



T.I.S. Digital Backpack



October 29, 2018

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Unity Day

Thank you to the entire T.I.S. Community for participating in our first Unity Day. The school was brightly adorned with the color orange as students and staff wore orange to show our support and solidarity in our stance against bullying. Thank you to our wonderful counselor, Mrs. Ashly Bishopric for organizing our community Unity Day.



Results from the Hawks Against Hunger Food Drive

We would like to take a moment to thank everyone for your participation in Hawks Against Hunger! Our Tolland Intermediate School Community collected SO much food to donate to the Tolland Food Pantry. In total, our community collected 1,083 items (approx. 40 boxes of food). Special thanks to students in Mrs. Bishopric's community service WIN block who helped promote and organize our food drive.

And now to announce the top contributing homerooms:

In fifth place overall... Mrs. Williams' Class!

In fourth place... Mrs. Cyr's Class!

In third place... Ms. Yaglowksi's Class!

In second place... Mrs. Arner's Class!

And finally, the overall winner who will be able to choose a whole class Hawk reward is... Mrs. Grabowski's class!



Results from the Box Tops Collection Contest:

The following three students will be receiving a \$15 SPARE TIME gift certificate courtesy of the Tolland Elementary PTO:

Grade 5 – Tyler Faria (Mrs. Jensen)

Grade 4 – Aubry Peters – Mrs. Hurley

Grade 3 – Evan Martens (Mrs. Fischer)

Congratulations to the winners and a big THANK YOU to all the students and parents that helped the PTO raise over \$1,000 this fall.



T.I.S. CALENDAR

October

- 26 EARLY RELEASE**
- 29 BOOK FAIR BEGINS (THRU 11/2)**
- 29 SIKOSKI, FISCHER TO CHARTER OAK**
- 31 WILLIAMS, CYR AND SOLET TO CHARTER OAK**
- NEW DATE! WACKY TACKY DAY MOVED TO 10/31**

November

- 1 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (EARLY RELEASE)**
- 2 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (NO SCHOOL)**

The annual TIS **Wacky Tacky Day** has been moved

to:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31st

Dress your in you wackiest and tackiest attire.

Please, no costumes!

News from Student Services

Who is the School Counselor?

Hello! My name is Ashly Bishopric and I am the School Counselor at Tolland Intermediate School. I can be reached at (860) 870-6885 ext. 40905, or abishopric@tolland.k12.ct.us.



What does a school counselor do?

Elementary school counselors implement a comprehensive school counseling program which addresses standards in the personal/social, academic, and career domains. Through classroom lessons, small groups and individual counseling services, school counselors help students develop decision-making, communication and life skills, as well as character values.

Classroom Guidance

All students will participate in classroom guidance throughout the school year. Each homeroom will participate in guidance classes approximately once per month. Topics include:

- Problem solving and conflict resolution
- Bullying prevention
- Goal setting and academic success skills
- Career awareness, exploration and planning
- Peer relationships, coping strategies and social skills
- Teamwork, responsibility and kindness



Small Group Counseling/Individual Counseling

Students are referred by parents or school staff to participate in individual counseling or small group counseling. Individual counseling is typically offered on a short-term basis (6-8 sessions). Small group counseling is based on teacher and parent referral and usually lasts 6-8 weeks. If you believe your child may benefit from a small group or individual counseling, please feel free to reach out!

Guidance Classes

Third Grade

In third grade guidance, students learned all about their school counselor, Mrs. Bishopric. The school counselor is here to provide support to your children. Students were encouraged to make an appointment with Mrs. Bishopric if they are having difficulties with friends, family, school, or themselves.



Third grade students will also be participating in the Bullying Prevention Unit Second Step curriculum through guidance classes. In the introductory lesson, students will be reviewing rules that will help everyone feel safe and respected (our HAWK community expectations). Objectives for this lesson include identifying safe and respectful actions and words that help students follow class rules, and connect following class rules with helping everyone feel the way they want to feel in class.

In Lesson One of the Bullying Prevention Unit, students will learn that bullying is mean or hurtful behavior that keeps happening. It is unfair and one-sided. Recognizing bullying is the first step in getting it to stop. Third grade students will complete this lesson in October and November.



Fourth Grade

In fourth grade guidance this year, students will also be participating in the Second Step Bullying Prevention Unit. In the introductory lesson, students learned that being a respectful student helps everyone stay safe and be a better learner. In addition, students learned that being a responsible student helps create a calm, focused classroom climate where everyone can learn.

In Lesson One of the Bullying Prevention Unit, students will begin to understand that bullying is different from conflict. Students will recognize and identify different types of bullying behaviors and understand that there are different ways to refuse to let bullying happen. In addition, students will demonstrate assertively reporting and refusing bullying. Students will complete lesson one in October and November.

Fifth Grade

In fifth grade guidance this year, students will also be participating in the Second Step Bullying Prevention Unit. In Lesson One of the Bullying Prevention Unit, students learned that bullying is mean or hurtful behavior that keeps happening. It is unfair and one-sided. At the end of the lesson, students were able to understand that bullying differs from conflict, recognize and identify different types of bullying behaviors, understand that there are different ways to refuse bullying, and demonstrate assertively reporting and refusing bullying. Fifth grade students will complete lesson one in October.



In Lesson Two of the bullying prevention unit, fifth grade students will learn about the concept of bystanders, and will identify ways that bystanders can help stop bullying. Lesson two will be completed in November.

Hawk Community Student Ambassadors

Introducing our new group this year! The group formerly named “Student Council” will now be called the Hawk Community Student Ambassadors! Our Student Ambassadors will be serving as student leaders, who will be leading various school-based projects throughout the school year. Each homeroom has chosen two students to be student ambassadors. Our focus will be on kindness, leadership, and promoting and practicing our Hawk expectations. 5th grade Student Ambassadors will also represent our school as

leaders for our second grade visits in the Spring. Our first Student Ambassadors meeting will be held October 22nd, during each grade level's lunch time.



