



T.I.S. Digital Backpack

May 22, 2017



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:



Spring Fling Fair at T.I.S.

Thank you to our amazing PTO and the many volunteers for coming together to put on another hugely successful Spring Fling Fair. We appreciate all of you!

Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony June 16, 10:00 AM

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the fifth grade promotion ceremony. The ceremony will be on the last day of school at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium of the Intermediate School. The promotion ceremony will be an opportunity to reflect upon this school year and wish our 5th grade students success in the future. Due to space constraints, no more than two people per family may attend the ceremony. **Casual attire is preferred, children will be seated on the gymnasium floor during the ceremony.**

Teacher Appreciation



In honor of National Teacher Appreciation week, we want everyone to know how much we appreciate our dedicated teachers. Thank you teachers, for all you do to make T.I.S. such a great place for kids.



Nurse's Day

Wednesday, May 8 was National Nurse's Day. Thanks to our wonderful nurses, Rose Hierl and Laurie Clark for taking such good care of the entire T.I.S. Community. We appreciate you!

Tolland Intermediate School Parent Survey

The Tolland Intermediate School Parent Survey is designed to provide us with an understanding of the expectations that parents/guardians have about our school and student learning. We ask that you please complete the survey located in this email.

Parent participation and input is an essential element in providing the best possible learning experience for our students. The survey may be accessed by visiting the following URL:

<https://goo.gl/forms/gdeWJgwqBSmGOswl1>

Thank you for your input.



Flip-flop type shoes

Due to a number of injuries that have occurred as a result of students wearing flip-flop type shoes, we ask that students refrain from wearing flip-flops to school. Thank you.



Our Grade 3 Teachers All Dressed and Ready for
Tolland Green Day!



May 2017 - Thoughts from the Reading Department



What is the dreaded summer slide?? (Don't take the slide this summer!)

Summer Break is quickly approaching. The "summer slide" is an all-too-common frustration for teachers and parents. Students who don't read during the summer are likely to lose crucial ground. Our students and teachers have worked hard all year to learn new skills and become stronger Readers, Spellers and Writers. Don't be a summer slide victim!

Help prevent your child from the "summer slide" and provide them with opportunities to strengthen skills during the break from school. Here are some suggestions.

- **Have your child read 20+ minutes each day.** – Research proves that reading just 20 minutes each day outside of school can increase a student's vocabulary by almost 2 million words!
- **Set a good example.** - When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book, magazine or newspaper, you are sending a message that reading is an important and valuable activity.
- **Read with your child.** - Introduce a variety of book genres and writing styles.
- **Read for different purposes.** - Reading a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.
- **Make reading and writing a regular part of your daily home activities.** - If reading isn't one of your child's top priorities, consider setting up an incentive program to help them stay motivated.
- **Talk to your child about what he or she is reading.** - Ask open-ended questions such as, "what do you think about that story?" or, "What would you have done if you were that character?" to encourage meaningful discussions.
- **Visit your public library.** - Most community libraries run summer reading programs to inspire and engage students of all ages.
- **Play word games.** - Play games such as thinking of different words to describe the same things.

- **Set limits for screen time.** - Reducing screen time creates opportunities for reading.
 - Reading plus www.readingplus.com



Consider these local programs.

Tolland Public Library - Our own, newly remodeled Tolland Public Library is hosting their annual, free Summer Reading Program. Please check out their many different summer activities, including:

* This year's theme, **Build a Better World**, will start the first full day of summer vacation. The link to their summer reading page will be: <http://ct.evanced.info/tolland/sr/homepage.asp> All students entering grades K and up are eligible. All books read count toward library reading program and, the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge for school in the fall. Sign up online through the library's page for kids and teens (<http://www.tolland.org/library/pages/kids-teens/>)

*Tumble Books, the library's e-book service for kids, also count for summer reading. Click on the TumbleBooks link on the kids/teens page – you'll need to enter your library card number to sign in.

*The big kick off for the summer program begins with Mr. Magic, magician extraordinaire. Be sure to sign up for the limited space for this free program on: Thursday, June 29 at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

*Kids Book Discussions for grades 4 and up. Thursday evening discussions in July and August. Books are available in June for these discussions (dates and times TBA). The books this summer will be nutmeg nominees *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein, and *Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs.

