

T.I.S. Digital Backpack April 30, 2018

Upcoming Events at Tolland Intermediate School

April 3 – May 9 - SBAC Testing

MAY 1 - McCarthy, Catlin, Ramans to Boston

May 2 - Storozuk and Zangerl to Boston

May 3 - Yaglowksi, Cofield/Racco to Boston

May 3 – Math Pathways Meeting at T.I.S. 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

May 7 - PTO @ TIS

May 7-10 - Grade 4 to Statehouse (class dates TBD)

May 10 - Grade 3 Tolland Around the Green Day (raindate 5/31)

May 11 - EARLY RELEASE, 12:45

May 19 – PTO Spring Fling Fair

May 30 – Grade 5 Band Spring Concert

June 6 – Grade 4 Chorus & Grade 4 Band Concert

June 22 – Grade Five Promotion Ceremony 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Math Pathways Meeting

Come join Jen Webster, Tolland Public Schools Math Supervisor and Jim Dineen, TIS Principal, on May 3rd from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at TIS to learn about the new math pathways in grades 6-8.

We will discuss the new math placement process for incoming sixth graders, as well as the leveled math classes available at Tolland Middle School.

A slide presentation, describing the placement process, as well as the math pathways available throughout TMS, will soon be added to the district website.

GRADE 5 PROMOTION CEREMONY

JUNE 22, 2018 10:00 AM -12:30 PM

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the fifth grade promotion ceremony. The ceremony will be on June 22 in T.I.S. gymnasium. 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.



Unified Arts Update for April 2018

Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education



Ms. Ballard - Art

Third Grade: The third graders are currently drawing different items using lines on scratch paper. They are starting to learn their **Contour drawing** skills that will be used on our **Tolland Green Day** house drawings. Scratch paper cannot be erased so kids need

to think about every line before they draw anything. No erasers will be used for these **Contour drawings**.



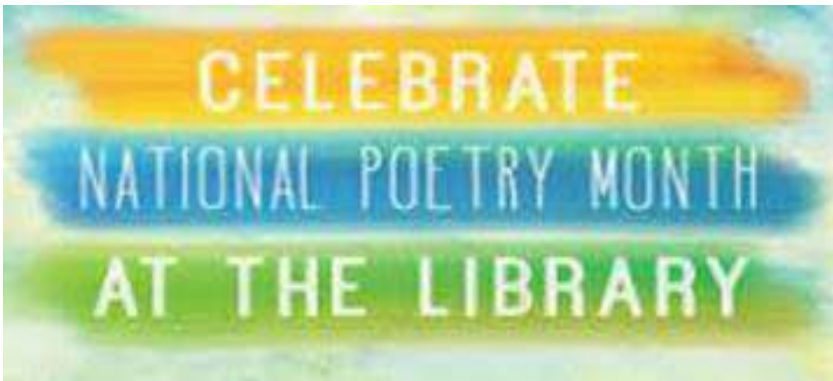
Fourth Grade: The fourth graders will be starting a **Printing Unit** during the month of April. The Printing unit will include printing techniques and designs that the students will make from their research on Greek gods and goddess. Each child will select a god or goddess and research about the symbol that represents them. An example would be Zeus and his symbol is the lighting bolt. This Printing project started in April and will take us into May.

Fifth Grade: In fifth grade, students will be finishing up our weaving projects that they started in March. After weaving, the students will be working on t-shirt designs for the **Cider Mill Road Race**. As the month goes on we might move to a clay unit.



Mrs. Hill - Library Media
biography books!

*Thank you to the **Abramo family** for donating four "Who was"



April is National Poetry Month and we are celebrating poetry all month long in the library!

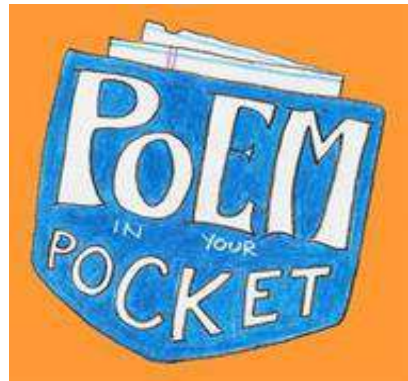
In honor of National Poetry Month, all grades will participate in various poetry activities in the library. Students will be encouraged to stretch their

imagination and choose from many different forms of poetry. They can choose a variety of forms and topics for their writing.



During the first week back from vacation third and fourth grade students experienced the first “**Book Tasting**” in the TIS Library. Mrs. Hill created a “restaurant” where the items on the menu were delicious poems to read, not food! Tables were beautifully set and students could “taste” different types of poetry at each of the six tables. Soothing, light jazz music played in the background as the students read a variety of poetry, rated it and shared their opinions with the other guests in their group before rotating to the next table. It was a great success and another **Book Tasting Week** is being prepared for all grade levels to take place at the end of the school year.

Another **Poetry Month** activity that was hosted by the library was the third annual Poem in your Pocket Day. This took place Thursday April 26th. Mrs. Hill, with the help of **Mrs. Baker** and **Miss Roque**, handed out hundreds of kid-friendly poems as TIS students walked into school. Students were encouraged to keep, trade, or share their poems with their classmates. They were also free to stop by the library throughout the day and “pick a poem for their pocket”. Fifth grade classes that had library on Poem in your Pocket Day made origami pockets and then put their poems into them to carry home!



Ms. Baker - Music/Chorus



Great Job Third graders on your big concert April 4th!!