5th Grade WIN Block: Community Service

Students assigned to the 5th grade Community Service Friday WIN block have been working with Mrs. Bishopric to complete our first whole-school community service project for the year. This group did an amazing job leading Hawks Against Hunger, our annual food drive to benefit the Tolland Food Pantry. WIN Block students spent time learning about why community service is important. We spent time making posters, writing morning announcements, and even writing, directing and starring in a commercial to promote our food drive that was viewed by our entire school community! Students also helped deliver boxes to homerooms to collect food, as well as picking up donations from each homeroom each day and keeping track of how many items were collected. It has been wonderful to see how excited students get when helping others in our community!



Helping Kids Cope with Stress

(Adapted from www.kidshealth.org)

To adults, childhood can seem like a carefree time. But kids still experience stress. Things like school and their social life can sometimes create pressures that can feel overwhelming for kids. As a parent, you can't protect your kids from stress — but you can help them develop healthy ways to cope with stress and solve everyday problems. Kids deal with

stress in both healthy and unhealthy ways. And while they may not initiate a conversation about what's bothering them, they do want their parents to reach out and help them cope with their troubles.

Here are a few ideas:

Notice out loud. Tell your child when you notice that something's bothering him or her. If you can, name the feeling you think your child is experiencing. ("It seems like you're still mad about what happened at the playground.") Be sympathetic and show you care and want to understand.



Listen to your child. Ask your child to tell you what's wrong. Listen attentively and calmly — with interest, patience, openness, and caring. Avoid any urge to judge, blame, lecture, or say what you think your child should have done instead. The idea is to let your child's concerns (and feelings) be heard. Try to get the whole story by asking questions like "And then what happened?"

Comment briefly on the feelings you think your child was experiencing. For example, you might say "That must have been upsetting," "No wonder you felt mad when they wouldn't let you in the game," or "That must have seemed unfair to you." Doing this shows that you understand what your child felt, why, and that you care.

Put a label on it. Many younger kids do not yet have words for their feelings. If your child seems angry or frustrated, use those words to help him or her learn to identify the emotions by name. Putting feelings into words helps kids communicate and develop emotional awareness — the ability to recognize their own emotional states.

Help your child think of things to do. If there's a specific problem that's causing stress, talk together about what to do. Encourage your child to think of a couple of ideas. You can start the brainstorming if necessary, but don't do all the work. Your child's active

participation will build confidence. Support the good ideas and add to them as needed.



Listen and move on. Sometimes talking and listening and feeling understood is all that's needed to help a child's frustrations begin to melt away. Afterward, try changing the subject and moving on to something more positive and relaxing. Help your child think of something to do to feel better. Don't give the problem more attention than it deserves.

Limit stress where possible. If certain situations are causing stress, see if there are ways to change things. For instance, if too many after-school activities consistently cause homework stress, it might be necessary to limit activities to leave time and energy for homework.

Just be there. Kids don't always feel like talking about what's bothering them. Sometimes that's OK. Let your kids know you'll be there when they do feel like talking. Even when kids don't want to talk, they usually don't want parents to leave them alone. You can help your child feel better just by being there — keeping him or her company, spending time together. Take a walk, watch a movie, shoot some hoops, or bake some cookies. Isn't it nice to know that your presence really counts?

Be patient. As a parent, it hurts to see your child unhappy or stressed. But try to resist the urge to fix every problem. Instead, focus on helping your child, slowly but surely, grow into a good problem-solver — a kid who knows how to roll with life's ups and downs, put feelings into words, calm down when needed, and bounce back to try again.



Parents can't solve every problem as kids go through life. But by teaching healthy coping strategies, you'll prepare your kids to manage the stresses that come in the future.



Happy Fall from the nurse's office!

Hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful fall. We have been busy at the nurses' office with allergies, colds, stomach bugs. Illness with common viruses can be prevented or lessened with healthy handwashing practices.

Here is a link to the CDC with great information on preventing the spread of germs.

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/show-me-the-science-handwashing.html>

As the weather is getting colder or more blustery we recommend warmer attire for outdoors. During recess we do see kids shivering outside and coming in from recess.

I also wanted to share some important links that may help parents as the year progresses:

Tolland Intermediate School Nurse's information for absences and calls and helpful links

http://www.tis.tolland.k12.ct.us/contacts_nurse

Medication administration in schools

http://www.tis.tolland.k12.ct.us/contacts_nurse/medication_administration_in_school

Guidance for excused and unexcused absences

http://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/CT-guidelines_excused_and_unexcused_absences.pdf

Head lice facts (This is the time of year we see cases)

http://www.tis.tolland.k12.ct.us/contacts_nurse/head_lice_fact_sheet_for_parents_guardians

Headlice Clinics of America services website (services families for a cost and has a guarantee

