to create grade-level, customized supply boxes for the next school year. Kindergarten through Grade 5 teachers have agreed upon basic supply lists. Order forms will be distributed to students by their current classroom teachers soon. Order forms will also be available via the Birch Grove and TIS Digital Backpacks. On-line, credit card orders can be placed at <u>www.schooltoolbox.com</u>. Register and enter the following code: 1TOLL06084. **Place orders by April 5th!**

<u>Celebrate Tolland Schools Presentation – March 22nd, 7:00pm, THS</u> <u>Auditorium</u>

Sponsored by TEPTO, TMSPTO, and the THS Booster Club, this event features presentations by each of our school principals, and will emphasize the accomplishments and activities our students are involved in during their days at school. A very special film created by Carolyn Tyl (Science Coordinator, and 2011 Teacher of the Year), will be presented. Do you have a child in the lower grades, but would love to see what they will be doing in the Middle or High School? Now's your chance! Don't miss it!

Mileage Club at Birch Grove

Katie O'Keefe, katieokeefe@allstate.com

Mileage Club volunteers are needed for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:30-12:30 (1st grade) and 12:35-1:35 (2nd grade). Please contact Katie O'Keefe at <u>katieokeefe@allstate.com</u> if you are able to volunteer.

Scholastic Book Fair

Tonya Lyon, Lyonnos@comcast.net

Kim Schwarz, Schwarz7@comcast.net

The Spring Book Fair is coming to TIS! Help TEPTO raise money for programs, books and events for your child's school and promote reading for your child! The Book Fair will be open during school hours, a few late afternoons and evenings and for the first time – on Saturday! The hours are as follows:

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Butter Braids Fundraiser

Aisling McCloskey, <u>kevandais@comcast.net</u>, 870-9029 Allison Fluckiger, <u>amf45@comcst.net</u>, 875-5047

The Butter Braids and Cookie Dough fundraiser is in full force - we are looking for volunteers to help hand out these yummy treats on Thursday March 29th from 3.30 to 6pm at Birch Grove. Any amount of your time would be appreciated. Can't help out on the day? Maybe you can make reminder phone calls. Please contact Aisling McCloskey 860-870-9029 or Allison Fluckiger on 860-875-5047 for more information.

Sneaker Recycling

Karen Moran, <u>4morans@gmail.com</u>, 870-1111

Kids growing out of their sneakers? Yours need replacing? Save those old sneakers for something useful instead of the landfill! TEPTO has teamed up with NIKE to participate in their Reuse-a-Shoe program. Go to: **nikereuseashoe.com** to see a great video about what happens to the sneakers when they get recycled – show your kids too! During the month of April there will be collection bins at both schools. So save those sneakers!

Clothing and Toy Drive

Karen Moran, <u>4morans@gmail.com</u>, 870-1111

As you are tackling your spring cleaning, don't forget TEPTO's Clothing and Toy Drive! Stay tuned for drop off dates in <u>late April and early May</u>. Our Spring Toy & Clothing Drive is an easy way for TEPTO to raise funds. American Fashion Republic pays us by the pound for all of our donations of gently used clothing and toys. Since spring is a popular time to clean out closets – this is a great opportunity for us to fill the container! I am still looking for help with this fundraiser, so contact me if you're interested. It really is an easy one!

Birch Grove - Spirit's Birthday Party!

Friday, March 30th – 5:30 **and** 6:45pm. Birch Grove's mascot, Spirit, is celebrating his birthday! Fun and healthy activities for the whole family! Check the school's website and digital backpack to reserve your space. Instead of presents, Spirit is asking for donations to the Tolland Food Pantry! Join the fun!

Family Fun Day - New Britain Rock Cats!

Save the date! Baseball is just around the corner and Tolland families should save Sunday, May 6th for a day at the New Britain Stadium to watch the Rock Cats. They will be taking on the Portland Sea Dogs at 1:35. Gates will open at 12:05. After the game, the kids can run the bases. More information will be coming in April.

Spring Fling – May 19th – Save the date!

