



T.I.S. Digital Backpack

January 31, 2022



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Fifth Grade Esteem Day

All students should wear their fifth-grade class t-shirt. Please see the next page for a letter from the Grade 5 teachers.

This year, Canton students and their teacher-advisors will work virtually with our students and teachers the morning of February 1st.

The afternoon portion of Esteem Day will consist of lessons and activities delivered by the TIS Team focusing on self esteem. Activities will include a focus on building our individual self-esteem as well as our collective community esteem.

If you have any questions regarding the Esteem Program, please contact your child's teacher.

Black History Month on Morning Announcements

Over the course of the month, our morning announcements will feature a segment in recognition of Black History Month. All month we will play songs relative to Black History Month and we will provide facts about the contributions of some extraordinary African Americans.

Monthly Theme

Our monthly theme for February is kindness. All month long on morning announcements we'll be playing songs about being kind and providing examples of how to be kind.

Our monthly kindness objectives are as follows:

- Students will be able to identify ways to act kindly to themselves and others and to be fair.
- Students will be able to understand how they can practice kindness towards themselves and others.

- Students will learn about how acts of kindness, even on the smallest scale, can trigger and inspire larger acts, such as working on a community service project or a volunteer activity.
- Students will be able to describe kind and unkind actions and learn that they have implications and can affect others.

Examples to be shared throughout the course of the month:

- When someone is having a hard time, you can help them by being kind.
- Hold the door open for someone.
- Do a chore for someone without them knowing.
- Tell a joke.
- Leave a letter or nice note in a library book.
- Pick up litter.
- Let someone go ahead of you in line.
- Compliment a friend.
- Tell someone why they are special to you.
- Wave at kids on school buses.
- Make a get well card for someone.
- Teach someone something new.
- Reuse paper when you are drawing.
- Give high fives to a friend.
- Make a Thank You card for someone who has helped you. .
- Smile at everybody. It's contagious.

Grade 5 Esteem Presentation

Dear Fifth Grade Parents:

On Monday, February 1st, our fifth grade students will have the unique opportunity to spend a portion of the day (virtually) with students from Canton High School. The high school students are trained counselors who work with younger children as part of a program known as **Esteem**. This year marks the 23rd year that Tolland Public Schools has been partnering with the Esteem Program. The partnership began while fifth grade was a part of Tolland Middle School. Below is a portion of an article published in the Journal Inquirer about the Esteem Program visiting TMS in 2000.

TOLLAND - A group of Canton High School students spent much of Thursday with local fifth-graders, using skits, rap sessions, and audience participation to convey messages about saying no to drugs, the importance of self-esteem, and increasing communication with parents. About 20 Canton High students, specially trained as peer counselors for younger students, worked with the children throughout the afternoon and evening in the Tolland Middle School's gymnasium. The group, known as Esteem, used activities such as discussions, poems, dances, and skits. In the evening, parents of the students filled the bleachers in the gym, and watched as the fifth-graders learned about peer pressure, friends, communication among family members, control, and self-esteem.

https://www.journalinquirer.com/archives/tolland-5th-graders-get-esteem-presentation/article_7fe48381-06ce-529d-a965-2ce13d344481.html

Some of the topics covered in the **Esteem** program are:

- Self-esteem
- Awareness of drug and alcohol-related issues
- Helping others
- Understanding feelings
- Developing coping skills

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Students should wear their 5th grade t-shirt.

If you have any questions regarding the Esteem Program, please contact your child's teacher.

We look forward to having you and your child experience this memorable day.

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Teachers



T.I.S. Calendar

January – Empathy Month

- 26 Coffee with the Principal (see flyer)
- 27 NO SCHOOL (teacher in-service)
- 28 Mismatched Day

February – Kindness Month

- 2 PTO Meeting via Zoom, 7 pm
- 9 Coffee with the Principal (see flyer)
- 11 Sports Team Day
- 16 Silly Hair Day
- 16 Early Release, 12:40 dismissal



Please note the date change for this event:

(Snow storm on January 29th-school closed. New date is February 5th)



Come Try Lacrosse

FREE CLINIC




**TOLLAND
LACROSSE**
Saturday
Jan 29th*
9:15-10:45am



*** Snow date: Feb 5th. 9:15-10:45am**
Check our website for updates.

Tolland Intermediate School gym
Open to Girls & Boys Grades K-8

Already play? Join us and BRING A FRIEND!

