



T.I.S. Digital Backpack



December 10, 2018

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Video Announcements

On Friday, November 30, members of the Tolland Intermediate School Technology Club, aired their first version of our morning video announcement program. Video announcements are produced by technology club members, along with advisors Miss Yaglowski and Mrs. Koss. Our video announcements are viewed by all classrooms via SMART Boards. Video announcements will be aired every Friday.

Parent Portal Closed 12/5 - 12/11

The Powerschool Parent Portal will be closed December 5 through December 11. During this time, teachers will work on completing first trimester grades.

School Hours

Our school hours are 8:50 - 3:20. Students arriving to school after 8:50 will be marked tardy. Any student dropped off after 8:52, must be walked into the building and signed in by a parent or guardian, as T.I.S. staff may not be on outdoor duty past 8:52.

After School Pick up

After School student pick up begins at 3:20. The rear doors to T.I.S. are unlocked at 3:20 for adults to enter the school and proceed to the mini-gym in order to pick up their child. All student pick ups after 3:10 must occur in the mini-gym as the office is incredibly busy with dismissal procedures. If extenuating circumstances, such as injury or illness require office pick-up between 3:10 and 3:25, please call the main office.

In order to avoid the crowd at after school pick up, please consider picking up your child at 3:28, rather than 3:20. After 3:28 there is ample parking and the pick up lines are very small.

Unified Arts Rotation Schedule

We have had to make a change to the Tolland Intermediate School specials rotation schedule. The adjusted schedule for December and January is on the following pages. A complete version of the schedule for the remainder of the school year will be posted on our website soon. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Winter Weather

It is important that students come to school dressed appropriately for cold weather. Because temperatures can fluctuate drastically during the day, appropriate cold weather clothing should be worn as a means of protection. Students will go outside for recess unless it is raining, or if the temperature and wind chill combine for a temperature less than 20 degrees. Any student not dressed in long pants and in possession of a coat or heavy sweatshirt, on days in which the temperature or wind chill falls below freezing will be kept inside for that day's recess period.

Before School Clubs

Drop off for before school clubs begins at **7:50**. Please do not drop your child off before 7:50, as club advisors and crosswalk supervisors are not on duty before 7:50.

December 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
1-B	2-C	3-A	4-B	WIN DAY (DAY C)
10	11	12	13	14
2-A	3-B	4-C	1-A	WIN DAY (B DAY)
17	18	19	20	21
3-C	4-A	1-B	2-C	WIN DAY (A DAY)
24	25	26	27	28
WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK
31				
WINTER BREAK				

January 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 WINTER BREAK	2 2-B	3 3-C	4 WIN DAY (A DAY)
7 1-B	8 2-C	9 3-A	10 4-B	11 WIN DAY (C DAY)
14 2-A	15 3-B	16 4-C	17 1-A	18 WIN DAY (B DAY)
21 NO SCHOOL	22 4-C	23 1-A	24 2-B	25 WIN DAY (C DAY)
28 4-A	29 1-B	30 2-C	31 3-A	

Unified Arts Update for December 2018



Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education

Ms. Ballard - Art



Third Grade: Do you know the primary or secondary colors? **Color** is just one of the seven **Elements of Art**. In December, the Third graders will be doing a **mixed medium project** with crayons and paint. The students will design a winter scene composition on light blue construction paper using crayons. We will be creating this composition using the **Element of Art** called **Space**. The students will have a **foreground, middleground, and a background** in their composition.

After their crayon composition is completed the students will add white acrylic paint to the scene using a q-tip, thus creating a wintery snow scene.

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders have started working on an Assemblage Sculpture. This Robot Sculpture project has many parts, or rules to follow. The **Assemblage Sculpture** need to be between 8” and 12” tall. It must be “**free standing**.” and it must be “**In the Round**.” The robot should have **fine details**. The Robot sculpture must have a **Super Power**, and this power must be illustrated in the assemblage design. Lastly, the **Robot Assemblage Sculpture** must be given a **name**. This project will take us into the new year. When we return to school in January, we will finish the assemblage sculpture by painting them.



Fifth Grade: These six **Assemblage Sculptures** were made by fifth graders last year. Students will finish their **animal armatures** and start applying the **plaster gauze** in December. After the new year, we will be painting the assemblage sculptures with acrylic paint. Students will start

painting in early January and everyone will be required to wear a smock. Students will be required to follow the grading rubric for this project.