Governor's Summer Reading Challenge –

Information has not yet been released. The Tolland Public Library will have information and materials to support this worthwhile reading program. It is important that students read throughout this summer vacation! Happy reading!

SUMMER LEARNING

96%



of teachers say it's important for students to practice the skills they learned in school during the summer.



of teachers agree that students will be more successful in the long run if they maintain some form of learning during the summer.



98%

of parents agree that if they knew their children were going to experience summer learning loss, they would try to prevent it.



92%



of parents agree that if children maintain some form of learning during the summer, they will be more successful in the long run.

SUMMER LOSS

91%



of teachers say students appear to forget or lose skills or knowledge learned during the prior school year.

80%

of teachers think educators are not doing enough to educate parents about summer learning loss.



88%

of teachers spend

2 WEEKS

or more at the beginning of the school year re-teaching or reviewing skills students should have already learned.



76%

of parents wish educators would talk more about summer learning loss and how to prevent it.

Prevent Summer Learning Loss

Have your child read at least
20 MINUTES PER DAY



Students who read
20 minutes
a day score
in the
90th percentile

Students who read
5 minutes
a day score
only in the
50th percentile

*Source: J. Cunningham and Kelly G. Thompson, "What Reading Does for Our Kids: The National Longitudinal Study on Adolescent Health," *Reading Research Quarterly*, Vol. 37, No. 1-2, pp. 8-18.

Visit  the 
Library.

Find reasons for your
child to practice
writing skills.

Write...
a book, a blog, a zine, a poem

Engage in meaningful
conversations with
your child.

Stimulating
conversations boost
language skills.

Quick Conversation Tips:
1. Ask questions.
2. Be positive.
3. Give your full attention.
4. Be encouraging.

**Audio
Books**

Instead of listening
to music, listen
to audio books
during long drives.

Model Reading Behavior
If your child sees
you reading,
they will want
to read as well.

**Read
to your
child**
This builds
listening skills,
imagination, and
increases vocabulary.

Learn a new word each week.

Post the new word with its
definition and have a contest
for who can use it the most
times in one week.