Every participant receives:

*** a chance to win one of two \$50 DSG gift cards**

*** \$15 spring registration discount**

No equipment required. Lacrosse sticks available for loan.
Masks to be worn by all in attendance. Walk-ups welcome,
or you may reserve a spot through pre-registration at
www.TollandLacrosse.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS:

GRADE 3

January 2022

We would like to thank all of the parents and families for continuing to support us during this school year. We could not do it without such wonderful families and students.

In the Journeys Reading program we have been reading stories about Thomas Edison, how technology has improved sports, and a trickster tale called Top and Bottoms. We will be moving on to a Cherokee Legend called Yonder Mountain. Third graders have been learning about idioms, homophones, verb tenses, and quotation marks. They have also been focusing on the comprehension skills of story sequence, theme, point of view, and non-fiction text features.

In writing, most classes are working on Informational Writing. Students were able to pick a topic that they feel they know a lot about and write a piece about it. Our informational writing will include, table of contents and chapters on their topic. We'll be using books from the library to expand on their knowledge of their topic as well.

In our Bridges program we are working on rounding numbers to the nearest ten and hundred. We are also spending time answering addition and subtraction problems where we need to find an estimated answer, as well as the exact answer. Making sure that your child practices math facts at home will help in our daily math. January Number Corner focused on getting more experience with fractions. We were practicing writing fractions on a number line and finding equivalent fractions. In our Calendar Collector we were collecting minutes and hours.

Please make sure that you keep your child reading books as much as possible while we aren't in school. You can read with your child, to your child, or they can read on their own.

GRADE 4

Happy New Year!!! Fourth Grade is off to a great start in 2022!

Fourth grade students are working diligently to master fractions and decimals, using various strategies and manipulatives. We continue to use IXL and Reflex Math to strengthen our skills.

In LA, we are expanding our reading skills by focusing on story structure, fact and opinion, understanding characters, conclusions and generalizations, and author's purpose. The students are working on informational writing.

Students have explored the world atlas, focusing on continents and oceans, as well as various other map skills. They are now learning about the Northeast Region of the United States.

The students have been remarkably engaged and enthusiastic this school year. We are very proud of them!!!

GRADE 5

In Language Arts, fifth-grade students are reading the "Phantom Tollbooth," by Norton Juster. It is a fun and entertaining book that focuses on humor and word play. Students are learning the difference between literal and figurative language. Students have been writing short pieces of narrative writing and will be assigned a writing task after they have completed the novel to show their knowledge of the skills they learned. Students enjoyed learning about wordplay while listening to the "Who's on First" skit by Abbott and Costello. This is a very fun topic!

In Social Studies, students are well into the second unit, "Early Settlements and Colonization." They are investigating the essential question, "How did colonization affect and change the freedom of various groups?" They are also investigating what life was like for various groups of people after colonization. Students have also been comparing and contrasting the three regions of the English colonies (New England, Middle, Southern) during the 1600s. They are also practicing their skills using IXL.

Fifth grade mathematicians are working on their unit of Place Value and Decimals. The unit includes students solving real-world style problems. They are learning patterns on the place value chart, learning fraction and decimal equivalencies, and beginning metric conversions. Their effort and perseverance is to be commended.

Students are working on their Habitat unit. The focus of this unit is on Golden Jellyfish, but also extends to the ecosystem of many different organisms. They are learning about the different parts of an ecosystem and what makes an ecosystem healthy.

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER!!

Tolland Family Resource Center School Age Care Program 2022-2023

Dear Families,

It is a pleasure to have you join us at the Tolland Family Resource Center School Age Care Program (TFRC-SAC). The FRC staff members are CPR and first aid trained as well as medication certified. The program provides before and after school care at both Birch Grove Primary School and Tolland Intermediate School for children in kindergarten through grade six. Families that have children at both schools may choose to have children attend the Birch Grove site. Children in 6th grade will be bussed over to Tolland Intermediate School.

Policies and Procedures

Registration is not complete until the TFRC-SAC receives the completed forms, registration fee and deposit.

