



T.I.S. Digital Backpack

February 26, 2018



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Start with Hello

Thank you to the Tolland Intermediate School Student Community for participating in the Start with Hello Program last week. The Start with Hello Program was founded by the Sandy Hook Promise Organization and is designed to bring individuals and school communities together to encourage students to look out and care for one another. Young people have the power to see someone, reach out and Start with Hello in order to reduce social isolation and create a more connected and inclusive school. Each student has the power to make a difference and make a new friend. The program provided the opportunity for the entire T.I.S. Community to recognize the importance of one another. We hope the lessons learned through the Start with Hello Program will help all of us remember the importance we all bring to the school community. Throughout the year we will continue to teach students of the steps utilized through the Start with Hello Program.

1. See someone alone

2. Reach out and help

3. Start with Hello!

For more information on Sandy Hook Promise visit the following website:

www.sandyhookpromise.org



Unified Arts Update for February 2018

Art ~Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education

Miss Ballard- Art

Third Grade: The students have just finished their symmetrical and asymmetrical designs and will be starting quilting next. The paper quilting project will take us through most of the month of March. In preparation for the paper quilting project, students read The Keeping Quilt with their classroom teacher earlier on this year. We will be discussing vocabulary from the story and noting the similarities between sewing and our paper quilts.

Fourth Grade: The students will be doing a paper mosaic project during the month of March. A mosaic is a picture or decoration made by joining together small pieces of glass, stone, tile, wood or other substances of different colors. Students will select a theme for their Mosaic project. *Students have been asked to print out a picture of their theme and bring that picture to class with them.

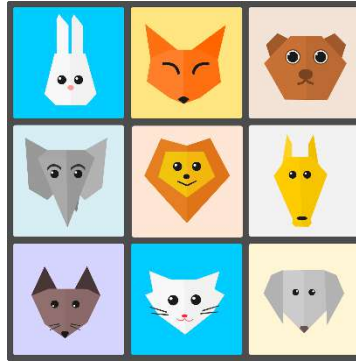
Fifth Grade: The fifth graders will soon be starting a textural weaving. We will be focusing on the principles of design, pattern, balance, contrast, and emphasis. We will start off talking about the element of art called texture. The students will select the type of Weaving they would like to do. We will be working on a type of weaving called radial weaving. This type of weaving is done using a cardboard loom. *Each student was asked to bring in a large plastic bag to store their yarn in.

Mrs. Hill - Library Media

*Thank you to Drew Doyle and Olivia Cook who brought in current magazines from home to share with the school!!

Third grade: In the month of February third grade students are reviewing concepts introduced at the beginning of the year to check for mastery. Learning how to use Destiny (the online card catalog system) to find books in the TIS library is a very important third

grade skill. But also understanding how many books they found in their search, doing different types of searches, and being able to understand what type of books they are finding in their search result (Fiction, Nonfiction, Biography, or Reference) is also very important ***lifelong*** skills. Students are moving to the next level of mastery in library by finding the books they are looking up on the computer, ON THE SHELF. Understanding how library books are arranged is a lifelong skill.



Fourth grade: Students began a large research and writing unit in the classroom about animal adaptations this month. In collaboration with classroom teachers lessons taught in the library were note taking skills and how to put a bibliography (works cited) page together in preparation for this report. Students are using a variety of research sources and learning unique and interesting facts about their chosen animal. They have used magazine articles, non fiction books, encyclopedias, atlases, and websites. Teachers were able to borrow the library print materials in their classrooms and were able to take advantage of library websites in the TIS computers labs and iPads.

Fifth grade: In February students have practiced keyword searching on the Internet and how to recognize and deal with Internet advertising. Each student got several questions that they had to answer using Google Safe Search for Kids. Next up was an internet scavenger hunt based on the life of Milton Hershey, in honor of Valentine chocolates! Student had to open multiple websites to find answers to the questions about Hershey, his life and his work. They also got to check out chocolate websites and find out how many Hershey kisses are made in one day ~ **33 million!**



Ms. Baker & Miss Roque - Music/Chorus

The composer of the month for March is [Clara Schumann](#)!

Grade 3 general music: The third grade students are working hard on learning to read the treble staff while playing their recorders. This month they will learn to play songs using BAG on their recorders. Each music class they will be learning new folk songs or dances which they will sing on Tolland Green Day and for their concert on April 4.

Grade 3 Concert: Coming Soon!! The grade three concert will be Wednesday, April 4 in the TIS Gymnasium.