Grade 3 general music: The third graders will be learning about the instruments of the band and orchestra in preparation for choosing a musical instrument for the fourth grade band in September. Students are encouraged to participate in both chorus and band in fourth grade. Also, the students will be doing a creative music poetry activity in coordination with Mrs. Hill's Poetry Month.

Grade 4 general music: In the fourth grade general music classes we are enjoying the music of Asia. We will also be discussing opportunities for next year in grade 5 band and chorus. Students will be encouraged to participate in both grade 5 band and chorus next. Both groups are a great opportunity to expand their musical abilities and have fun!

Grade 5 general music: The fifth graders are practicing their ukulele pop song to perform for the class at the end of April. The ukulele is a great instrument for students to learn to play. I am excited that so many students have taken the initiative to purchase their own ukuleles and continue using what they have learned at home.



Grade 5 Chorus: **Our Grade 5 chorus concert was moved to Friday, April 27, 2018 at 7:00pm in the TIS All purpose room.** Yes! Grade 5 morning chorus will continue through June. We will be performing a song at the grade 6 chorus concert on May 24, and at our all school assembly in June.

Mr. Downing – Physical Education



Third grade: Students will begin the games unit. Teamwork and sportsmanship will be the focus.

Fourth grade : Students will begin the games unit. Teamwork and sportsmanship will be the focus.

Fifth grade: Students will begin the games unit. Teamwork and sportsmanship will be the focus.



Mrs. Marchesani - Band/Chorus

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Grade 4 Chorus & Band and Grade 5 Band: Members of all three ensembles will be performing at the end of the year all-school assembly in June. Morning and Recess Band and Chorus rehearsals **will continue through June.**

Grade 4 Band and Chorus Concert: The 4th grade Band and Chorus will present their Spring Concert on Wednesday evening, June 6th at Tolland Middle School auditorium. Students report to the TMS Band room at 6:30 p.m. and the Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. The Chorus favorite songs so far are “Yonder Come Day” and a partner song, show-choir style version of “She’ll Be Coming ‘Round the Mountain”. The top two Band favorites are “Bugler’s Dream” and “Attack of the Slide Trombones” which features our trombones demonstrating their newly acquired glissando technique.

Friends of Tolland Music will assist in hosting a reception in the TMS cafeteria immediately following the concert. Please donate a snack or drink for your thirsty and hungry children.

Grade 5 Band: 5th Grade Band members will present their Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 30th at Tolland Middle School Auditorium. Students report to the TMS Band room at 6:30 p.m. and the Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Featured music will include the composer John Williams (Star Wars: The Main Theme), Jeremiah Clarke (Prince of Denmark March *aka Trumpet Voluntary*) and Mouret (Rockin’ Rondeau). To get ready for the Concert, students are busy putting their notation decoding skills to work. They are also practicing playing pieces Allegro (fast) or Largo (very slow) and observing dynamic markings. (forte/loud; mezzo forte/medium loud; piano/soft) Students have also identified, defined and played crescendo and decrescendo.

Friends of Tolland Music will assist in hosting a reception in the TMS cafeteria immediately following the concert. Please donate a snack or drink for your thirsty and hungry children.

AND: It’s time for all our 3rd graders to think about signing up for 4th grade Band!
Please stay tuned for more information!

Grade 5 Band Spring Concert

Mrs. Norma Marchesani

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Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Tolland Middle School Auditorium.

Band members report to the TMS Band room at 6:30 p.m.

An after concert reception will be held.

Grade 4 Chorus and Band Concert

Mrs. Norma Marchesani

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Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Tolland Middle School Auditorium.

Students report to the TMS Band room at 6:30 p.m.

A reception will be held in the cafeteria immediately following the concert.

Spring Fling at T.I.S.

Saturday, May 19 is the annual PTO Spring Fling at T.I.S. We'll have bounce houses, face painting, sand art, a new Minecraft room, jewelry making, a Book Nook, hot dogs, hamburgers,

cotton candy, bubble soccer and best of all Mr. Swanson, Mr. Dineen, and Mr. Cop will take turns sitting in a dunk tank. The Spring Fling will be held from 10 to 2, hope to see you there.

Many volunteers are needed to help run our Spring Fling, please consider volunteering for a shift.

SPRING FLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, May 19th 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tolland Intermediate School

One of our biggest and beloved fundraisers is approaching and we need YOUR help! TEPTO Spring Fling is a full day of fun for students, staff, volunteers and families. Volunteers are needed in shifts to help with games, activities, raffle tickets and food sales. Do you have a group of friends or family that would like to volunteer with you? If so, we would love to have you on our team!!

If you are available to help at Spring Fling, please check the shift you are interested in, complete the contact information below and return this form to school, attention: TEPTO Membership/Diana Gascon. If you have any questions please contact Diana Gascon at tollandctelementarypto@gmail.com.

Date: Saturday May 19th

Shifts available:

() 9:45 am – 12pm

() 11:45 am – 2 pm

() 9:45 am – 2 pm (volunteers receive a complimentary lunch if they work the entire event!)

Contact information: Please fill out one form for each volunteer:

Name

Email address

Home phone #

Cell phone#

Spring Fling Book Nook Donations Needed

It's that time of year again! Spring Fling is just around the corner. As you start your spring cleaning, please consider donating your used books to The Book Nook. Collection boxes will be located at Birch Grove and TIS starting the week of April 9th. Mom & Dad books are also welcome!

If you have any questions please contact Nicole Cadman (nicolecadman@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your donations!