It is **very important** for the TFRC staff to know when your child will be absent from the School-Age Care Program on a scheduled day. If you call or send a note to your child's teacher to report his/her absence or early dismissal from school, **you must also notify the Family Resource Center by phone or email.**

1. Call 860-870-6750 x 5 for the Birch Grove site or 860-870-6885 x 3 for the Tolland Intermediate School site. (Please leave a detailed message on the answering machine.)
2. Email us at tollandfrc@tolland.k12.ct.us

- * The hours of the Before School Program are 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.
- * The hours of the After School Program are from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m. A late fee will be charged after 6:00 p.m.
- * **All monthly invoices will be emailed prior to the first of the month, please notify us if your email address changes.**
- * Tuition payments are due by the 1st of the month. A late fee of \$20.00 will be charged if paid after the 5th of the month.
- * Parents may register in the Parent Portal and have the option of paying online. Parents choosing to pay us directly should place the check in the fee payment box located at each site or mailed to the Family Resource Center, 247 Rhodes Road, Tolland. Please make payments payable to **Tolland Board of Education.**
- * The center will be open during in-service/conference days and mid-winter/spring breaks. Advance registration is required for non-school days. Registration will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Additional fees will be charged for these days.

We must have 15 children enrolled to open.

- * The program is closed for all public school holidays, the winter break in December, and any closings due to inclement weather.
- * **Should your childcare needs change and you would like to add additional days you must complete a Change in Registration Form. (Found on the website) Approval will be based on enrollment. If you need to withdraw your child from the program or decrease the number of days your child attends a one-month notice must be given to the coordinator. Please complete the Change in Registration Form.**
- * If you have any questions, please email Carol Hiller, Tolland Family Resource Center Coordinator at chiller@tolland.k12.ct.us.

MONTHLY TUITION FEES

Before School Care

| Days each week | Yearly rate | Rate per month |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 5 Days | \$1950.00 | \$195.00 |
| 4 Days | \$1550.00 | \$155.00 |
| 3 Days | \$1170.00 | \$117.00 |
| 2 Days | \$780.00 | \$78.00 |

After School Care

| Days each week | Yearly rate | Rate per month |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 5 Days | \$2980.00 | \$298.00 |
| 4 Days | \$2380.00 | \$238.00 |
| 3 Days | \$1780.00 | \$178.00 |
| 2 Days | \$1190.00 | \$119.00 |

If your child attends on Half Days an additional \$10.00 will be added to your next invoice.

Registration Fee: \$50.00 per child/ \$75.00 per family.

Monthly Tuition Rates are based on the school year *please note that these fees may be subject to an increase.

The monthly fee stated above is the same for all ten payments of the school year. All vacations, teacher in-service/ conference days, and half days are additional and are not included in your monthly charge.

Tuition Deposit:

50% of your **last month's tuition** must be submitted with the registration.

If you decide to remove your child prior to the start of the program, you need to withdraw by August 1.

If this notice is not given, the deposit will be forfeited.

Sibling Discount:

There is a 5% sibling discount. The sibling discount does NOT apply if the family is receiving financial assistance.

Late Pick-Up Fee:

There is a \$1.00 charge per minute per child for late arriving parents. Three late pick-ups from the program may result in dismissal.

Late Payment Fee:

A \$20.00 charge will be assessed to your account if payment is not received by the 5th of the month.

Monthly invoices will be emailed after the 15th of the month.

Return Check Fee:

A \$20.00 charge will be assessed to your account for checks returned for nonsufficient funds, "NSF".

Financial Assistance:

Assistance with childcare fees may be available to qualifying families. Please contact Carol Hiller at chiller@tolland.k12.ct.us for more information.

Tolland Family Resource Center
School Age Care Program Registration 2022-2023

Registrations must be submitted with applicable fees and required deposit to be complete.

CHILD/FAMILY INFORMATION: Please print clearly

| | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| Child's Name: | D.O.B: | Age: |
| Gender: | Grade in Sept. 2022: | |
| Home Address: | Town: | State/Zip Code: |
| In case of emergency, which parent/guardian listed below should we contact first? | | |

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Parent/Guardian Name: | Relationship to Child: |
| Home Address: | Town: State/Zip Code: |
| Home #: | Work #: Cell #: |
| Employer: | Email Address: |

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Parent/Guardian Name: | Relationship to Child: |
| Home Address: | Town: State/Zip Code: |
| Home #: | Work #: Cell #: |
| Employer: | Email Address: |

Unless informed otherwise, the Tolland Family Resource Center assumes both parents listed above may pick up the child. If a parent may not pick up the child, legal documentation of that fact is required.

It is your responsibility to let us know of changes in health, residency, billing, custody, & contact information.