The concert times are as follows:

6:15-6:45 Mrs. Sikoski's class, Mrs. Kogut's class, Mrs. Babiec's class Mrs. Cyr's class

7:30-8:00 Mrs. Silberberg's class, Mrs. Arner's class, Mrs. Fisher's class, Mrs. Studer's class, Mrs. William's class

Grade 4 general music: The fourth graders will be learning about the music and geography of Africa. They will be playing games, instruments, dancing and singing songs in various Asian languages. The students are having great success with the Recorder Karate program.

Grade 5 general music: It's Ukulele Time!!!! The fifth graders are very excited to be learning the ukuleles. They will learn to tune the ukuleles independently. They will also learn to read chord charts and tabs. As a final project they will be composing their own song for ukulele.

Grade 5 Chorus: OUR SPRING CONCERT IS: Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00pm, in the TIS all purpose room.

Mrs. Marchesani - Band/Chorus

Grade 4 Chorus: Chorus members are having fun learning new songs! American folk songs from different geographic regions of the United States are currently our focus, such as “She’ll be Coming ‘Round the Mountain” that also has a fun partner song and “Yonder Come Day”, a traditional Georgia Sea islands song arranged for 3 parts.



Grade 4 Band: At all Full Band rehearsals and small group lessons, we are constantly reinforcing beginning band the basics: proper instrument assembly, posture, hand position, breathing, articulation, counting.

4th grade Band students have learned how to play a piece titled “Bugler’s Dream”, a beginning band arrangement of the “Olympic Fanfare”. First, students had to learn the theme contained in an 8 measure melody. Next, they learned a full page band arrangement! To do this, students learned how to rest while other sections of the Band play and how to count the rests so they would be ready to play when indicated. Several instrument sections learned a harmony part which is very different from the 8 measure melody. The concepts of “Question and Answer” and “Coda” are also incorporated in “Bugler’s Dream”. 4th grade Band students were very excited after watching some Olympic events at home to make the connection between “Bugler’s Dream” and the “Olympic Fanfare”!

Grade 5 Band: 5th Grade Band members are busy preparing music for their Step-Up Concert with the 6th grade Band on April 6th. Home practice is extremely important as always. Band members are challenging themselves by learning “Trumpet Voluntary” and a lively syncopated arrangement titled “Rockin’ Rondeau”!

The 5th Grade Band Step-Up Concert with the 6th Grade TMS Band is scheduled for Friday, April 6, 2018 at Tolland Middle School auditorium. 5th grade Band members report to the TMS Band room no later than 6:00 p.m. Both bands perform from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. and then have the option of attending the Funtastic Friday Night Bash activities following the Step-Up Concert. (More information about the after concert event will be sent home from Mrs. Janis Bouley, TMS guidance counselor). This is always an exciting evening!

Mr. Downing – Physical Education

Third grade: Students will be starting a basketball unit. Throughout the unit, the students will take part in activities in order to reinforce the basic basketball skills dribbling, passing, and shooting.

Fourth grade: Students will be starting a basketball unit. Throughout the unit, the students will take part in activities in order to reinforce the basic basketball skills dribbling, passing, and shooting.

Fifth 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.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello! My name is Katherine Roque, and I am Ms. Baker's new student teacher this semester! I have been at TIS for almost 2 weeks now, and I have loved every second of working with your child! I will be at TIS through to the end of April and I couldn't be more excited to make amazing music with amazing kids. In February I will begin taking the role as lead teacher. The unit I will be focusing on will reflect the National Music Standards, and will last 4-5 weeks. Ms. Baker (or another certified adult) will be present in the room at all times. I couldn't be more excited to put all my hard years of studying into practice and to be able to learn and grow in such a positive community.

A little bit about me, I am studying Music Education at the University of Connecticut, I am a senior graduating in May! How time flies by! I have played the flute since 4th grade and have loved music ever since I was born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut. I am proud to be a Puerto Rican woman and I love my people and culture deeply. Throughout my time at UConn it has been very empowering to be around 13 other people in my cohort that love music and teaching as much as I do and want to impact and change the lives of every kids heart that they touch.

I truly believe in the power of music and the amazing impact that it can have on anyone's life. It allows us to express our emotions in ways that cannot be put into words. It serves as an outlet from everything that goes on in our daily lives. It allows people of all ages to be creative and learn about the world in ways that aren't traditional textbook.

If there are any questions, concerns or you simply want to chat please feel free to email me at any point. All I ask is to please give me 24 hours to respond as I am still a student.

