



## **T.I.S. Digital Backpack**

**February 11, 2019**



### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**



## **Start with Hello Week: February 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**

Tolland Intermediate School is excited to announce that we will again be participating in **Start With Hello Week**. Start With Hello is a program founded by the Sandy Hook Promise Organization. The program is designed to bring individuals and school communities together to foster looking out and caring for one another. Young people have the power to see someone, reach out and Start with Hello in order to reduce social isolation and create a more connected and inclusive school. Each student has the power to make a difference and make a new friend.

All students and staff will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

### **Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>: "Hey Day"**

Everyone wears a name tag. Students and staff will be encouraged to say hello to someone new!

### **Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>: Wear Green Day**

Students and staff are encouraged to wear the color green to promote awareness and call attention to Start with Hello Week.

**1. See  
someone  
alone**

**2. Reach out  
and help**

**3. Start with  
Hello!**

**Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>: Mix it Up at  
Lunch Day**

Sit with someone new at lunch, make a new friend!

**Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>: Uniquely You Day**

Students and staff should wear something that expresses what makes you unique. We are all unique and special!



## **T.I.S. CALENDAR**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 13 Staff Appreciation (see flyer)**
- 15 NO SCHOOL**
- 18 NO SCHOOL**
- 20 Coffee with the Principal, 9:30**
- 22 EARLY RELEASE (12:45)**

## ***WHAT'S NEW IN 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE:***

Third graders are working hard at Tolland Intermediate School. In Math, many classes are wrapping up the division unit. They are learning strategies to solve two-step real-world problems with multiplication and division. In classes we are working on mastering multiplication and division facts with games, as well as Reflex Math. Recently, usernames and passwords went home for IXL. We'll be using this in class, as well as encouraging kids to try it at home to work on various math skills. Please have your child continue to practice math facts using Reflex, IXL, and math games at home.

We have wrapped up our Opinion writing unit in Writer's Workshop. Third graders did a wonderful job writing their opinion on topics of their choice. We will begin our Information Unit and we are looking forward to hearing about what topics your child is an expert on. We'll start in our Writer's Notebooks and then write information books on topics of their choice. In Language Arts, classes are reading stories in Houghton Mifflin, Journeys as well as the Wonders program. We are using these resources as well as guided reading to work on comprehension skills. Please continue to have your third grader read at home every night.

Our fossils science unit is really keeping kids engaged. Using real photographs of fossils, your explorers are acting like paleontologists and discovering where the animals lived, what they ate, and other characteristics. We'll also explore footprints of fossils. All classes had the experience of seeing triops hatch from eggs and grow to adults. The kids love making observations each day, feeding the triops, and learning about their life cycles.

## ***WHAT'S NEW IN 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE:***

I do not know about you but I feel like 2019 is already zooming by! We are off to a very productive start in 2019. We're on our way to finishing up Chapter 6 fractions unit and then we'll be moving right into working on decimals. After the New Year, we took the Mid-Year assessment in math, which covered chapters 1, 2, 3, and 6. As a whole class, they are definitely improving on their fact fluency but as we always say, "Practice makes perfect!" so keep up the great work!

In LA, our current unit has been our most "informational" one (since we're in INFORMATIONAL☺). We have been reading great stories and articles and talking about the structures and features you will find while reading informational texts. During writing, we've carried over what the kids have been reading and they have been also researching and even begun writing about different animals.

In Social Studies, the class has completed the Map Skills unit and is working finishing unit 2 on the Northeast Region. After the Northeast Region as a grade level the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be moving into Unit 2 for science.

Last but definitely not least! The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Valentine's Day Dance is coming up Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to bring their favorite adult to a fun social event here at TIS. It will be located upstairs in the all-purpose room, where you will find a DJ, food refreshment, and all kinds of sweet treats for purchase. There will be a \$15 per couple charge at the door. We hope to see you there!

## ***WHAT'S NEW IN 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE:***

The 5th grade students are getting excited for Esteem Day. Our students will spend the entire school day with Canton High School students. They will participate and watch skits and on a variety of self-esteem topics. Students will also be able to show off their amazing dance skills. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for the evening performance, Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

In language arts, students are working on research based arguments. Students are writing about whether or not schools should serve chocolate milk. Students have conducted research and added their own personal opinion. Students will then choose a topic they are passionate about and write an opinion essay based on their research. Ask your child what topic they are writing about.

Students are learning about early colonization of America. Students are reading about Roanoke, Jamestown, and Plymouth. We will soon move on to the thirteen original colonies.

Fifth grade students are beginning their fractions units. The units includes students solving real-world style problems. These problems are fairly complex, but the students will be using their bar modeling strategies to solve them. They are getting really good at different problem solving strategies.

In science, fifth graders are well into their unit on ecosystems. Students have been researching abiotic and biotic factors that help ecosystems to thrive. The main organism students are focused on are the Golden Jellyfish of Lake Palau. Well done fifth grade scientists.

# The Math Round Up

Happy New Year!!! Here at TIS we recently rolled out a new online math program called DL. DL is an integrated learning program that individualizes instruction to the needs of each individual user. There are more than 7,500 skills that align to the Common Core Standards to support classroom instruction and meet the needs of our students. Teachers are using this program in many ways throughout the building and children can access the program at home to sharpen their math skills. More information about DL can be found on the last page of this document.



## Contact Information

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[jwebster@tollend.k12.or.us](mailto:jwebster@tollend.k12.or.us)

## Fluency Tip of the Month

### Write the Equations

Shuffle a deck of playing cards (five cards removed). Lay the deck face down in the middle of the playing area. Player 1 turns over the top 3 cards. Player 2 calls a three for 1 which is 1 which player 1 shall try to write as many multiplicative equations as possible using only the 3 cards drawn from the pile. Repeat the steps until all the cards have been drawn. The player with the most equations at the end -win!