<https://www.lcaconnecticut.com/glastonbury-one-hour-lice-removal/>

Band Home Practice Log

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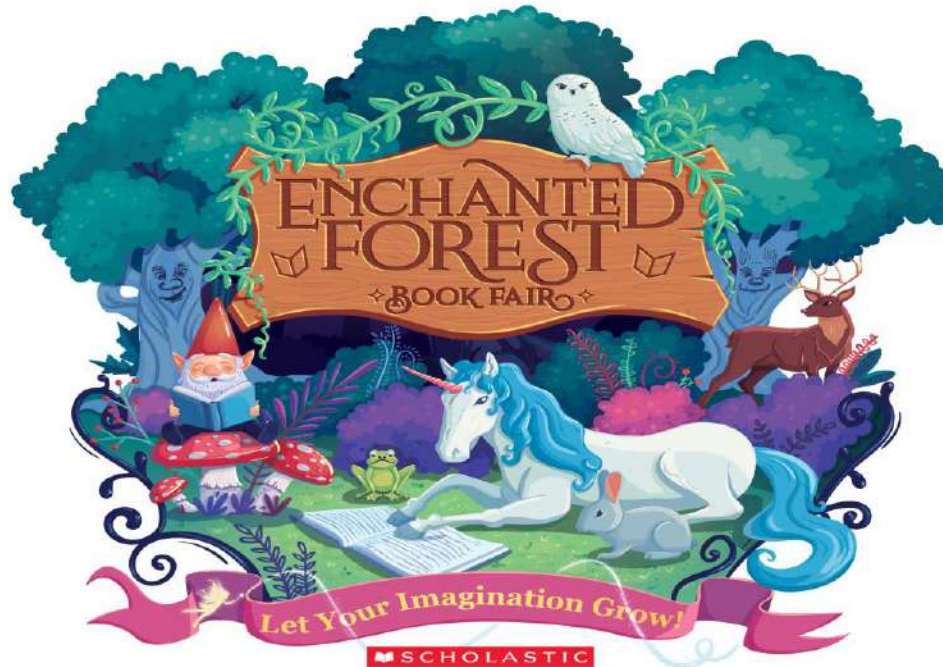
Red Book 1 Standard of Excellence

Goal: 60 minutes per week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total	Parent Initial



1. Practice goal: Example: 10 minutes per day x 6 days = 60 minutes; 15 minutes x 4 days = 60 minutes
2. Write down # of minutes practiced each day. Use a "0" if you did not practice.
3. Write the total # of minutes: the Total should be 60 minutes or more.
4. Have your parent or guardian initial the log.
5. Plan for and maintain a regular home practice schedule.
6. Questions? Concerns? Contact Mrs. Marchesani:
nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us 860-870-6885 x 40226



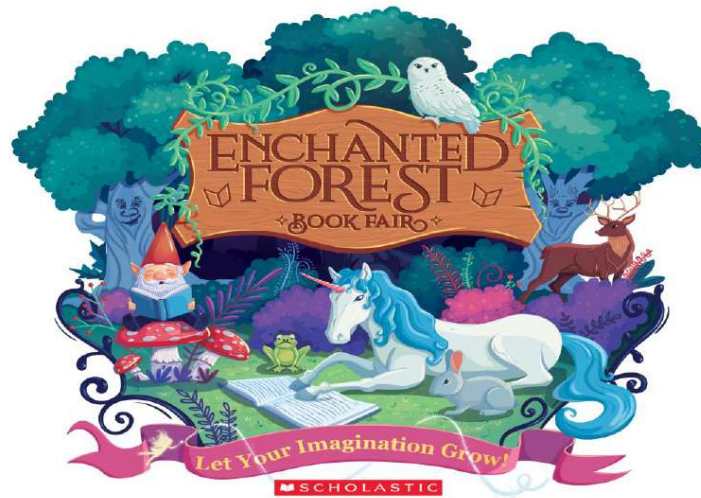
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T.I.S. “Enchanted Forest” Book Fair Hours Save The Date!!

Monday, October 29th – 9:00am – 6:00pm
Tuesday, October 30th – 9:00am – 6:00pm
Wednesday, October 31st – 9:00am – 4pm
Thursday, November 1st – 9:00am – 5pm*
Friday, November 2nd – 9:00am – 3:30pm*

*open during parent-teacher conferences!



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Calling all Volunteers!!

TEPTO is looking for volunteers to help students create wish lists and assist with student/parent purchases during the Fall Book Fair. If you are willing to help for an hour or two please see this online Sign-Up for details and to sign-up for the time that works best for you. Thank you in advance!

Sign-up to volunteer for TIS Enchanted Forest Book Fair:

<http://signup.com/go/rNFBzps>



**MOMS CLUB OF TOLLAND, STAFFORD, STAFFORD
SPRINGS & UNION**

TRUNK OR TREAT

At Crandall's Lodge

Come join us for our annual Halloween party and meet the MOMS Club of Tolland, Stafford, Stafford Springs & Union.

Email us if you would like to decorate your car at tollandmomsclub@gmail.com, or just come to get the treats!

Trunk-or-treating will begin at 5:30pm in the paved parking lot, and we will have food and crafts inside!

This year we will be supporting Connecticut Children's Medical Center by collecting new toys for the children there.

Please park in the dirt lot for general parking. The paved lot next to the lodge will be only for cars participating in the trunk or treat, in order to keep this event as safe as possible.

Monday, 10/29

5pm-7pm

**120 Cider Mill
Road, Tolland CT**

**Safe event for the
whole family!**

Host a trunk!

**Bring an
unwrapped toy
donation for CCMC!**

Interested in becoming a member of our MOMS Club? Join us at our open house at the Tolland Library 11/9 from 1030-1130 to see what our club is all about!

tollandmomsclub@gmail.com

Email us if you would like to meet us at another event!

4TH ANNUAL
SAAC-O-LANTERN



All elementary school children welcome!

Trick-or-treating, games, and activities!



Featuring student-athletes from all sports!

**UCONN Huskies
Community
Initiative**



When? 10/29, 6:30-8:00 PM (kick-off at 7:00)

Where? East Entrance of Gampel Pavilion



**\$1 for all students
and families to enter!**

**All proceeds go to the American
Foundation for Suicide Prevention**

Donations are accepted

Questions? Email: saac.huskies@gmail.com

October 15, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As Veterans Day approaches, we would like to honor those brave Americans who have served in the United States military by inviting your family to share precious memories of loved ones. The origins of Veterans Day can be traced to 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day. The President called upon Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace. He issued a Presidential Order directing the head of the Veterans Administration, now the Department of Veterans Affairs, to form a Veterans Day National Committee to organize and oversee the national observance of Veterans Day. Veterans Day is intended to thank and honor all those who have served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all of those who served have sacrificed and done their duty.