SCHEDULE

Parents: Please check off the class you will be enrolling your child in:

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| Before School Care: Mon. <input type="checkbox"/> Tue. <input type="checkbox"/> Wed. <input type="checkbox"/> Thu. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| After School Care: Mon. <input type="checkbox"/> Tue. <input type="checkbox"/> Wed. <input type="checkbox"/> Thu. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Site Attending: Birch Grove <input type="checkbox"/> Tolland Intermediate School <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Start date: _____ |
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In case of emergency, and if the Tolland Family Resource Center staff is **unable to reach the parents/guardians**, the following individuals have permission to make decisions regarding the care of my child, including permission to pick up my child from the FRC in case of emergency or early dismissal from the FRC.

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| Name: | Relationship to child: | |
| Home #: | Cell #: | Work #: |
| Name: | Relationship to child: | |
| Home #: | Cell #: | Work #: |

CHILD PICK UP AUTHORIZATION

I give permission for my child to be released from the Family Resource Center program to the people listed below at any time. I understand that FRC staff require these people to furnish Photo Identification before releasing my child.

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| Name: | | Relationship to child: |
| Home #: | Cell #: | Work #: |
| Name: | | Relationship to child: |
| Home #: | Cell #: | Work #: |
| Name: | | Relationship to child: |
| Home #: | Cell #: | Work #: |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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| Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Race: (please select one or more of the following): American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian/Pacific Isl. <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> |
| With whom does the child primarily reside? Both <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Split Custody <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If other selected for primary residence, please explain: |
| Parent/Guardian Responsible for billing: Both <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If other selected for billing responsibility, please explain: |
| Languages spoken at home: |
| Siblings Names & D.O.B.: |

HEALTH INFORMATION – Check boxes where they apply and explain as necessary in the space provided below.

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| Physical: Vision <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Premature Birth: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Psychological: ADD/ADHD <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Illness <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Allergies: Foods <input type="checkbox"/> Medications <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify: |

Additional Health Information (Special circumstances, sun sensitivity, emotional sensitivity, etc.)

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| Is this child currently taking prescribed or over-the-counter medication? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are you covered by any hospitalization/medical care policy? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Please list a preferred hospital: |

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| Name of Insurance Company: | Phone #: | |
| Address: | City: | State/Zip: |
| Policy Holder's Name: | Policy Number: | |
| Physician: | Phone #: | |
| Special Services: Special Education B-3 <input type="checkbox"/> 504 <input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> 1:1 Aide <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Does your child have special needs that require a one-on-one aid? (Yes or No)

Enrollment may be delayed from the date of acceptance into the program to hire appropriate staff.

Does your child require medication while in the program? (Yes or No)

If your child does require medication it must be provided in the original container to the attending staff and

be accompanied by a completed Authorization of the Administration of Medication by your physician.

Families enrolling children in the School Age Care for the first time must provide the FRC with a copy of their child's health form.

Please review the information you have provided on this registration form to ensure accuracy.

Carefully review the disclaimer and waiver provided on the next page.

Sign and date below.

Thank you for choosing the *Tolland Family Resource Center*.

The preceding information is correct as far as I know, and the child herein described has permission to engage in all activities and field trips except as noted by me. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the director of the program or designee to secure emergency medical services, including transportation and a physician. I also give permission to the attending physician to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as named above. I hereby release the Tolland Family Resource Center and the Tolland Board of Education from any claim arising out of the doctor's/hospital's actions. All medical expenses shall be the parent's responsibility.

I have read the Tolland Family Resource Center Tuition Policies and agree to abide by those policies. I understand that in the event of continued late payment, late pick up of my child, or for any other good cause, the Tolland Family Resource Center reserves the right to remove my child from the program. I understand that if the FRC program is terminated because enrollment is not sufficient or for any other reason given by the Tolland Board of Education, all money paid by me for the period after termination will be refunded to me.

___ I do / ___ do not give permission for my child to be photographed for use by the FRC Programs (i.e. display boards, photo album, scrapbook) while attending the TFRC-SAC Program.

___ I do / ___ do not give permission for my child to be photographed for use by the FRC marketing purposes such as the FRC web site, email, newsletter, and press releases to newspapers.