Karen Moran, <u>4morans@gmail.com</u>, 870-1111

Your PTO Board members have already started preliminary planning for our Annual Spring Fling event at TIS! Here's just a taste of what kind of activities there will be.....TWO Bounce Houses, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Food Tent, a Tolland Fire Truck, Dunk Tank, Potato Sack Race, Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby track, games, Book Nook, Face Painting, Green House....and so much more! Keep a lookout for volunteer information coming out soon!

TEPTO Web Site Updated: www.tepto.com

We've been busy updating the TEPTO website to make it more useful to you. You can find:

Order forms that are distributed in the Digital backpacks Information on upcoming events Calendar of events Photos from past events Contact information for event chairs or PTO and more.

For those of you who find it hard to keep up with the Digital Backpacks this can offer a one-stop to get all your information on PTO events and activities. If you are interested in volunteering you can scan our events to see what you may be interested in helping with. If you have any suggestions on additional information you would like to see, please let us know! Check it out: www.tepto.com

WHAT JUST HAPPENED...

Scrips Gift Cards

Genevieve Bailey, baileyclan4@comcast.net

Congratulations to **Beth Banning** for winning our online order Panera Bread gift card! Thank you to everyone who ordered gift cards. Our final order for this school year will be at the end of May.

Family Game Night

Nicole Canavan, 454-7213

A number of the Tolland Elementary families turned off their TVs and headed to TIS for a fun Family Game Night. We had about 100 join in the fun! Over 50 games were available to test drive from GameWright, a company that offers award-winning games for all ages. At the end of the night, the results were in – *Joe Name It* won the 'most favorite game' in a loose poll. Other favorites were *Scrambled States of America* and *Orders Up.* But there were clearly other favorites as the PTO sold 100 games!!! The PTO received 50% back as a fundraiser so we successfully raised nearly \$700 that will go directly to the TIS playscape. Thanks to everyone who made this a success!!

Box Tops for Education

Lori Ferguson, 872-7719

Thank you to everyone who sent in Box Tops during our contest. The winner from Birch Grove was **Paige Syphers** from Mrs. Boucher's PM Kindergarten class. The TIS winner was **Josh Pike** in Ms. Leser's 5th grade class. They were each awarded with a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card. Congratulations Paige and Josh! The contest was very successful, bringing in \$2,268.80 worth of Box Tops! Please keep collecting, and stay tuned for one more contest later this school year.

HELP WANTED...

CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED!

Contact Karen Moran at 870-1111 or <u>4morans@gmail.com</u> if you have questions about any of these volunteer opportunities. Don't forget - You can team up with a friend too!

Ice Cream Social - Sept. 2012

We are in need of a new chairperson(s) for this event at the beginning of the school year. This is a popular event that brings our school families together. Everyone enjoys an ice cream sundae while visiting with friends! And the kids love to see some of their teachers and school staff members who

help serve. Our current coordinator has chaired this event for the past several years and would like to show someone new the ropes! Most of the planning is done during the later part of the summer. If you are interested, please contact **Karen Moran at 870-1111**, <u>4morans@gmail.com</u> or **Heather Anderson at 930-8044**, <u>dhaharley@aol.com</u>

TIS Yearbook

The current **TIS Yearbook coordinator** is in need of a replacement for the next school year. The TIS Yearbook is available at the end of the year and features 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade class pictures, staff pictures, as well as an array of pictures from the year's activities and events. It's a wonderful keepsake for students and their families! This is NOT a TEPTO fundraiser - the fee for the yearbook directly funds the printing of the book. If you are interested in taking over this project (maybe with a friend), and "shadowing" the current coordinator, please contact **Carolyn Roshkowski at 870-8768**.

COMMUNITY CORNER...