With Love and Respect,

Katherine M. Roque

Email: katherine.roque@uconn.edu



Spring Concert 2018

Grade 5 Chorus

Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm

Tolland Intermediate School All Purpose room

You are invited to the grade five-chorus concert on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 in the Tolland Intermediate School All Purpose room.

Students should arrive by 6:40 and report directly to Ms. Baker's music room.

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

The refreshment donations for the reception can be put 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
Ms. Judith Baker & Miss Roque

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Grade Five Spring Chorus Concert

7:00pm

Tolland Intermediate School Cafeteria

The students and I would like to have a small reception in the back of the APR following the concert. All finger foods, snacks, and bottled water donations would be greatly appreciated. Please sign and return by March 30 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 jbaker@tolland.k12.ct.us or by phone 860-870-6885 if you can help. I will be looking forward to seeing you at the concert.

Thank you, Ms. Baker

Third Grade Spring Concert

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6:15-6:45 Mrs. Sikoski's class, Mrs. Kogut's class, Mrs. Babiec's class Mrs. Cyr's class

7:30-8:00 Mrs. Silberberg's class, Mrs. Arner's class, Mrs. Fisher's class, Mrs. Studer's class,
Mrs. William's class

Tolland Intermediate School Gymnasium

Students are to arrive 15 minutes prior to their concert time to Ms. Baker's music room, room
136.

Students must to dress their best for this special performance.

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

Thank you,

Ms. Baker & Miss Roque





Tolland Elementary Schools
Parent Teacher Organization

February

2018 Newsletter

News and Upcoming Events!



Chorus & Band Concerts

5th Grade Step-Up Band Concert

Friday, April 6, 2018

TMS Auditorium (6pm arrival)

5th Grade Spring Chorus Concert

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

TIS All Purpose Room (7pm start)

(As of 2/7/2018)

100 Day: Thurs, February 15th

Last day of school: Wed, June 20th

SUCCESS!

SOLD OUT!!

Harlem Wizards

at Tolland High School!



Birch Grove: March 1st - March 9th

We are currently looking for new co-chairs!

CONTACT JENNIFER GALLICHANT IF INTERESTED IN
SHADOWING THIS YEAR'S FAIR!



UP NEXT!

Event runs February 21st - March 7th

PICK UP IS MARCH 21st

QUESTIONS? HERE'S WHO TO CONTACT!

Butter Braids Mary Rose Duberek jksennick@gmail.com

Scholastic Book Fair Jennifer Gallichant jennifer@gallichant.com

All other questions Tina Smith cdsmith1277@gmail.com

INFORMATION FROM THE NURSES' OFFICE:

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

| DISEASES and the VACCINES THAT PREVENT THEM |

Flu (Influenza) and the Vaccine to Prevent It

Last updated October 2013

The best way to protect against flu is by getting a flu vaccine. Doctors recommend that everyone 6 months and older get a flu vaccine every year by the end of October, if possible.

Why should my child get a flu vaccine?

A flu vaccine:

- Helps protect your child from flu illness, including serious illness that can result in hospitalization and even death.
- Helps prevent your child from spreading flu to others, including babies younger than 6 months who are too young to get a flu vaccine.
- Helps keep your child from missing school or child care (and keeps you from missing work to care for your child).

Are flu vaccines safe?

Yes. Flu vaccines have a good safety record. Flu vaccines have been used in the United States for more than 50 years. During that time, hundreds of millions of Americans have safely received seasonal flu vaccines. Vaccines, like any medicine, can have side effects, but, most people who get a flu vaccine have no side effects or mild side effects that go away on their own within a few days.

What are the side effects?

Flu vaccination can cause mild side effects. For example, people vaccinated with a flu shot may feel achy and their arm might be sore where the shot was given. These side effects are NOT the flu. If experienced at all, these effects are usually mild and go away on their own within a few days.

Only Injectable Flu Shots This Season:

- Flu shots are usually given in the arm. Children 6 months and older should get an injectable flu shot every year. The nasal spray flu vaccine (LAIV) is not recommended for the 2017-2018 season.

What is the flu?

Flu—short for influenza—is an illness caused by influenza viruses. Flu viruses infect the nose, upper airways, throat, and lungs. Flu spreads easily and can cause serious illness, especially for young children, older people, pregnant women, and people with certain long-term medical conditions like asthma and diabetes.

What are the symptoms of the flu?

Flu symptoms can include the following:

- Fever (not everyone with the flu has a fever) or feeling feverish/chills
- Chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Tiredness
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea (this is more common in children than adults)

Most people who get influenza recover in a few days to less than two weeks. Some people develop complications (such as pneumonia) that can result in hospitalization and even death.