Reciprocity
Plethora
Erudition
Panacea
Fait Accompli
Equanimity

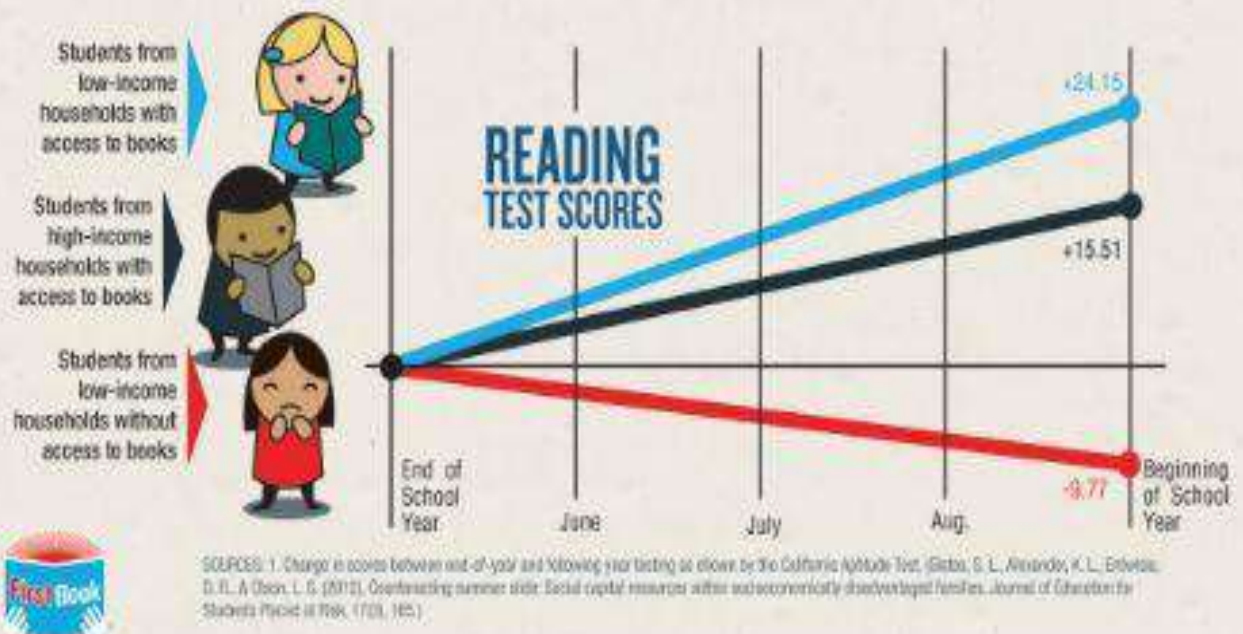
COOK
with your child



Have your child follow a recipe.
This enhances both reading and math skills.

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Greetings from the Math Lab!

My how quickly the year has gone by! Now that the warm weather is finally here, everyone is beginning to think about summer.

As you know it is important for students to review math concepts and processes over the summer months. According to Cooper's research "most students lose about two months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computation skills over the summer months." Helping students practice and review math skills will help students reinforce prior knowledge, help students reach mastery of required concepts and increase their ability to use facts and operations fluently. Most importantly, summer math should provide opportunities to explore how we use math on a daily basis and provide students with a chance to have fun with mathematical concepts!

So how can you help? Set up experiences that enable your child to use mathematical thinking and problem solving. Allow students to practice using their math skills in everyday experiences such as when going to the grocery store. Allow students to practice their skills by counting money, comparing prices, etc. Taking a road trip? Pack a deck of cards! There are many games you can play with cards such as **Beat That!** Players split the deck and flip over their top cards at the same time. Students can practice their multiplication skills (works for addition or subtraction too) by shouting the product first. Whoever, says the correct product keeps both cards.

Be sure to keep practicing those facts! Remember, each grade level has fluency expectations as outlined by the Common Core. Any additional practice with these skills will better prepare your child for school in the fall.

Grade	Required Fluency
Third Grade	Add/Subtract within 1,000 Multiply/Divide within 100 (using strategies) Multiply all products of one digit numbers by end of year (memory)
Fourth Grade	Add/Subtract within 1,000,000 Multiply a whole number of up to four digits by a one digit number Multiply two digit numbers
Fifth Grade	Fluency with multi-digit addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Develop fluency in decimal computations.

Looking for some fun websites? Here are few we highly recommend.

Funbrain – Visit the math arcade and test your skills at a variety of math tasks.

(www.funbrain.com)

A Plus Math – games, printables and more (www.aplusmath.com)

Multiplication Games- practice your facts with fun-filled games at either of these sites:

www.multiplication.com

<http://www.mathplayground.com>

Calculation Nation - Fun Games from the National Council of Teacher's of Mathematics

(www.calculationnation.nctm.org)

Fraction Fling- Fling rocks at fractions to match the model

http://www.abcya.com/fraction_fling.htm

Fraction Fruit Splat- Add fractions (other operations available as well) to shoot the fruit target

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/fractions/FruitShootFractionsAddition.htm>

Math Mysteries – Solve a variety of math related mysteries

(<http://teacher.scholastic.com/maven/>)

Doing a little summer reading? Don't forget to check out a few math books at the Tolland Library over the summer months. Here are a few to get your summer reading started!

Math Curse by Jon Scieszka

Math Fables, or The Best of Times by Greg Tang

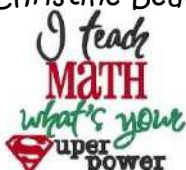
Amanda Bean's Amazing Dream by Cindy Neuschwander

The Sir Cumference Series by Cindy Neuschwander

Fractions in Disguise by Edward Einhorn

Enjoy your summer!