With your help and support, we would like to create a display to honor the veterans in our community. Attached you will find a very short form that will provide a snapshot biography depicting the service that your loved one provided to our nation. Additionally, if you have a picture of your loved one, please attach a copy of it in the space provided. For those families who wish to participate, but do not have a loved one who served in the military, you can help by creating a thank you card for veterans who have served or for a member of the military who is currently serving our nation. All of the cards that are received will either be sent to the American Red Cross program entitled Holiday Mail for Heroes or to the Veterans Medical Center in Newington, Connecticut. We have provided you with an example of a card on the back of this letter to use as a model. Please return your biographies and cards to your teacher by Monday, November 5, 2018. Thank you for your support of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Jim Dineen
Tolland Intermediate School

<http://www.redcross.org/support/get-involved/holiday-mail-for-heroes>



Happy Veterans Day

Thank you for the sacrifices your family has made in the service of our country.

We as a nation stand beside you to strengthen you and your loved ones.

EXAMPLE

VETERANS DAY OBSERVATION ACTIVITY - DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETION

- 1.) Complete the name of your hero.
- 2.) Describe the military branch that they served in or are currently serving in.
- 3.) What do you want other people to know about your loved one?
- 4.) If you have a picture, please attach a copy of it. The picture should be placed inside of the star and will not be returned to you.
- 5.) If you do not have a picture, you may choose to draw a picture or write the name of your hero in the space provided inside of the star.
- 6.) Please complete and return to your teacher by Monday, November 5th.
- 7.) If you do not wish to complete the biography, perhaps you would consider a thank you card. Please find the directions for completion of a thank you card found in the attached letter.

Detach and return by November 5, 2018.

Veterans Day Biography

Student Name _____

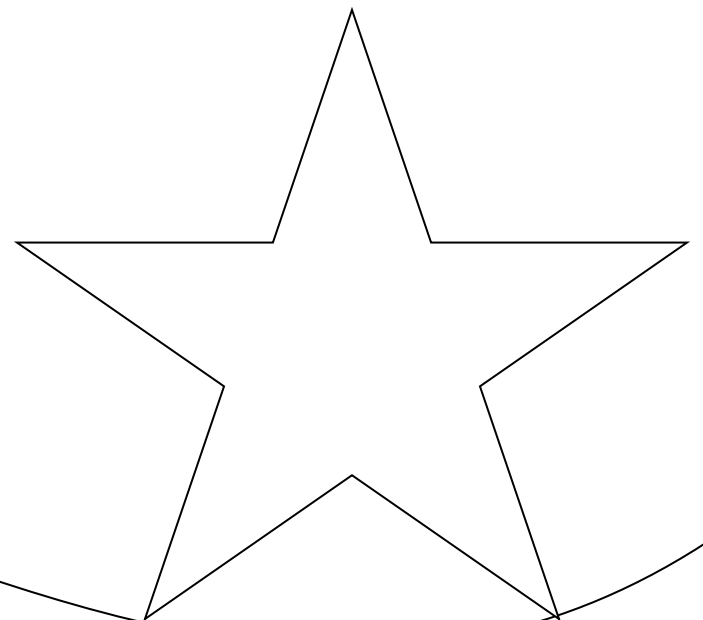
Teacher _____

Name of Your Hero _____

What branch of the U.S. military did they serve in?

What would you like people to know about your loved one?

MY HERO



**STOP AND SHOP REWARDS PROGRAM FOR
TOLLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, ID #07843**

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and to a new year of A+ School Rewards! This year's A+ Program runs from September 7, 2018 through March 16, 2019.

Our school **Tolland Intermediate School, ID#: 07843** has the opportunity to participate in and earn **CASH** from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Stop & Shop!

PLEASE NOTE: You DO NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.

New Supporters or Existing Supporters Wishing to Make Changes:

- Beginning *August 3, 2018*, visit stopandshop.com and select SIGN IN at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select MY ACCOUNT, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, then REWARDS & SAVINGS to select your school.
- If you do not have an online account, visit stopandshop.com and click **REGISTER**. Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the instructions listed above.
- You'll need your 13-digit STOP & SHOP CARD number and the School ID # OR, if you need assistance call 1-877-366-2668 OPTION #1

To Earn Points:

- Use your registered STOP & SHOP CARD each time you shop at any Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can confirm your school selection by logging into your account.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated hly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.
- Our school will receive one CASH rewards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more CASH REWARDS! Thank you for supporting our school.

UPDATE: As of 10/17/2018 your school has:

- Earned a total of 189,350 Education Express points
- 189,350 Education Express points are currently available
- 113 shopper(s) have designated your school to receive their points

C.E.R.T. Training Schedule Announced

You are invited to join your friends and neighbors as they participate in Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training classes. Tolland Emergency Management is pleased to announce the newest C.E.R.T. class training schedule:

