



**T.I.S. Digital Backpack
February 12 2015**



WHAT'S NEW AT T.I.S.



Unified Arts Update for February 2015

Art ~ Health ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education ~ Technology
Mrs. Bezzina - Art



Art on Display at the Tolland Board of Education



Many third grade students have their collages displayed together in the shape of a rectangular paper quilt at the Board of Education. This display will remain until the end of February; TIS will also exhibit work during the month of June. Congratulations to the following students:

Anna Gerow, Kyle VanDeventer, Jarek Whitehouse, Gavin Beauchamp, Anna Klinowski, Brynn Peters, Charlotte Pacheco, Tyler Hollenbach, Taylor Grant, Caleb Patterson, Alyssa Boggis, Paige Syphers, Anthony Harkins, Fatmah Chaudhry, Emma Condos, Sulan Zhang, Caroline Marcroft, Logan Flor, Madison Shortt, Ben Ellison, Amelia Luetjen, Jaemin Smith, Olivia ValeDaSerra, and Owen Zonghetti.

Be sure to also look at the self-portraits made by talented fourth graders if you stop into the Board of Education. These pictures reflect the personalities of the students who created them. The artists include:

Tyler Johns, Natalie Albert, Tyler Hauck, Sydney Nevins, Brook Clapprod, Anna Hekkala, Colin LeBaron, Sienna Spaderna, and Nate Poulos.

Third grade: Foil Repousse' projects are almost complete; the relief effect is finally evident. The students have finished "popping" the foil to create the relief and are now adding textures to create unity and add interest.

Fourth grade: Fourth graders are making masks inspired by their mythological studies. Though snow days have slowed us down, the projects are almost finished. Students were allowed to choose from a variety of media which included markers, crayons (to use with texture rubbing plates), paper for collage, sequins and glitter.

Fifth grade: Don't be surprised when your children start looking through your trash. Fifth graders will be using recycled objects to create real and imaginary animal sculptures. Small cardboard and plastic items such as paper towel roll tubes, egg cartons, mustard containers, water bottles, etc... need to be clean and dry before they are brought to art class. Please don't allow your child to bring glass and peanut/peanut butter containers. The construction of these sculptures will begin soon so start collecting useful trash!



Mrs. Logsden – Health/Physical Education

Third grade: Third graders will continue work on the nutrition unit. Our focus has been on learning the components of MyPyramid and MyPlate and the information the symbols provide us. The activities that have been integrated into each lesson also support math, language arts, physical education and sportsmanship. Next, third graders will learn to identify characteristics of foods that help determine what category the food item belongs to within each food group. Students will answer this question: Is the food an *eat more of food*, *eat some of food*, or *eat less of food*?

Fourth grade: Last week, fourth grade students had the opportunity to



participate in a small group activity called *MyPlate Builder*. This activity has been designed to align with the Common Core and State Standards offering questions that require the use of math and language arts skills to be successful. To conclude the nutrition unit, fourth graders are learning how to read a food label.

The next topic will be oral hygiene and the anatomy of teeth. This unit will allow students the opportunity to compare and contrast foods that are good for our body, but not considered good for our teeth.



5th grade Physical Education: Fifth grade students have completed the badminton unit by playing several games with modified rules. The emphasis of this unit was on the underhand serve, rallying and sportsmanship.

Fifth graders will now have the opportunity to take a few classes to work on sportsmanship and teamwork among other skills through a variety of games. Then, we will



begin the basketball unit.



Mrs. Hill - Library

Third grade will be going back into the Library Computer Lab to complete a review of their Destiny skills. The students learned how to look up a book in the TIS Library using the Destiny database back in September. They will also learning library arrangement, practice writing down call numbers and finding books on the library shelves.

Fourth grade students are starting a mini-research report on a wild animal. They will research information in library, take notes, write a one page paper, and then put all of the information into a Word document, including a picture of their animal. This allows them to practice important research and writing skills, but also their word processing skills (type, cut, paste, highlight, insert pictures, etc.) All of the skills utilized in this mini-research project are designed to correspond with skills students will need for the upcoming SBAC tests.



Fifth grade students have begun a research/reference review packet. This lengthy unit includes keyword searching and web advertisement recognition, a review of major reference sources both print and online (dictionary, encyclopedia, thesaurus, atlas), and steps to completing a bibliography. All of the skills used in this unit are designed to prepare students for more rigorous research projects assigned by the classroom teacher.