___ I do / ___ do not give permission for my child to view G or PG movies occasionally.

___ I do / ___ do not give permission for my child to apply sunscreen and insect repellent, as needed.

Signature _____ Date Signed _____

Office Use Only

Date Received _____ Registration Fee Paid? Y N amount _____

Last Month's Tuition Paid? Y N amount _____

Total Fee Paid: **Total** _____ Check # _____

FOOD ALLERGY ALERT (FRC)

Child's Full Name

Allergic to

Place recent photo here

Ingestion: YES NO UNKNOWN

Contact: YES NO UNKNOWN

Inhalation: YES NO UNKNOWN

Describe type of reaction:

Medication(s) Prescribed:



Tolland Family Resource Center

247 Rhodes Rd.

Tolland, CT 06084

The Tolland Family Resource Center's goal is to offer programming to all families regardless of financial status. Those families of school age children that require financial assistance maybe eligible for tuition discounts based on the family eligibility for free or reduced meal benefits. The free and reduced meal benefit application is submitted to the Director of Food & Nutrition Services for students that have access to the school lunch program. Your benefit information can be shared with FRC or other programs **only** with your written permission by submitting a "sharing of information" form directly to the food service office. Free and reduced price meal applications can be found on the food services page of the Tolland Board of Education webpage, [http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/departments_new/food_services/free and reduced price meals](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/departments_new/food_services/free_and_reduced_price_meals) or are available in your school office or by contacting Food & Nutrition Services at 860-870-6854.

Preschool and other families that do not have access to school lunch, may fill out the FRC Financial Assistance Form to determine eligibility.

Sincerely,

Carol Hiller
FRC Coordinator

Thomas Swanson
Principal/FRC Director

Tolland Family Resource Center
@ Birch Grove Primary School

247 Rhodes Road

Tolland, CT 06084

(860) 870-6750 x 5

***Lottery/Pre- Registration for FRC Preschool Programs for 2022-2023
School Year***

Child's name: _____ M or F

(Only one form is necessary for families with twins)

Child's DOB: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Telephone: _____ ***Email:*** _____

Address: _____

Please indicate which program(s) you are interested in:

____ 3-Year-Old Preschool Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Must be 3 years old by December 31, 2022.

____ 4-Year-Old Preschool Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Must be 4 years old by December 31, 2022. (Current 3's automatically accepted)

_____ Preschool Plus (formerly Preschool Enrichment) Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM -1:30 PM (2 day minimum)

Must be 3 years old by August 1, 2022.

Circle days desired M T W TH (Are you flexible with days? Y N)

- Lottery will be drawn on Friday, February 11, 2022 for 3-Year-Old Preschool and new 4-Year-Old Preschool students. Families will be notified whether they have a placement in their desired program(s) by February 18, 2022. If your name is chosen for the program, you will receive further registration information and materials.
- Preschool Plus registration is on a first come first served basis. Once we have received this pre-registration form, a registration packet will be emailed to you.
- If your desired program is full, you will be put on our waiting list and will receive further information on alternative programs.

Completed forms can be mailed to the address above or scanned and emailed to Carol Hiller, FRC Coordinator - chiller@tolland.k12.ct.us



Tolland Family Resource Center
presents our annual

Virtual Preschool & Childcare Fair 2022-2023



Slideshow links for preschool / child care programs in Tolland:

[Birch Grove Primary Preschool - Integrated Preschool Program](#) UPDATED for 22-23

[The Creative Preschool](#) UPDATED for 22-23

[Little Farmers Child Care Center](#)

[Miss Merry Mac's Educational Daycare](#)

[Preschool of the Arts](#)

[Tolland Family Resource Center](#) UPDATED FOR 22-23

[Tolland Tykes Preschool](#) UPDATED FOR 22-23



Website links for additional preschool / child care programs in Tolland:

Kid's Academy Child Care Center: kidsacademychildcenter.com

Little Nursery School: www.thelittlenurseryschool.com

Tolland Green Learning Center: www.tollandgreenlearningcenter.net



Other programs and resources for Tolland families:

IPD - Integrated Personal Defense: ipdct.com

Tolland Public Library: www.tolland.org/library/pages/kids-teens

Tolland Recreation Department: www.tolland.org/recreation-department

Tolland Youth Services: www.tolland.org/youth-services

Tri Town Gymnastics: tritowngym.com

UConn KIDS (Kids in Developmental Science) - kids.uconn.edu/join-us



VALENTINE'S DAY COOKIE KITS

A Tolland Education Foundation (TEF) fundraiser with the support of Maddie's Cookies

Each kit includes 4 large, delicious pre-baked heart-shaped Maddie's Cookies ready to decorate, 4 icings, décor and an inspiration card with decorating suggestions. Perfect gift for kids, parents, grandparents, neighbors, teachers and anyone else who you'd like to show appreciation to this Valentine's Day!