5* – Tuesday Classes: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

February 20th, March 6th, March 20th, March 27th, April 3rd

and

3* – Saturday Classes: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

February 17th, March 3rd, March 17th

*Please Note: Participants must attend all classes

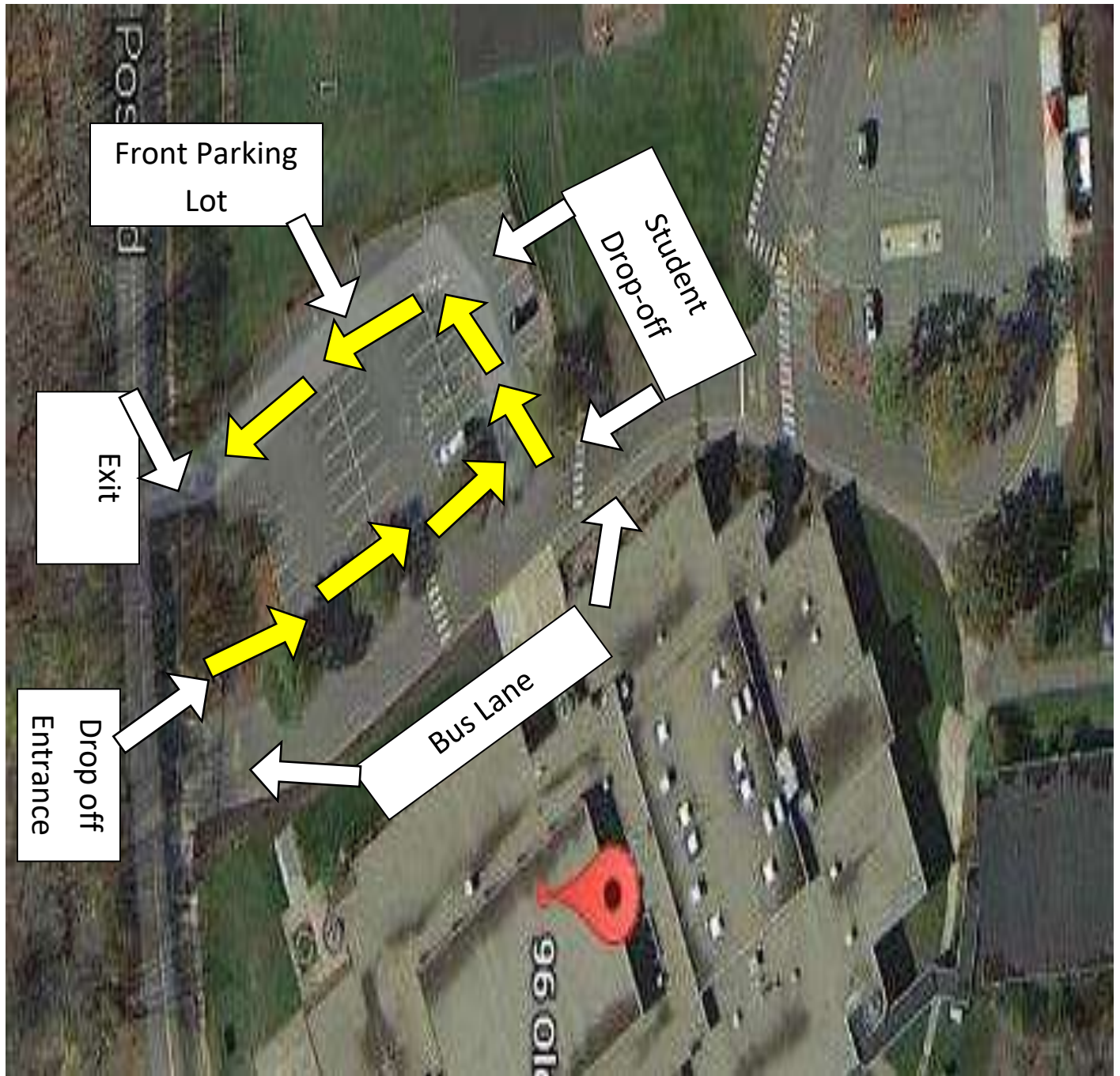
C.E.R.T. participants learn valuable skills such as: How to recognize hazards that are most likely to affect your home, workplace, and neighborhood, steps you can take to prepare for a disaster, identifying and reducing potential fire hazards in your home and what to do when disaster strikes.

C.E.R.T. participants also learn how to: Assist Emergency Management and First Responders in meeting the needs of the community during disasters and learn to be part of an important team serving the community.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity please email btanner@tolland.org with your name, address and telephone number to reserve your seat. Class size is limited, be sure to reserve your seat by February 14th.

All classes will be held at the Tolland Fire Department Training Center located at [191 Merrow Road, Tolland, Connecticut](#).

MORNING DROP OFF PROCEDURE AT T.I.S.





Parent Pick-up
Location
Mini-gym
First Floor

Parent Pick-up
Entrance
Rear Handicapped
Door

Parent Pick-up
Parking Lot

96 Old Post Rd

t Rd

Friday Fun Days

Looking for something fun and safe for your child to participate in during the scheduled Friday half days? The Tolland Recreation Department has the program for you. Come and join us for games, crafts, and more. Open to boys and girls in grades 3rd – 8th. We are happy to be able to offer this program as an alternative to your child going home alone.

Our program runs out of the Recreation Center and participants will be met at the Tolland Intermediate School and be walked up to our building. Program participants will have the opportunity to work on homework, enjoy some quiet time, have a snack and then expend energy participating in games and sports either in the gym or outside.

Instructor: Tolland Recreation Staff

Day: Fridays
Date: October 26, 2018
December 7, 2018
December 21, 2018
January 11, 2019
February 1, 2019
February 22, 2019
March 22, 2019
April 5, 2019
April 26, 2019
May 10th, 2019

Time: School Dismissal-6:00pm

Ages: Grades 3–5 and 6-8; Tolland residents only

Fee: \$30.00 per day; register online at www.tollandrec.com

Location: Tolland Recreation Center



www.tollandrec.com

LUTZ CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

247 South Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040
860-643-0949
www.LutzMuseum.org

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday-Friday.....9:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday-Sunday.....12:00-5:00PM

CLOSED:

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 23

MUSEUM ADMISSION

Members.....Free
Adults.....\$7.00
Children.....\$7.00

MUSEUM STAFF

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LUTZ UP!