Christine Beaulieu, Math Interventionist



T.I.S. EVENTS CALENDAR

May

- 24 Staff Appreciation**
- 25 Grade 5 Chorus Step Up Concert, 7:00 AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- 26 Patriotic Day**
- 29 NO SCHOOL**

June

- 1 Grade 3 Assembly (instrument demos)**
- 2 Field Day (rain date 6/5)**
- 5 Field Day Rain date**
- 5 PTO @ BG, 7:00 pm**
- 9 BEACH DAY**
- 14 BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm**
- 16 LAST DAY!! HALF DAY (12:45);
Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony, 10:00**



Tolland Public Schools

51 Tollard Green, Tollard, Connecticut 06084

Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony

February 27, 2017

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

In just a few short months, your fifth grade student will be getting ready to leave Tollard Intermediate School and continue their educational adventures as a middle schooler. As the year comes to a close, we will be hosting a Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony. More information as to the date and time will be forthcoming as we get closer to June, but there are many preparations that we begin now in order to provide a wonderful experience for our students and their families.

Each year, we create a slideshow with student photographs that will be presented during the promotion ceremony. As part of the slideshow, we would like to show a **baby picture** of each fifth grader. Please use one of the two following options: Send in a printed photograph of your child **OR** e-mail a baby picture to jkirk@tolland.k12.ct.us. Please be sure to check which option you are using on the form below. Each printed picture will be scanned and returned. Your child's name and teacher's name should be on the back of the picture or included **in the subject line** of the e-mail.

Please return the lower portion of this document, as we do need written permission for using your child's pictures (baby and candid) in the slideshow. Please be advised that granting permission also pertains to allowing your child's photograph to be distributed, as copies of the presentation will be available to each fifth grader after the promotion ceremony. The release form below needs to be returned to school ***even if you e-mail your child's picture***. Please return the form and submit your picture by Friday, March 31, 2017.

Sincerely,

James Dineen
Principal

Please sign the slip below and send it in with your child's baby picture:

Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony Photograph Release Waiver

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

_____ I want photographs of my child to be included in the presentation.

_____ I do not want photographs of my child to be included in the presentation.

_____ I have e-mailed my child's picture as instructed above

_____ My child's picture is enclosed

Parent/Guardian Signature:



Tolland Youth Football & Cheerleading

2017 Season Information

Football Registration Fee: \$165

Cheer Registration Fee: \$165

**Registration fees increase to \$180 after June 15th. Registration closes August 11th.

A Team: Ages 12-13 as of 7/1/17

B Team: Ages 10-11 as of 7/1/17

C Team: Ages 8-9 as of 7/1/17

D Team: Ages 6-7 as of 9/1/17

Online Registration Now Open!!!!
www.tollandeaglesyouthfootball.com

GO EAGLES!!!!

Email: tollandyouthfootball@gmail.com

Facebook: Tolland Eagles Youth Football

P&p cAMP

PONY AND POOL CAMP



WHATS BETTER THAN PLAYING WITH AND
LEARNING ABOUT **HORSES** AND THEN
COOLING OFF IN THE **POOL!**
NOTHING!!!



MORNING SESSIONS 9 AM -12 PM

CONTACT KATIE OUELLETTE

\$100.00 PER CHILD PER SESSION

SESSIONS

JULY

18, 20, 21
25, 27, 28

AUGUST

1, 3, 4
8, 10, 11
14, 16, 17*



Dear Parents,

Each year, the exiting 5th grade students stamp their handprints on the hallways and doors of TIS. We will stamp handprints on Friday, June 9th beginning at 9:00. We have the process down to a science and with the right number of volunteers we can finish the entire 5th grade in about 90 minutes. Please consider volunteering to help with this activity. If you are able to help, please complete the appropriate portion of the permission slip below. ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED A PERMISSION SLIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY. Questions can be directed to Tonya Lyon at Lyonnos@comcast.net.

Please complete and return the permission slip below no later than Friday, June 2nd.

My child _____, has my permission to stamp his/her handprint with latex paint on the entry doors at TIS.

Parent Signature

_____ is available to help on
June 9th at 9:00.

I can be reached at (phone or email) _____



Tolland Soccer Travel Tryouts

Registration for Travel tryouts is open. You must register prior to tryouts.
(if your child does not make a team, your fee will be refunded)

Travel Tryouts at Cross Farms starting at 5:30pm
(you must register by June 8 to participate):

June 7 (Wed) and 12th (Mon): Birth year 2005, 2007, 2009

June 8 (Thurs) and 13th (Tues): Birth year 2003/2004, 2006, 2008

Wednesday June 14 Rain Date

Thursday June 15 Rain Date

Recreation registration will open soon and will end in mid August.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Laura Krementowski, TSC Registrar at ljkrementowski@yahoo.com