Mrs. Baker - Music/Chorus

Third grade general music: The third grade classes will be continuing their studies on sixteenth note rhythms, Mozart and the forms of rondo and concerto which he composed in. The students will begin playing their recorders in music class toward the end of February. They are very excited about this. Students will not be bringing home their recorders from school until they can play some musical pieces on the recorder which you can enjoy hearing.



Fourth grade general music: The fourth grade classes are learning to play African music on their recorders. They will be performing an African instrument poly-rhythmic ensemble with their recorders as well. The students will be learning about more African folktales, folkdances, and games during the month of February.

Fifth grade general music: The fifth grade classes will be using music stories, puzzles, activities, and games in order to learn the names of the lines and spaces on the treble clef staff. The skill of reading the musical staff is challenging, and I make every effort to make it an enjoyable educational experience.

Fifth grade Chorus: The fifth grade chorus is growing in musicality and numbers. We have many talented students here at TIS. We will be working on a special project this semester incorporating technology into our spring performance. Watch for more information coming soon.

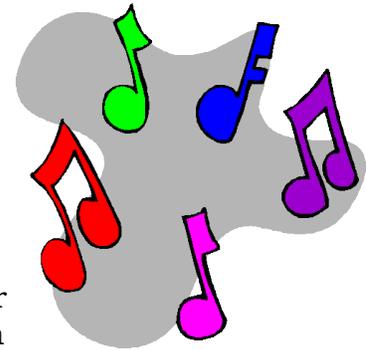
Our concert on May 7, 2015 is sure to be tons of fun. Mark your calendars!!!

Mrs. Bazzano - Music/Chorus

Fourth grade Chorus: They are still learning all of their songs for their spring concert in May. They are now learning a new two-part Hungarian round called "Come and Sing Together." The students are having a lot of fun learning the mambo for the song, "Papa Loves Mambo."

Fourth grade Band: The students did a great job playing at their concert in January!!! I was so proud of them! All of the groups are now learning eighth note rhythms and slurs, which is a new articulation. The students have begun learning the piece, "Simple Gifts" in band.

 **Fifth grade Band:** The students did a great job playing at their concert in January!!! I was so proud of them! They will be given new music next Tuesday during band. They are also preparing for their next fun concert, "The Grade 5 and 6 Step Up Concert", which is on March 20th at Tolland Middle School. It is a fun concert where the 5th and 6th grade band will have the opportunity to play together and have fun!! I will be handing out a



form this week with all the information about it. There is a permission slip for your child to bring back to me if they want to participate in this concert!

For all band parents: Please remember that there are lessons on delayed openings and half days!! I have the delayed lesson times and half day lesson times on my teacher page on the Tolland Intermediate School website.

Mr. Downing – Physical Education

Third grade Students will be playing Newcomb, a volleyball lead-up game. Newcomb introduces students to the basics involved in the game of volleyball.

Fourth grade Students will be starting a throwing unit. During the unit, the critical elements associated with the overhand throw will be reviewed and the students will practice the overhand throw using a variety of throwing activities and games.

Fifth grade Students will be starting a basketball unit. Throughout the unit, the students will play a variety of games to reinforce the basic basketball skills dribbling, passing, and shooting.

Mrs. Kirk - Technology Integration



Sharing is such a great life skill that we learn in our early year. Digital sharing opens many doors for the students to learn how to work in a paperless environment, while collaborating with their teachers. There are many avenues that can be used to share information. Each grade will be challenged to share documents, while methods to sharing will progress through the grade levels.

Third grade students will concentrate on using email to share documents. The students will gain practice as they share their annotated ReadWorks articles.

Fourth grade students will learn not only to share documents through their email, but will use Google Drive. ReadWorks will provide opportunity to practice these skills before using them with classroom applications.

Fifth graders are learning how to use Google Classroom. Teachers are able to create assignments and review work, while students work digitally and submit work using various Google apps.



TOLLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

**UPCOMING EVENTS
FEBRUARY, 2015**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 PTO @ BIRCH GROVE, 7 PM	3	4	5	6 Grade 4 Valentine's Day Dance
9	10	11 Board of Ed Meeting	12	13
16 Winter Break- No School	17 Winter Break- No School	18	19	20
23	24 Coffee with the Principal	25 Half Day - 1:20 Dismissal	26 Gr. 5 ESTEEM DAY (snowdate is 3/12)	27 Pajama Day Book Fair Begins, 9-4

Grade 5 & 6 Band
“Step Up” Concert
&
“Funtastic Friday Night Bash”

Step Up Concert

Performance Date: Friday, March 20th

Performance Location: Tolland Middle School Auditorium

Arrive: 6:00 p.m. and report to room 120

Attire: Wear your casual ***“Funtastic Friday Night Bash”*** clothes ☺

Schedule:

6:00 p.m. Students arrive to warm up

6:15–7:00 p.m. Students take the stage & play music.