FALL 2018

BOSTON TRIP

Join us for a fun day in Bean Town, Cambridge! A special van will transport you to the Boston Children's Museum, where those with a red/orange membership card will receive exclusive admission. Then it's a pleasant walk along Ropes Walk to the Peter England Aquarium and Quincy Market. Make and leave the drinks to us! Only \$20 per person for door-to-door transportation. Departs Manchester 9:00 AM, Departs Boston 5:00 PM, Saturday, October 27



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Visit the museum in costume on Halloween for a Treat or healthy snack alternative! Make a free mini-cake to take home and decorate.
Wednesday, October 31.....12:00-3:00PM



FAMILY PAINT AFTERNOON

Join us for an afternoon of family fun and learn about Austin's incredible center, Gustav Klimt. Using acrylics or canvas you will recreate your very own palette of Klimt's The Sunflower with coloring sheets, crayons, and glue. Registration is required for this program and space is limited. Your contribution includes two seats for the program and free admission to the museum.
Please dress for a mess. Ages 3 and up. \$30 Members (for two guests); \$25 Non-Members (for two guests); \$10 Each Additional Guest
Sunday, September 30.....2:00-4:00PM

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

All of your favorite museum educators are available to visit your school or community organization. The Museum staff will travel to your site surrounding towns. Send our teacher newsletter at our website www.lutzmuseum.org or call 860-643-0949 for more information. All museum programs are aligned with educational standards and designed to make learning fun. Consider sponsoring a program as a gift to your child's class!

NOT A MEMBER YET?

Receive the Remainder of 2018 Free! Become a reciprocal member for only \$120. That includes unlimited free admission to LCM, free classes, PLUS free or reduced admission to hundreds of science centers and children's museums nationwide.

BLACK FRIDAY BLOWOUT!

Receive a 25% discount on all products in the museum's gift shop. One day only. Stock up on fun and educational gifts without the stress of finding a parking space at the mall.



Friday, November 23.....9:00AM-5:00PM



POETRY NIGHT

We are excited to announce our sixth annual Poetry Night at the museum! This event provides an opportunity for students to share original poetry or read something by a favorite author. Contact Bob Boland at rboland@lutzmuseum.org or 860-643-0949 x20932 if your child is between the ages of five and twelve and would like to speak on stage. Just provide their name, age, and the title of their poem. This event is free and open to the public. Please join us as a performer or as a member of the audience.
Friday, November 9.....6:00-7:00PM

VOLUNTEER THANKSGIVING DINNER



All current, past, and prospective future museum volunteers are invited to join us for a traditional Thanksgiving feast. This is just one little way for us to say "thank you" to all of the wonderful people who have contributed their time to the museum this year. We have over one hundred volunteers who support the museum in many different ways. Some help with the animals, others work in the office, assist in classes, build exhibits, manage events, or maintain trails. Please contact Kate Harriman at kharriman@lutzmuseum.org or 860-643-0949 if you would like to attend the dinner or have any questions about becoming a volunteer.
Thursday, November 15.....8:00PM

Fall Classes at LCM

Classes are free with admission but they are on a first come first serve basis, so please arrive on time! Please dress your child in play clothes since many activities will be messy. Parents are not required to stay for classes, unless otherwise noted. Please advise us if your child has any food allergies.

TODDLER & PRESCHOOL

ages 2-5

Art and Artifacts

Touch, examine, and classify objects from the museum's natural history collection. Then use various art processes to create and reflect on our observations. A new process oriented art project will be presented each week.
Thursdays.....3:00-3:45PM
September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29

The Most Extreme

Strength, speed, behavior, anatomy, and diet are very specific animal features. In this series, let's work together to discover the various animals that portray extreme or unusual examples of these qualities.
Tuesdays: September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16..... 10:00-10:45AM

Dancing a Story

Join us for Dancing a Story! Where a love for reading fairy tales and story books meets dance and movement education. Each class will begin with a new story and follow up with games, movement activities, and a dance to match!
Wednesdays..... 10:00-10:45AM
September 13, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; November 7, 14, 21, 28

Puppetry

Each week will give your students the opportunity to try their hand at a different form of Puppetry! We will make shadow puppets, hand puppets, and rod puppets. The end of each class will culminate in a brief lesson in how to animate the puppet. Your students gets to take a new puppet home after each lesson!
Fridays: September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19..... 10:00-10:45AM

Songs and Stories

What better way to learn about animals than through song, dance, and theater! Together, we will sing and perform underwater ramblerias, and various themed songs to learn about the life of the animals that live there.
Thursdays: September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 11, 18 10:00-10:45AM



Connecticut Animals

Our state is home to hundreds of mammal, bird, reptile, and amphibian species - all playing a very important role in their community. Let's take a closer look at the animals we may find to explore their roles and homes.
Tuesdays: October 13, 20; November 6, 13, 20, 27..... 10:00-10:45AM

Songs of Our Past

Let's explore Connecticut history through music and theater! We will learn how this event affected communities, explore the music used in the song, and put it on stage for a final performance.
Thursdays: October 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29..... 10:00-10:45AM

SCHOOL AGE ages 5-10

The Most Extreme

Earth is a vast expanse containing an array of ecosystems, from the tallest mountain peaks to the darkest ocean basin. Within these environments live some of the world's most fascinating, and dangerous, animals. Let's see how these wild animals stack up against survival by using extreme or unusual features pertaining to strength, speed, or behavior.
Tuesdays.....6:00-6:45PM
September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20, 27

I Can Make My Own Tree ID Book

Trees are an integral part of our Connecticut ecosystem. Each week we will explore artifacts from native trees and through several art processes we will create pages to our own tree identification book.
Thursdays.....6:00-6:45PM
September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29



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23	24	25 Most Extreme Ages 3-5, 10:00 AM Ages 7-15, 4:00 PM	26 Dancing a Story Ages 3-5, 10:00 AM	27 Songs & Stories Ages 3-5, 10:00 AM Art & Artifacts Ages 3-5, 3:00 PM Tree ID Book Ages 7-15, 4:00 PM	28 Puppetry Ages 3-5, 10:00 AM	29
30 FAMILY PAINT AFTERNOON 1-4PM				SEPTEMBER 2018		

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DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Farm Day was a huge success thanks to the support of our friends and supporters. The children and families who attended will remember the sunshine, animals, and music. Don and Sharon Fish invite us back to their beautiful farm each year. They work extra hard to prepare the farm and make enough ice cream to serve thousands of visitors. Over three hundred volunteers helped the museum staff at Farm Day. They served ice cream, directed traffic, guided hay rides, and assisted in a thousand other ways. Some of the volunteers came in groups like sports teams or community organizations. Others came by themselves, with a friend, or as a family. Local businesses and individuals helped to sponsor the event by providing financial support or in-kind services. Thanks to everyone who made this memorable event possible.