Important Meetings:

March 13th: Town Council meeting, 7:30pm in Council Chambers March 14th: Board of Education meeting, THS Library Media Center, 7:30pm March 14th, 20th & 21st – Town Manager Discuss Budget with Council, Council Chambers -7:30 pm March 28th – Public Hearing on Manager's Recommended Budget, THS Auditorium – 7:30 pm

Websites of interest:

www.friendsoftollandschools.org www.tollandpatch.com www.tolland.k12.ct.us www.tolland.org



TEPTO is on Facebook! "Like" Tolland Elementary PTO for news and upcoming events!







- 4:45pm 5:00pm 5:30pm 6:15pm 7:15pm 8:00pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Upon receipt of payment and application, an email confirmation will be sent. Fees are not refundable but may be applied to a future clinic
- may be applied to a future clinic The full payment is required with the application. Parents may choose to leave money on account at the Camp Store for campers to purchase snacks, pizza and or drinks. This can be done the first day of camp or on the registration form. For summer camp only—please visit our website and fill out the medical and insurance forms Early drop off at 8am and late pick up at 4pm can be arganged
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For more information please contact us: Phone: 860-465-4334 Email: ecsusoccercamp@aol.com

CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS

SPRING AND SUMMER CLINICS

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keeper training will also be availa-Most of all the camps will be

Campers will be exposed to college coaches and play-ers as their counselors for the

week. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt, certificate of participation and skill development and a soccer experience that will last a lifetime.

HIGH SCHOOL CLINIC This high school clinic is set up to lead into the high school athletos preseason. Players can attend individ-ually or as a team. Each player will go thru 3-4 train-ing sessions and play in 3 full matches—over a three day period. Players coming as a team will train and play with their teammates. Sessions will consist of technical, tactical and fitness training and will be conducted by collease coaches

technical, tactical and fitness training and will be conducted by college coaches: Each day will consist of 1-2 training sessions and 1 match. Players will be put into competitive situations designed to make them better all around players and prepare them for the next level. Past Participants: RHAM, Cromwell, Tolhand, Woodstock Academy, EO Smith, East Catholic, Coventry, Bolton. RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!!

TUITION

HIGH SCHOOL CLINIC

SUMMER DAY CLINIC TUITION \$200 SUMMER NIGHT CLINIC, HIGH SCHOOL or SPRING BREAK CLINIC TUITION \$100

DIRECTORS AND STAFF

Greg DeVito

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- Eg DEVILO Head Coach Eastern Connecticul State University— 6th Season 2008 ECAC New England Championship Finalists, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2007 NCAA Tournament, 2011, 2009 and 2007 LEC Champions, Overall record of 71-2631. 2007 LEC Coach of the Year
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- National USSF B Licensed Coach 21 years of collegiate, high school and youth coach-ing experience Member of FSA United Coaching Staff

Adam Phajah

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- All Transmission Connection State Assistant Coach Eastern Connection State University—7th Season National USSF C Licensed Coach Played at Eastern Connecticut State University 2007 Thomas Kraseski Young Coach of the Year
- 2007 Thomas Camp Staff

The camp staff will be made up of current and former college players. We have a very low camper to coach ratio



- Cleats and Sneakers (in case of indoor play)
- 111 Water bottle
- Comfortable clothes, swimsuit and towel
- Shin quards
- Soccer ball (Camp balls can be preerdered for \$25) Snack
- For summer clinic ONLY—Lunch (Pizza, Snacks and Drinks will be available for purchase at the Camp Store)

COMING SOON! PLAN AHEAD FOR NEXT YEAR'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

TEPTO is partnering with School Toolbox to create a customized box of supplies your child will need for the coming school year. Children entering Kindergarten through Fifth Grade this fall will be able to order supplies based on the teachers' supply lists.

Please note:

- 1) Items in the Toolboxes are compiled by the teachers of each grade.
 - 2) Students may need unique items not included in the Toolboxes.

An order form will arrive home soon! Complete the form and return it, along with your payment to TIS by **April 5th**. Toolbox pickup date to be determined. **On-line, credit card orders: www.schooltoolbox.com** Register and enter the following code: 1TOLL06084 If you have questions, please contact: Keri Condos 872-7572 keri_condos@yahoo.com Anne Hill 872-3187 merlothills@sbcglobal.net