Cost:

\$20 per kit (all proceeds go to TEF)

How to Order:

Visit TollandEducationFoundation.org
& click on 'Events' tab.

Orders Due:

No later than Thurs., Feb. 3
(First-come, first-served. Limited quantity available.
Order soon!)

Pickup:

Thurs., Feb. 10 -- 4:00 to 7:00pm
Tolland Public Library (program room)

Questions:

Email info@TollandEducationFoundation.org



The Tolland Education Foundation (TEF) is a nonprofit organization established nearly two decades ago to fund grants to Tolland Public School teachers, paraprofessionals, staff members and club advisers to inspire innovation and creativity, enrich academics, and build life skills for our youngest to our oldest students of all abilities in town.

FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK:



Unified Arts Update for January 2022



Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education



Ms. Ballard - Art

Send in the smocks today!

Grade 3 During the month of January the third graders will be working on **Mixed Medium projects**. Mixed medium projects are projects that are created out of more than one material. We will start with a **Winter Scene** project made out of paper, crayons and paint, followed by a **3D Snowman Sculptures** made out of construction paper, markers, a white paper bag and paper towels. A quick reminder to bring in your **smocks** for these projects because it could get a little messy.

Grade 4 The fourth graders will be finishing up their 2 **Styrofoam Printing Projects**. The first printing project was a **free design print**, so we could learn the **printing process**. The second print design was a design made from 5 or more overlapping **Geometric shapes or free forms**. As we finish up our printing projects we will be moving on to painting. The fourth graders will learn about color families, mixing colors and tints and shades. We will need students to bring their **smocks** all month, because all three projects are very messy.

Grade 5 The fifth graders will be working on **Flip books** and learning about **Animation**. After we finish the flip books we will move onto **Pop Art**, and learn about the artist, **Andy Warhol**. The Art term **Pop Art** comes from the shortened word **popular**. This new style of art was created in the 1950's with artwork designs that came from popular household items, comic strips, and famous movie stars. The 5th graders will select an item that is popular to them and create their own POP Art print.

Hello Parents. In the art room, students will not be permitted to wear their winter coats in class. Please, send a smock to protect and cover your child's

clothes. The art room is used by three different grades and there are messy projects going on all the time.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

Mrs. Hill - Library Media

During the month of January, all TIS students will complete a **Destiny review**.

This review is important to check for mid-year understanding. Destiny is the online card catalog that students use to look up library books. Lessons have been taught about identifying call numbers such as F for fiction. Students will be given time to practice Destiny skills, if needed.

Later in January, all TIS students will complete a **Nearpod lesson about the life, work and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.** The Nearpod lesson has articles to read, videos to watch and interactive questions, polls, and a drawing activity.

Ms. Baker - General Music

Let's celebrate Kindness!



Grade 3 general music:

Third graders are working on their xylophone playing skills while keeping a steady beat. They are singing folksongs and adding songs and instruments to some of Aesop's fables. Soon we will begin learning some colonial folk dances. The students are now studying about the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The students are also practicing their rhythm reading and music vocabulary.



Grade 4 general music: The fourth graders are learning about the music, instruments, folklore and dances of Africa. The students are just starting to learn hand drumming skills and techniques and will be singing as they play. The students are now studying about the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and they are also practicing their rhythm reading and music vocabulary.



Grade 5 general music: The fifth graders have started learning how to play the ukulele. They will be learning how to read chord charts, tabs, strumming patterns and sing while they play. There are resources in their google classrooms for the students to continue playing on their own. Students are not required to purchase their own ukulele but, if you or your student are interested in investing in your own ukulele contact me in order to find a quality instrument at a reasonable price.

Mrs. Marchesani - 4th and 5th grade Band/Chorus

Grade 4 and 5 Chorus: 4th grade Chorus meets on Fridays at 8:00 am before school or during recess. 5th grade Chorus meets on Mondays at 8:00 am before school or during recess. Our current focus is developing proper singing techniques and healthy vocal habits. One of our long term goals is to sing rounds, partner songs and two part harmony.

Grade 4 Band: One standout favorite song with 4th grade Band members is “Good King Wenceslas” #26 in our Standard of Excellence books. Tied notes are a new concept for Band members. “Farm Out” (Old MacDonald Had a Farm) is a fun song to practice this concept!