Please, make sure your child has brought a smock to art. Acrylic paint is permanent when it is dry so students should wear old clothes and shoes on art days during the month of January.



Mrs. Hill - Library Media

December is Multicultural Month in the Library Media Center!

We will be celebrating winter holidays around the world.

Multicultural means bringing together **ideas, beliefs** or **people** from different countries and cultural backgrounds. When people of different cultures come together to celebrate and share their different traditions this is an example of a multicultural celebration.

Third grade: Students will begin the multicultural unit working on their geo-literacy skills by learning their universal address. Ask your child if they can tell you their universal address, which is: planet **Earth**, the continent of **North America**, the country of the **United States**, the state of **Connecticut**, the town of **Tolland**, then their **street address**. They will also be listening to multicultural winter holiday stories and music as they work on a winter holidays project.

Fourth grade and fifth grade: Students will begin Multicultural Month with a Winter Holidays compare and contrast chart. They will read articles about Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, then answer short questions. Students will end the month by choosing a country to conduct a short research project on. They will collect some basic country facts, but the focus is mainly on the country's winter holiday traditions.



Ms. Baker - Music/Chorus

Musical theme for December:

This month, TIS students are learning about **Holidays Around the World**. They will be singing songs and playing instruments from Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas, Three Kings day and many other winter holidays. **Let's celebrate diversity!**

Grade 3 general music: Third graders are singing folk songs from around the world and playing musical instruments to accompany their singing. The students are really enjoying playing the xylophones!!!

COMING SOON!

Grade 3 concert : The third graders will be having their third grade performance for their friends and families **Wednesday March 27** with a snow day of Thursday March 28. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event at TIS!!!

Grade 4 general music: The fourth graders are learning about the music and geography of South America. They are playing games, instruments, dancing and singing songs in Spanish. We just learned about the market of San Juan.

Grade 5 general music: The fifth graders are still creating, creating creating. They have performed their own two part compose using Latin American non-pitched instruments. Next, they will be composing a four part rhythmic piece using African instruments to perform for the class.

Grade 5 Chorus: The Spring chorus concert will be **Wednesday April 10**, so mark your calendars now.



Mrs. Marchesani - Band/Chorus

Grade 4 Chorus: The 4th grade Chorus presented their Winter Concert with the 5th grade Chorus on the evening of December 5th. The TIS gymnasium was packed with an audience of enthusiastically applauding families! Chorus membership gives our students performance opportunity to develop vocal skills through performance of partner songs, World Music and



American Regional music using proper singing technique.

Save the date! 4th grade Chorus and Band Chorus Spring Concert ----at Tolland Middle School on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Grade 4 Band: Band members are learning how to play “Jingle Bells” and other favorite tunes! They are working hard to learn new fingerings and proper embouchure (mouth position). On Fridays, we will always have Full Band rehearsal even if there is an Early Release or Late Opening. Full Band rehearsals are necessary for Band members to play in a large ensemble with a variety of other instruments, boost musicianship skills and provide a weekly “concert readiness” experience.

Our 4th & 5th grade Band Winter Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at **Tolland Middle School**. Students report to the TMS Band room at 6:30 p.m. and the Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. (*Snow date is: Thursday January 17, 2019 at TMS*).

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Grade 5 Band: The 5th Grade Band made their debut at the November 12th Veterans Day Assembly! Their performance of “Regal March” was absolutely stellar! The 5th grade Band will also play at our TIS in-school assembly in December. Currently the 5th grade Band is hard at work mastering a variation on “This Old Man” aka “This Old Dude” and beginning to learn “Popcorn Prelude”.

5th Grade Full Band rehearsals meet on Fridays during the WIN block. We will always have Full Band rehearsal even if there is an Early Release or Late Opening on Fridays. Full Band rehearsals are necessary for Band members to play in a large ensemble with a variety of other instruments, boost musicianship skills and provide a weekly “concert readiness” experience. **Our 5th grade Band Winter Concert will be presented jointly with the 4th grade Band and is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018, at Tolland Middle School.** Students report to the TMS Band room at 6:30 p.m. and the Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. (*Snow date is: Thursday, January 17, 2019*).

The 5th Grade Band Step-Up Concert with the 6th Grade TMS Band is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Save the date!!! This is always an exciting evening!