Please visit our website www.tollandsoccer.com to register

**REGISTER ONLINE OR
PRINT NEATLY AND MAIL WITH PAYMENT**

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Phone _____

Parents Name _____

Daytime Phone _____

Insurance Carrier _____

Policy Number _____

Registering for (please circle):

Spring Break \$120 _____

Summer Day WEEK 1 OR 2 \$240 _____

High School Prep Team Camp \$100 _____

High School League Clinic PLEASE REGISTER ON LINE

Camp Ball \$ 30 _____


Summer Day Camp Store _____

Total enclosed _____

I hereby give permission for my child to attend the ECSU Youth Soccer Camp. I declare that he or she is in good health and able to participate in camp activities. In addition, I authorize the Director/s of the camp to act for me according to his best judgment in case of an emergency which requires medical attention. I will not hold ECSU or camp staff responsible in case of injury as a result of participation.

Signature _____ Date _____

REGISTER ONLINE OR MAIL
Spring: payable to ECSU
ECSU Men's Soccer Camps
83 Windham Street
Willimantic, CT 06226
Summer: payable to Eastern Youth Soccer Camps
Eastern Youth Soccer Camps
306 Windham Road
Willimantic, CT 06226



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SOCCER CAMPS**

"The thank you is to you and your staff. This was my son Ryan's first year at your camp and he absolutely loved it. As a parent I thought the organization was terrific as was check in and check out. I felt my son was extremely safe on campus. We look forward to next year and best of luck this season."—Mike Russo



**EASTERN
SOCCER CAMPS**

YOUTH SOCCER CAMPS

HIGH SCHOOL PREP TEAM CAMPS
Cromwell/Middletown August 13-15, 2017 5-8pm
South Windsor August TBA
RHAM August TBA

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLINIC
Starts July 12, 2017 thru Mid August
Boys High School Aged Teams
Evenings

SPRING BREAK CAMP
April 10-14, 2017
9am-noon
Boys and Girls Ages 5-14

SUMMER DAY CAMP
July 10-14, 2017 and July 17-21, 2017
9am-3pm Boys and Girls Ages 5-15
FREE EARLY DROP OFF/LATE PICK UP

WWW.EASTERNYOUTHSOCCERCAMPS.COM

Tolland Permanent Celebration Committee

Memorial Day Essay and Multimedia Contest and Coloring Pages



Tolland students can show their patriotism by taking part in the town's 2017 Memorial Day essay and multimedia contest.

This year's Theme is **Honoring our Heroes; "Why Fallen Members of the Military are Your Heroes"**

Winners will be honored at a ceremony following Tolland's 26th Annual Memorial Day Parade, which begins at 1 p.m. in the center of town on Sunday, May 28. Prizes will be awarded for grades 3 - 5 and 6 - 8 and 9 to 12.

The contest is open to all Tolland students. Entries must be written in the form of an essay. They must be typed, double-spaced in 12-point font and be no longer than one page. They must include the student's name, address, phone number and grade.

This year, students in grades 6 to 8 and 9 to 12 have the option of submitting a multimedia entry on this year's topic in the form of a Prezi presentation, a PowerPoint presentation or a video. Prezi and PowerPoint presentations should be no longer than six slides and can include text, photos and embedded videos. Videos should be from one to three minutes long. All entries need to be uploaded to

TollandPCC@gmail.com.

The deadline for all submissions is May 10.

Winners will be notified before the parade and will each receive a **\$25 Barnes and Noble gift card**.

Send to: Deb Wagner, Tolland Permanent Celebration Committee
527 Old Post Road
Tolland 06084
or e-mail to: TollandPCC@gmail.com

TOLLAND CHILDREN can also take part in the festivities by coloring a Memorial Day page provided by the committee.

The pages will be available at the Tolland Public Library in the weeks before the parade and will be sent home through the public schools. Children who bring their completed artwork to the library will receive a prize.