Here is a list of materials all students need for Band:

- An Instrument
- A Red Standard of Excellence book for your instrument

- Music Stand for home practice is optional
- Reeds, cork grease, valve oil, slide oil etc. depending on which instrument
- Cleaning materials for your instrument
- A pencil

Grade 5 Band: Students have completed the Concert Bb “Scale Preps for Beginning Band” by Mike Hannickel and have begun learning the Concert Eb scale preps. The Concert Eb Scale Preps will help with learning “Regal March”, “Montego Bay” and many other songs with that key signature. Our playing eighth notes review is going very well! Playing eighth note rhythms helps students as they begin to learn “Regal March”. 5th grade Band members are having fun learning “Latin Magic”, a band arrangement based on two Mexican folk melodies. One of the melodies was made famous in 1958 by Ritchie Valens in his hit song “La Bamba”.

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 continue playing Newcomb, a volleyball lead-up game. Newcomb introduces students to the basics involved in the game of volleyball.

Fourth grade: Students will be starting a throwing unit. During the unit, the critical elements associated with the overhand throw will be reviewed and the students will practice the overhand throw using a variety of throwing activities and games.

Fifth grade: Students will continue the basketball unit. Throughout the unit, the students will play a variety of games to reinforce the basic basketball skills dribbling, passing, and shooting.

Join TEPTO to celebrate
World Compliment Day - March 1, 2022

"Spreading Kindness One Sign at a Time"



Here's how the **fundraiser** works:



1: Return Preorder Form by **January 21**

2: Pickup Blank Yard Sign:

Wednesday 1/26/22: 3:30-6:30pm -TIS Back Pickup Lot

Saturday 1/29/22: 10am-12pm - TIS Front Entrance

3: Write a kind word or phrase. Decorate sign with any form of outdoor paint, permanent marker and decorations that will hold up to the weather! Be as creative as you want!

4: Return sign to BGP/TIS office by **February 11**

5: TEPTO will display signs at respective schools

Student Name: _____

Please Circle: BGP TIS

Email: _____

Number of Signs _____ x \$10 each
Total = \$ _____

Please send back to school by **January 21** in envelope to
TEPTO. Pay by cash or check made out to TEPTO



**Please contact Bethany at
bethanylescoe@gmail.com with any questions**



WINDHAM-TOLLAND 4-H CAMP
326 Taft Pond Rd Pomfret, CT 06259
www.4hcampct.org



PUT SOME FUN IN YOUR 2022 SUMMER!
June 26 to August 19, 2022

Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp, located in Pomfret Center, Connecticut, has provided summer camp experiences for thousands of youngsters for over 60 years. The camp has both overnight and day camp programs for boys and girls 6-15 years of age. The camp is located on 270 acres containing woodlands, cabins, recreation areas and scenic lakes. The Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp maintains a state license and ACA accreditation. Campers need not be 4-H members.

Our caring, camper-centered, college-aged and trained staff is committed to providing a safe, educational, and fun experience for every child.

All campers have the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs each week including:

- Arts & crafts
- Low and Mid High Ropes courses & Horizontal Climbing wall
- Swimming
- Self-defense
- Fishing
- Sports
- Drama
- Dance
- Archery
- Outdoor Education
- Zip-line
- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Knitting

4-H Camp offers a variety of specialty programs also available on a weekly basis for an additional cost.

Wood fiber Crafts, Horseback riding, farm camp and cow camp

CAMP PRICING 2022

- Day Camp (ages 6-15).....\$345 per week (Lunch & Snacks Included)
- Resident Camp (ages 9-15).....\$545 per week
- Teen Leadership Program (ages 15-17).....Starts at \$545
- Overnight Clover Camp (ages 7-8).....\$285 per session (3 -day Sessions)

We will be following all CDC, State & Local Guidelines in relation to COVID-19. We are keeping up with the guidelines as they change.

THEME WEEKS FOR 2022

- **Week 1 – June 26-July 1- Pirates v. Dinosaurs**
- **Week 2 – July- 3-8 – Safari Week**
- **Week 3 – July 10-15 – Carnival Week**
- **Week 4 – July 17-22 – Spy Week**
- **Week 5 – July 24-29 – International Week**
- **Week 6 – July 31- Aug 5 –Fairy Tale Week**
- **Week 7 – August 7-12 – Under the Sea Week**
- **Week 8 – August 15-19 – Capture the Flag! (Day Camp Only)**

Visit our **website** at **www.4hcampct.org** for Online Registration

E-mail us at registrar@4hcampct.org for a camp brochure or additional information or