Looking ahead: **5th grade Band Spring Concert at T.M.S. – Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

Please contact me anytime with questions or concerns! nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us 860-870-6885 x 40226



Mr. Downing – Physical Education

Third grade: The students will be finishing the throwing unit. After that, they will be participating in a number of invasion game. The focus will be teamwork and sportsmanship.

Fourth grade: The students will be finishing the Connecticut physical fitness assessment. After that, they will be participating in a number of invasion game. The focus will be teamwork and sportsmanship.

Fifth grade: The students will be finishing the throwing unit. After that, they will be participating in a number of invasion game. The focus will be teamwork and sportsmanship.

UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS

NOVEMBER 20 - HAT DAY



DECEMBER 20 - CRAZY SWEATER DAY



JANUARY 11 - DECADES DAY

DECADES

FEBRUARY 1 - SPORTS TEAM DAY



MARCH 1 DR. SEUSS DAY/BOOK CHARACTER DAY



APRIL 2 - AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Wear blue!

APRIL 12 - COLLEGE DAY



APRIL 22 - EARTH DAY

Wear green!

MAY 10 - TEACHER LOOK-ALIKE DAY!!

MAY 24

- PATRIOTIC DAY



JUNE ?? (TBD)

- BEACH DAY





T.I.S. CALENDAR

DECEMBER

NEW DATE: 11	PORTAL OPENS
14	DISTRICT WIDE P.J. DAY
20	CRAZY SWEATER DAY
21	EARLY RELEASE
24-JAN. 1	WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL

Tolland Early Childhood Programs



Preschool and Childcare Fair

Sponsored by The Tolland Family Resource Center

Date: Monday, January 7, 2019 (snow date 1-08-19)

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm.

Where: Birch Grove Cafeteria, 247 Rhodes Rd, Tolland

Who: Parents interested in learning about early childhood programs in Tolland. Children are welcome! Fun activities will be provided by each program represented.

NOW is the time to learn about available programs and to register for the 2019-2020 school year. Staff from individual programs will be present to answer your questions and to provide information about their programs.

More information will be available on:

- Choosing Childcare
- Identifying quality preschool programs
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Playgroups, parenting classes, preschool activities

Please call Laurel Leibowitz at the Tolland FRC for more information: 860-870-6750 x 30215 or email her at leibowitz@tolland.k12.ct.us. The event is FREE, but donations of books will be collected and donated to children in need.



The Tolland Family Resource Center presents
Family Gingerbread Night

Friday, December 14, 2018 6:00-7:30 PM

(Snow date 12-20-18)

Tolland Family Resource Center, 247 Rhodes Rd., Tolland, CT 06084

(Please enter through the gym entrance by the front door)

Pre-Registration is required. Space is limited!

Join us for a fun filled family evening. We will provide an assortment of delicious supplies and directions to make graham cracker gingerbread houses. You just need to bring your imaginations and team work to build your own unique gingerbread house. Light refreshments will be served. The cost is \$5.00 per house. Pre-registration by December 10th is required. Registration will be open to the first 75 houses sold.

We will be participating in the Connecticut Children's Medical Center "**PJ Day for the Kids.**" Wear your PJ's to support the children fighting cancer and other serious illnesses at the hospital. Please consider making a donation to benefit the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at CCMC.

Family Name: _____

Email: _____

Number of children _____ Number of adults _____

Number of gingerbread house kits ____ (\$5.00 each; 1 recommended per child)

Please return the bottom of this form by December 10th, with a check made payable to Tolland Board of Education. Forms may be mailed to Tolland Family Resource Center, 247 Rhodes Rd., Tolland, CT 06084 or returned to your child's school in an envelope marked FRC.

PJ DAY

CT Children's Medical Center – PJ Day for the Kids

Friday, December 14, 2018

WEAR YOUR PJs

Donate \$1 or more in exchange for the privilege of wearing PJs for the day!

All proceeds benefit the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Please click the link below to donate online

<http://give.connecticutchildrens.org/goto/tolland>

Band Home Practice Log

Inside front cover of:

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

**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 monthly. 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 10/31/2018 your school has:

- Earned a total of 198,650 Education Express points
- 198,650 Education Express points are currently available
- 115 shopper(s) have designated your school to receive their points

(WELCOME ONE NEW PARTNER!!)

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](#).

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



The End