Best Regards,
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FRC October News

All of our programs are up and running! Before and After School Care, Preschool, playgroups including enrichment Spanish and Art classes for children, English as a Second Language classes for adult learners, Childcare Provider trainings and on-line parenting classes. Wow, we are busy at the FRC.

Special thanks to The MOMS Club of Tolland, Stafford and Union and those that came out to support their [Bake Sale and Craft Fair on September 15](#). Local Vendors joined us on the back blacktop at Birch Grove School! The MOMS Club and vendors will be sharing proceeds with the FRC. Together they raised \$1500 for local non-profits. \$750.00 will be donated to the FRC!! **Thank you so much** to all who came out to shop, the wonderful vendors and the hardworking members of the Mom's Club.

The Tolland Family Resource Center strives to help families receive the resources they need.

FREE online parenting classes sponsored by the Tolland Family Resource Center and Tolland Youth Services. Register at PeaceAtHomeParenting.com/Tolland-login TownPeace2018

The Lion's Club will be offering FREE Vision Screening. All children ages 1-6 are invited to be screened. It is fast, easy and non-invasive. PediaVision scans for astigmatism, misalignment of the eye, far-sightedness, near sightedness, pupil and size anomalies in a 20 second scan. Nearly 20% of children ages 2-5 are found to have a problem that needs a referral for treatment.

It is recommended to screen every year! Call to sign up for a screening (860) 870-6750 x 30215 or drop in at the times and places listed below.

Open dates:

9/25/18 at the Tolland Public Library 11:00-2:00 PM after our Library /FRC playgroup

10/1/18 BGP at 9:45 AM after Monday Morning Fun Playgroup in the first grade hallway book room

10/4/18 ~ 8:45-10:00 AM BGP in the first grade hallway book room.

10/5/18 ~ 8:45-10:00 AM BGP in the first grade hallway book room. Children attending Babies, Toddlers and Twos can be screened during playgroup time!

*** FRC preschoolers can have their vision screened during preschool time!

FRC offers FREE developmental screenings for all children ages 0-5 enrolled in our program as well as all Tolland residents. We have reserved several weeks for screening this year, the first being **October 1-**

5. We use ASQ (Ages and Stages Screening Tool) which is a parent-completed questionnaire that is used to screen general development in children in the first 5 years of development. This screening can be completed at home or at school with the support of myself or Karen Bradford. We are both Parent Educators. Please call for an appointment today, (860) 870-6750 x 30215.

Save the dates:

Our next Family event will be held on October 19th. Please join us for our **Family Harvest Night** 6:00-7:00 PM in the BGP Cafeteria. Children are invited to come and have fun dressed in child friendly/non-scary costumes (no masks please). There will be fun activities for all. Advanced registration is required, \$5 fee per family.

Planning ahead!! We are planning a **Pot Luck and Art Show** on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 6:15-7:30 PM at Birch Grove School. Last year we had quite a few young artists show there work! Hopefully this year will be just as successful. Watch for signups, as the time gets closer.

Program Updates:

All of our programs have been enjoying as much time outside with the children as possible. Please remember as the weather cools it is chilly outside on our playgrounds and fields. Please send children in sturdy footwear.

Reminders –

There are still a few openings to sign your child up for Tuesday, October 9, 2018. We will be open from 7:00AM-6:00PM. We will be going to **Foster Farm** from 12:00-3:00 PM.

Friday, **October 26, 2018 is our first early release day**. Only those children that are registered in the After School Program on Fridays are allowed to attend. Just as a reminder there are several early release days this year. Children that are registered for the day on which an early release falls may attend. Due to the high number of children, we will not be able accommodate any additional children. Students will be dismissed to the FRC at 12:50 PM. Pick up time is still 6:00 PM. There is an additional fee of \$10.00 for half days, it will be on your monthly bill.

November 2 – No School- Parent Teacher Conferences FRC-SAC open **advance registration required (Must have 15 children registered to open)**

Before and After School Program (SAC)

Our before and after school programs at **Birch Grove and TIS** are off to a great start. Kim Evans has taken over as Group Leader Coordinator at Birch Grove, and is doing an amazing job. The children are doing a

wonderful job learning everyone's names. We are all enjoying getting outdoors when the weather cooperates. After our outdoor play the children have been enjoying their snack break. They also have time to do any homework that they may have and then they have free time to play games and have fun at different centers.

At TIS the children in both the before and after school program have started decorating the room and bulletin boards for fall. They have snack, then homework time or quiet activity time and then get outside or go to the gym.

If you have any concerns, please let us know. We are available to talk at pick up time or you can email Kim Evans at Birch Grove kevans@tolland.k12.ct.us or call 860 870-6750 #6, or Carol Hiller at TIS (860) 870-6885 x 3 or chiller@tolland.k12.ct.us.

Please remember to communicate with FRC when your child is absent or will be arriving late to FRC. The nurse, office and teachers at the schools do not tell the FRC when a child is absent or if they are staying after for detention, to participate in a club, or work with a teacher. It is your responsibility as parents to let us know!

You can email tollandfrc@tolland.k12.ct.us

or call Birch Grove (860) 870-6750 #6, or TIS (860) 870-6885 x 3

Reminder: tuition payments are due on the first of the month. Have you paid yours?