Call the Camp Registrar at (860) 974-3379

CAMPERSHIPS
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OPEN HOUSES

Saturday January 8 & Sunday, February 20

Sunday March 13 & Saturday April 23

From 1:00 to 3:00 PM Each Day

EARLY BIRD
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OPEN HOUSE EXTRA – April 23

Please join us April 23 - 12:30 PM for an informational parent panel on the benefits of Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp for you and your child

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Attention: 4th Grade Students and Families

4th Grade Chorus Sign-Up Information

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

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

Student Responsibilities:

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

Chorus Benefits

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Norma Marchesani

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

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Student _____

Classroom Teacher _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Best telephone number _____

Email _____

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

Return This Page to Mrs. Marchesani

You Are Cordially Invited To:



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL
2021-2022

*T.I.S. Coffee with the Principal will be **VIRTUAL** this year.*

Meeting Dates:

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| October 27, 2021 | February 9, 2022 |
| No November Meeting | March 23, 2022 |
| December 15, 2021 | April 27, 2022 |
| January 26, 2022 | May 25, 2022 |

(all meetings begin at 10:15 a.m.)

Please RSVP

to Pam Babey (pbabey@tolland.k12.ct.us) by the day before the meeting date you would like to attend. You will then receive a link to the meeting. Please join us!

Tolland Recreation Dept, Youth Basketball

For boys & girls in Grades 3 thru 12

A fun program designed to help improve individual skills and learn the fundamentals of basketball. Separate program for boys and girls.

Boys League: Grades 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th and 9th - 12th

Girls League: Grades 3rd - 5th and Grades 6th - 9th

All practices and games take place on Saturdays, starting December 11th through March. Times will vary based on number of teams in each age category.

Please DO NOT wait to register-**SPACE IS LIMITED!!!!**

Register on-line, by mail, or in person (REGISTER AT: WWW.TOLLANDREC.COM)

We will not accept registrations after November 28, 2021

Volunteer coaches are needed for all age groups - Coaches training provided.

Call the recreation office at 860-871-3610.

Day: Saturdays

Date: December 11, 2021 - Beginning of March 2022

Time: TBA

Ages: Grades 3 - 12

Registration Fee: \$95.00

Location: TBA

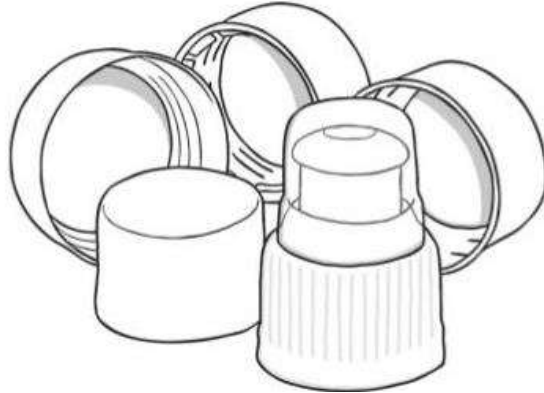
A separate Basketball Program for younger children will be offered in January.

SPACE IS LIMITED!!!!



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Donate Your Bottle Caps to Keep Our Ocean Environment healthy and safe for everyone.



New Date: October 1st - June 2022

Please empty your bottle caps (no plastic bags) into the bins around the school

Acceptable Types of Bottle Caps:

- Beverage bottle caps
(water, soda, juice, sports drinks)
- Milk and juice jug caps
- Medicine caps (no labels)
- Detergents caps
- Hair spray and spray paint caps
- Toothpaste/ointment tube caps
- Apple sauce pouch caps
- Flip-top/spout caps (ketchup, mustard, creamer)
- Shampoo and conditioner caps
- Peanut butter jar caps

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2021 - 2022

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FOOT SKILLS
ONE VS ONE
GAMES AND MORE

Strong one-on-one skills are a huge asset for a soccer player. Just about every game situation includes individual attacking and defending.

10 WEEKS – 2 LOCATIONS

OAKWOOD SPORTS CENTER
GLASTONBURY, CT

SESSION 1

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER - 15, 22, 29

DECEMBER - 6, 13, 20, 27

JANUARY - 3, 10, 17

SESSION 2

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

JANUARY - 24, 31

FEBRUARY - 7, 14, 21, 28

MARCH - 7, 14, 21, 28

STAR HILL FAMILY ATHLETIC CENTER
TOLLAND, CT

SESSION 1

TBA

SESSION 2

TBA

REGISTER AT - COERVERCTEAST.COM



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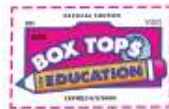


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