7:00 p.m. Students who have purchased a ticket to the ***“Funtastic Friday Night Bash”*** head to the cafe.

7:00-7:30 p.m. Parents are invited to stay in the auditorium to talk to Miss Titus and Mrs. Bazzano about the band program. Students not attending ***“Funtastic Friday Night Bash”*** are welcome to stay with their parents for the meeting.

Grade 6 Band Description:

Students who join sixth grade band will have a large band rehearsal every other day. Small same instrument group lessons meet before school once a week at 7:30 a.m. for 30 minutes. The Sixth Grade Band will perform a winter concert, Friday Fun Night, and spring concert. This class is available to students who have been members of the 4th & 5th grade band.

Please only hand in the “tear-off slip” below and keep the date and time for your family calendar.

-----Please only hand in the portion below-----

Grade 5 & 6 “Step-Up” Concert Commitment Form **Due: Feb. 27**

Yes, _____ (please print first and last name of student),
will perform at the TMS “Step up” Concert on March 20th.

Instrument: _____ (please print)

Parent signature: _____

Please, return this slip on or before February 27 to Mrs. Bazzano

TOLLAND GARDEN PATHS YOUTH GARDEN Seed Starting Workshop for Children

Tolland Garden Paths Youth Garden will hold a seed starting workshop for children ages 5 – 10 at the Tolland Public Library on Saturday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. – noon. We'll explore garden magic where it begins - with seeds and soil. Learn to make your own potting soil and seed starting pots. Pick from a variety of flower, herb, and vegetable seeds and learn how to germinate and grow them at home. Bring along a packet of your favorite seeds if you wish. Learn how to make your own seed starter and potting mix. Watch a demonstration and actively participate by planting your own seedling to take home. Instructor: Kurt Werner, Tolland Youth Garden Instructor and CT Master Gardener. There is no charge for this workshop. To register please call or visit the Tolland Public Library 860-871-3620 or email: tgpyouthgarden@comcast.net.

TEPTO HAPPENINGS @ TIS

STAFF APPRECIATION ~ February 13, 2015

We are looking for donations of Sweet themed goodies... breads, cookies, chocolate... whatever inspires you! We are always looking for plates, napkins, cups and beverages as well.

***All donations should be dropped off at the TIS office by 10:30am on Friday, February 13th.

BOX TOPS ~ Contest Ends February 27, 2015

Keep sending in those box tops!! Clipping box tops is an easy way for you to help our schools buy what it needs! Box tops are each worth .10c and they quickly add up to real cash for our school.

There will be a winner from each grade that will receive a \$15 gift certificate to use at the Scholastic Book Fair!

BOOK FAIR ~ February 27th - March 6th

The book fair needs YOUR help!! We are currently looking for volunteers that are willing to help "supervise" the book fair at TIS. Even if you can spare an hour, it is very much appreciated!!

Friday, 2/27: 9:00-4:00

Monday, 3/2: 9:00-4:00

Tuesday, 3/3: 9:00-4:00

Wednesday, 3/4: 9:00-4:00

Thursday, 3/5: 9:00-6:00

Friday, 3/6: 9:00-12:00

If you are able to contribute to staff appreciation or are willing to volunteer at the book fair, please contact Jessica Burney at jessburney13@comcast.net or (774) 253-0079

THANK YOU!!



Staff Appreciation



Hosted by, TEPTO
Friday, February 13, 2015

We are half way through the school year!! As our way of saying "thank you" the PTO would like to treat the teachers and staff with some SWEET baked goods on Friday, February 13th.

We are looking for donations of Sweet themed goodies... breads, cookies, chocolate... whatever inspires you! We are always looking for plates, napkins, cups and beverages as well.

If you are able to contribute a yummy item on the morning of February 13th, please contact Jessica Burney at jessburney13@comcast.net or (774) 253-0079

****All donations should be dropped off at the TIS office by 10:30am on Friday, February 13th.*

GRADE 5 ESTEEM DAY!!

Dear Fifth Grade Parents:

On Thursday, February 26th, the fifth grade students will have the unique opportunity to spend the day and evening with a group of students from Canton High School. These high school students are trained counselors who work with younger children as part of a program known as ***Esteem***.