Preschool is off to a wonderful start!

Our 3's and 4's will explore fall, community helpers, fire prevention and pumpkins. The children are meeting new friends and learning classroom rules and routines.

The 3's have welcomed a new staff member, Mrs. Cecilia Klember. We are very excited to have Mrs. Klember join our FRC family as a staff member. Her children have all been involved in FRC programming.

Preschool Enrichment:

We welcome Ms. Laura Cassenti, "Mrs. C" to Preschool Enrichment as our long term sub. She is overjoyed to work with the children in the Preschool Enrichment program. She simply adores helping preschoolers learn through playing, although she also enjoys teaching people of all ages. For the past five years, Laura has been a substitute teacher in the Tolland Public School district, teaching preschool through high school. Prior to that, while taking some time off to raise her three children, she also volunteered teaching people of all ages about paleontology and natural history. She also spent time as an engineer and programmer, working in robotics. She hopes to use her prior experiences to help children learn about the world around them.

The children are doing a great job of knowing the daily routine and learning their new friends' names. All of the children are working and playing well together. We had a special enrichment visit from Two Right Feet, a father and daughter musical duo that bring music and literature to life! The children are excited to learn new things and explore the school.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Ms Cassenti at 860 870-6750 #6 or speak to her at the end of the day. You can also email Laurel Leibowitz at lleibowitz@tolland.k12.ct.us.

Our 4 year olds and Preschool Enrichment friends will have an in-house field trip from Lutz Museum on October 3.

Playgroups are underway, but it is not too late to join!

Call to register today! (860) 870-6750 x 30215 This year we will be charging a yearly fee of \$25 for out of town participants.

Monday: 9:00-9:45AM **Morning Fun at BGP PS** with Miss Karen

Tuesday: **FRC/Library Playgroup at the Library** 10:15-11:15AM

Wednesday: **Grow with Me for 2's and 3's** 9:00-10:30 AM **FULL**

Little Chefs Cooking Fun 9:00-10:30 AM

Thursday: **Artist in Me at BGP PS** 1:30-3:00 PM

After School **Adelante Espanol** K-5 at BGP 3:30-4:30 PM **FULL**

Friday: **Babies Toddlers and Twos at BGP PS** 9:00-10:30 AM

Community News:

The **MOM's Club** is Hosting their annual trunk or treat it at Crandall Lodge on Oct. 29th from 5-7.

Come join us for our annual Halloween party including "trunk-or-treat" and meet the MOMs Club! Everyone welcome!

Sign up to decorate your car (send us a message if you want to host a trunk), or just come to get the treats!

Trunk-or-treating will begin at 5:30 in the parking lot, and we will have food and crafts inside!!

This year we will be supporting Connecticut Children's Medical Center by collecting toys for the children there. Please bring a new toy to donate! (No latex items.)

**Please park in the dirt lot for general parking. The paved lot next to the lodge will be only for cars participating in the trunk or treat, in order to keep everyone safe! Thank you!

RSVP to and reach out to the MOMS club if you want to host a trunk!

Here is our facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/235896377269967/>

A Message from **Arts from the Heart:**

Did you know that music learning starts before birth? Don't wait until school starts to begin your little one's musical journey! Classes are held in Tolland, Mansfield, Ellington, Manchester, Windsor and South Windsor. Call 860-338-3038 or e-mail jane@artsfromtheheart.net for more information!

Upcoming dates to keep in mind!!

October

October 1-5- **Free** Child Developmental Screening Week for ages 1 month to 5 ½ years old. Call to schedule appointment 860-870-6750 ext. 30215.

October 1- Childcare Provider Training upstairs teacher's lounge 6:00-8:00 PM

October 2- Grade 1 Curriculum Night

Picture Day at TIS

October 3- Grade 2 Curriculum Night

October 4 and 5 **Lion's Club Vision Screening** 8:45-10:00 FRC

October 8- FRC Closed - Columbus Day

October 9- No school Faculty In-service FRC SAC open- **advance registration required (Must have 15 children registered to open) Field Trip to Foster Farm**

October 17- School Spirit Rainbow Day wear your favorite colors.

October 19- FRC Family Harvest Night 6:00-7:00 PM BGP Cafeteria

October 26-Early Release Day- Faculty In-Service: NO Preschool

Afterschool Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on
Friday afternoons (additional \$10.00 fee)

October 29- MOM's CLUB Trunk or Treat 5-7 PM at Crandall Lodge

November

November 1 –Early Release Day – Parent Teacher Conferences

- [Afterschool](#) Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Thursday afternoons (additional \$10.00 fee)

November 2 – No School- Parent Teacher Conferences

-SAC open **advance registration required (Must have 15 children registered to open)**

November 5 - Child Care Provider's Training 6:00-8:00 PM BGP (Nov. 12 reschedule date)

November 6 – Election Day.don't forget to VOTE!

Music Together Family Night with Miss Jane PS 3's and PS 4's 6:00-8:00 PM cafeteria/music stage

November 12- Veteran's day School in session

November 14- **FRC Family Night Let's be Thankful Pot Luck and Art Show 6:15-7:30 PM (alternate date 11/15)**

November 28- TERAC meeting 6:30-7:30 Media Center

November 21-23- No School FRC Closed-Thanksgiving

Thank you for sharing your children with us. FRC has an amazing, dedicated and talented staff! It is our joy to see your families grow! We are always looking for substitutes for our programs, so if you or someone you know enjoys working with wonderful children and staff, let us know! We have preschool (hrs. between 9:00AM -3:00 PM) before school (7:00-8:30 AM) and after school (3:15-6:00 PM) opportunities available. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns, suggestions or compliments! Enjoy your children!

Laurel Leibowitz

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Building strong families is our goal!

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