AWESOME ACTIVITY WEEKS - SUMMER 2017



Eureka! Invention

In this exciting program, kids explore famous inventors such as Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Edison, Archimedes, Ben Franklin and even Rube Goldberg, along with the contributions they made to science, engineering and society. Guided by our Mad Scientists, KIDS use their knowledge and creativity to overcome a series of challenges using basic materials, simple machines, tips from famous inventors and the most important of all – their minds! While Thomas Edison said "Invention is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration, this program is 100% FUN!"



SECRET AGENT LAB

Develop your special agent and detective skill in this super hands-on week of fun! Uncover the science involved in evidence gathering and analysis. Sharpen your secret agent skills and discover how chemistry and the science of forensics can come to the aid of a secret agent. Identify and collect evidence – from fingerprints to tracks to trash! Secret agents-in-training will use science and awesome technological tools to connect the dots and help sniff out the suspects in this investigation into the science of sleuthing.

SPACE & BEYOND!

Experience our program co-designed by NASA and Mad Science! From our Earth's atmosphere to the outer reaches of our solar system, this hands-on program for children sends them on a quest for exploration! Comets, planets, stars and more are all waiting to be discovered. Explore the farthest reaches of our solar system and create a lunar eclipse in this "mad" planetary tour! Learn about the four forces of flight and the challenges of space travel, build your very own rocket to take home and participate in an awesome rocket launch!



Rockin' Rockets

Children will step into the shoes of a rocket scientist and learn the fundamentals of flight, propulsion and rocket design. We'll have fun exploring astronomy and trying out various flight designs from hot air balloons to hovercrafts (and many more!). "Launch Day" will bring some real excitement to your budding astronaut! Kids will build rockets as well as discover the fundamental concepts involved in launching and recovering many different types of rockets. Students will make and take home many rockets throughout the week.

Other programs that may be available in surrounding areas include:

Eureka! Invention, Survival, Anatomy Academy, Brixology, Secret Agent, Crazy Chemworks, Space & Beyond, Rockin' Rockets, Red Hot Robots



Show your child the best
BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER!

Call MAD SCIENCE (413) 564-7243 or (800) 555-8711



Sparkling Imaginative Learning

☎ 413-564-7243 or 1-800-334-5711 🌐 westnewengland.madscience.org ✉ summerprograms@madsciencewne.com

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OF WESTERN NEW ENGLAND

MAD SCIENCE SUMMER IN THE TOLLAND AREA!

All are welcome at each location

Below programs sponsored by Coventry Parks & Rec and held at: Patriot's Park Youth Building Coventry, CT			
August 14-August 16			
Space and Beyond	Entering grades 1-3	9:00am- 12:00pm	\$130
Rockin' Rockets	Entering grades 1-3	1:00pm-4:00pm	\$130
Space/Rockets (full day)	Entering grades 1-3	9:00am-4:00pm	\$275
Below programs sponsored by Mansfield Parks & Rec and held at: Mansfield Community Center Mansfield, CT			
July 10-July 14			
Eureka! Invention	Entering grades 1-3	9:00am- 12:00pm	\$175
Secret Agent Lab	Entering grades 1-3	1:00pm-4:00pm	\$175
Eureka/ Secret Agent (full day)	Entering grades 1-3	9:00am-4:00pm	\$335

Below programs sponsored by South Windsor Parks & Rec and held at: Philip R. Smith School South Windsor, CT			
June 26-June 30			
Eureka! Invention	Entering grades 1-3	9:00am- 12:00pm	\$168
Rockin' Rockets	Entering grades 1-3	1:00pm- 4:00pm	\$168
Eureka/Rockets (full day)	Entering grades 1-3	9:00am- 4:00pm	\$312
August 7-August 11			
Space & Beyond	Entering grades 1-3	9:00am- 12:00pm	\$168
Secret Agent Lab	Entering grades 1-3	1:00pm- 4:00pm	\$168
Space/ Secret Agent (full day)	Entering grades 1-3	9:00am- 4:00pm	\$312

**Please send your child with a snack and drink daily
(children attending a full day program should bring lunch + 2 snacks and drink)*

SPACE IS LIMITED

To sign up, visit:

register.madscience.org/westnewengland

For more information, locations, and schedules go to:
register.madscience.org/westnewengland

☎ 413-564-7243 or 1-800-338-5711 🌐 westnewengland.madscience.org ✉ summerprograms@madsciencewne.com
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The End