Some of the topics covered in the ***Esteem*** program are:

- Self-esteem
- Awareness of drug and alcohol-related issues
- Helping others
- Understanding feelings
- Developing coping skills

The Canton students and their two teacher-advisors will work along with our students and teachers throughout the day in the TIS gymnasium. Our students will also take part in a group presentation for parents that night. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this special program on **Thursday, February 26th**, from **6:00 - 7:15 PM**. (Snowdate: March 12th)

An *Esteem* t-shirt will be ordered for each fifth grader. Students will wear the shirt during the day and at the evening presentation to show their team wide commitment to this program. Since the Canton students spend the entire day with us, we will also provide dinner for the ***Esteem*** team. The cost for the program and t-shirt is \$10 per child. Please send cash or make a check payable to TIS SAA by Friday, January 30th.

We look forward to having you and your child experience this memorable day.

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Teachers



I read the Esteem letter and have included the \$10.00 payment.

_____ Student Name

_____ Parent Signature



Bring your sweetheart to sweetFrog for some
delicious frozen yogurt and
Help support the Girl Scouts of Tolland!

February 14th
6:00-8:30 p.m.

200 Merrow Road, Tolland, CT



**10% of all sales will go to the Tolland Girl Scouts



Name:
Grade:
Teacher:

Please tape Box Tops to the “tickets” below. See the back of this paper for instructions.

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Box Tops for Education CONTEST



Help support our schools by clipping Box Tops!

My name is Jessica Burney and I'm thrilled to be the Box Tops Coordinator for Birch Grove and Tolland Intermediate School. Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school buy what it needs. Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for our school. This school year, our school's earnings goal is \$6000. I know that we can hit this!

*Please tape Box Tops for Education to the tickets on the back of this paper. Check the expiration dates, since expired Box Tops don't count!

*For every sheet of 25 filled, your child's name will be entered into a drawing for a prize. If you send in 3 sheets, your child will have 3 chances!

*If you have more than 25 Box Tops, your child's teacher will have extra sheets or you can find a copy in the digital backpack.

*Bags of Box Tops will also be accepted for submission, though not counted in the contest.

*If you have only a few, please send them in, since every one counts!

*If you have any questions, please email me at jessburney13@comcast.net

There will be six winners for this contest: 1 from EACH grade!
The prizes are \$15 gift certificates to use towards the Scholastic Book Fairs!!
Contest ends February 27, 2015

Breakfast with Superintendent Willett!

**Come enjoy coffee and donuts. Bring your
questions, comments and conversation!!**



January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20

9:00am - 10:00am

Tolland Board of Education

51 Tolland Green

RSVP only if childcare is Requested

jpalumbo@tolland.k12.ct.us

Timeline for Preparation of 2015-2016 Budget

1/15/15	Community Budget Workshop	Superintendent/School Admins/BOE
1/20/15	Community Budget Workshop	Superintendent/School Admins/BOE
1/21/15	Community Budget Workshop	Superintendent/School Admins/BOE
1/28/15	Board of Education Budget Review Session	Superintendent/Business Manager
1/28/15	Presentation to BOE of Superintendent's proposed Superintendent/Business Manager Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 Budget to Board of Education Board of Education Budget Review Session	
1/29/15	Board of Education Budget Review Session	Superintendent/Business Manager
2/04/15	Board of Education Budget Review Session	Superintendent/Business Manager
2/11/15	Regular BOE meeting -Adoption of Board of Education Budget	BOE
2/17/15	Superintendent submits Board of Education Budget to Town Manager (by February 21, per Town Charter)	Superintendent
3/3/15	Manager convenes joint meeting between Council and Town Board of Education (by April 11 per Charter requirement) Council Room – 7:00 p.m.	BOE
5/6/15	Budget Referendum	Town
7/1/15	Fiscal year 2015-2016 budget year begins	



Spring 2015 RECREATION Soccer Registration Has Started

Our new fee is \$75 for all SPRING Recreation soccer
Late fee is \$25, beginning 3/1/2015 Registration will CLOSE on
3/31/2015

Any player eligible to play U5 – U14 is invited to participate.

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

Please visit our website www.tollandsoccer.com to register

Register Now For Spring 2015 Season



Boys and Girls in Grades 1-8

(new and experienced players welcome at all levels)

Register online at

www.tollandlacrosse.org

Tolland Youth Lacrosse is the fastest growing program in Tolland and offers participation to boys and girls in grades 1-8.

Teams play a local travel schedule from April through mid-June



A snowflake as seen under a microscope.

SNOWFLAKE FACTS:

The largest snowflake ever recorded (according to the Guinness Book of Records) measured 38 cm wide and 20 cm thick, and landed in Montana, USA, in 1887.

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