Doctors recommend that your child get a flu vaccine every year starting when he is 6 months old. Some children 6 months through 8 years of age may need 2 doses for best protection.

Is it serious?

Millions of children get sick with flu each year and thousands are hospitalized. CDC estimates that since 2010, flu-related hospitalizations in children younger than 5 years old have ranged from 6,000 to 26,000 in the United States each year. Children with long-term medical conditions like asthma, diabetes, and disorders of the brain or nervous system, and children younger than 5 years old (and children especially younger than 2 years old) are more likely to end up in the hospital from flu.

Flu seasons vary in how serious they are from one season to another. Since 2004, the total number of reported flu-associated deaths in children has ranged from 37 to 171 per season. This range doesn't include the 2009 pandemic, when states reported 358 flu-associated deaths in children to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Some of the more serious complications from flu include:

- Pneumonia (lung infection)
- Dehydration (loss of body fluids)
- Worsening of long-term medical conditions, like asthma and diabetes

How does flu spread?

Flu spreads when people who have flu talk, cough, or sneeze, and droplets that have the virus in them land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. You may also get flu by touching an object with flu virus on it—like a doorknob or used tissue—and then touching your own eyes, nose, or mouth. People can spread flu to others from one day before they have symptoms to 5-7 days after they get sick. This can be longer in children and people who are very sick.

People who have the flu should stay home and away from others (except to go to the doctor) until 24 hours after their fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicine.

Can my child get flu from a flu vaccine?

No, flu vaccines do not cause flu. Flu vaccine protects your child from flu illness. However, flu shots can sometimes cause mild side effects that may be mistaken for flu. Keep in mind that it will take about 2 weeks after getting his vaccine for your child to build protection against flu.

Why does my child need a flu vaccine every year?

Flu viruses are constantly changing, so new vaccines are made each year to protect against the flu viruses that are likely to cause the most illness. Also, protection provided by flu vaccination wears off over time. Your child's flu vaccine will protect against flu all season, but vaccination will be needed again for the next flu season.

Where can I learn more about flu vaccine and my child?

To learn more about flu vaccines, talk to your child's doctor, call 1-800-CDC-INFO, or visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents. For more in-depth information about flu, visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

How can I protect my child against the flu?

- Get your flu vaccine while you are pregnant. This can help protect your baby for the first few months after birth, before they can get their own flu vaccine.
- Get your vaccine every year, and ask your baby's caregivers to get vaccinated as well.
- Make sure your child gets their dose(s) of flu vaccine soon after it's available each season.
- Children younger than 9 years old who are getting vaccinated for the first time need two doses of flu vaccine, spaced at least 28 days apart. Children who only get one dose but need two doses can have reduced or no protection from a single dose of flu vaccine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommend all children receive their vaccines according to the recommended schedule.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MARCH

- 1 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – 12:45 DISMISSAL
- 2 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – 12:45 DISMISSAL
- 5 PTO AT TIS
- 9 SNOWDATE FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 21 COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL, 9:30
- 23 TRAVEL/TOURIST DAY
- 23 EARLY DISMISSAL (12:45)
- 30 NO SCHOOL



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

2017-2018

Please join us at 9:15 at Tolland Intermediate School for coffee and conversation on the dates listed below. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Wednesday, May 16, 2018



2018
SPRING SEASON
(April - June)

REGISTER NOW

GIRLS & BOYS
- Grades K-8 -

- NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED -

To register please go to <http://tollandlacrosse.org> and click "Registration Online" on the left side navigation panel. There are detailed instructions on how to register on the registration page.

Any questions regarding registration please contact Erin Perryman @ erinperrygirl@yahoo.com

For additional information about Tolland Lacrosse please visit our site or contact the following:

- Boys program contact Damien Berthiaume @ ddberth@gmail.com
- Girls program contact Lance Doyle @ ldtollandlax@gmail.com

<http://www.tollandlacrosse.org>



Have you seen our new website?

Come visit us at www.tollandlittleleague.com and register for the upcoming 2018 Spring Baseball and Softball season. Registration is now open and now runs through Wednesday, February 28th. For additional convenience, we have introduced family discount when registering multiple children.

[Click here for online Baseball and Softball Registration](#)

Late registrations: Registrations placed after February 28th will be charged a \$15.00 late fee. Registration will close on Sunday, March 4th. So please register early.



The End