# Saddling Up For Success

## Boot Scootin' in Third Grade

This month third graders will focus on fractions.

Students will...

- Use models to show fractions
- Identify numerator and denominator
- Understand equivalent fractions
- Use a number line to find equivalent fractions
- Compare fractions

## Spurring into Action in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

In February 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be busy working on decimals. Students will...

- Express fractions as decimals
- Find equivalent ones, tenths and hundredths
- Use place value concepts to compare decimals
- Round decimals to the nearest tenth or whole number
- Express improper fractions and mixed numbers as decimals

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Round Up 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be studying fractions this month. Students will...

- Add and subtract unlike fractions
- Rewrite division expressions as fractions
- Express fractions as decimals
- Use models to multiply fractions
  - Multiply Mixed Numbers and Whole Numbers
- Divide a fraction by a whole number

Kick It Up With Some Online Practices!

Check out [Multiplication.com](https://www.multiplication.com) for practices/reviews with Multiplication facts.

<https://www.multiplication.com/games>



**Tolland Public Schools**  
51 Tollard Green  
Tollard, Connecticut 06084

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to tell you that Tollard Public Schools will be using a website called IXL in our classrooms this year. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math practice across thousands of skills—all of which are aligned to the Common Core. One of the best things about IXL is that your child can access it from home, so you have a chance to see your child's progress!

To get your child started on your home computer, please follow these easy steps:

1. Go to <https://www.ixl.com/signin/tollandsd>
2. Enter your child's username and password and click "Sign in."  
Please see attached login information
3. Click on any skill to start learning!

Students have the ability to select a skill to practice from the:

Math tab on the top toolbar

Recommendation tab on the opt toolbar (if your student has completed the initial diagnostic)

IXL is designed to help your child learn at his or her own pace. The program is adaptive and will adjust based on your child's demonstrated understanding of the material. All of your child's results will be saved, so you can monitor his or her progress anytime by clicking on Analytics at the top of the page. For on-the-go practice, you can download IXL's free tablet apps for iPad, Android, or Kindle and sign in with your child's username and password. We encourage your son or daughter to use IXL regularly.

If you have any questions please contact Jen Webster at

[webster@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:webster@tolland.k12.ct.us)

Sincerely,

Jen Webster

Supervisor of Mathematics, K-12

Tollard Public Schools



# STAFF APPRECIATION



**HOSTED BY TEPTO**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH**

It's time to celebrate our hard working teachers and staff once again! As our way of saying "thank you" for all that they do, the PTO would like to treat the teachers and staff with some homemade baked goods on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking for donations of sweet treats and goodies... desserts, cookies, muffins, chocolates ...whatever inspires you!

Also, we know so many parents would like to contribute, but are unavailable to bake. If you'd like to donate Keurig K-cups, paper goods, drinks, or cash donations please let us know!

If you are able to contribute an item on the morning of February 13<sup>th</sup>, please contact Tina Smith for TIS donations at [cdsmith1277@gmail.com](mailto:cdsmith1277@gmail.com) or Tabitha Cefaratti for Birch Grove donations at [tabitha.candito@gmail.com](mailto:tabitha.candito@gmail.com).

*\*\*\* All perishable donations should be dropped off at the Birch Grove or TIS office by 10:00am on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.\*\*\**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## Box Tops for Education Contest

Please tape Box Tops to the boxes below. See the back of this paper for instructions.





## **Contest ends February 8th, 2019**

Help support our schools by clipping Box Tops!

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school buy what it needs. Each Box Top is worth 10¢ and can quickly add up to real cash for our school.

Please tape Box Tops for Education to the boxes 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! Be sure to fill out the top square with your child's information.

If you have more than 25 Box Tops you can print more from the digital backpack or our website under "Forms and Weblinks" at: [http://www.tis.tolland.k12.ct.us/parents\\_students/tolland\\_elementary\\_pto](http://www.tis.tolland.k12.ct.us/parents_students/tolland_elementary_pto)

If you have only a few, please send them in, since every one counts! Bags of Box Tops will also be accepted for submission, though not counted in the contest.

**There will be six winners for this contest:  
1 from EACH grade!**

**The prizes are \$15 gift cards for Rave/Cinemark Theaters**

If you have any questions, please email [jksennick@gmail.com](mailto:jksennick@gmail.com)



Tolland Intermediate School

Photo Release Form

2018/2019

**Please do not release any photos of my student in the following media**

**(check all that apply):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yearbook

\_\_\_\_\_ Outside Media Sources

\_\_\_\_\_ Tolland Public Schools Superintendent's Bulletin/**T.I.S. Digital Backpack**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tolland Intermediate School Website

**\*\*\*This form does not need to be returned if photos can be used in any of the above areas.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_



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PRESENTATION BY  
**CAPP**  
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OF PREVENTION  
PROFESSIONALS

**WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 6, 2019  
7-9 PM**

## **TOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

*Are you sure you'd recognize the signs of youth drug or alcohol use in your home? Don't leave it to chance!*

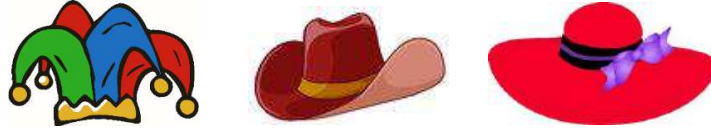
**EXPLORE** a teen's bedroom to see and identify the newest drug paraphernalia, hiding places and other signs that may indicate drug or alcohol use by a teen. *How many can you identify?*

**LEARN** about area substance abuse trends, and signs & symptoms of use. Prevention professionals will also provide resources for parents and community members.

**THIS PROGRAM IS FOR ADULTS ONLY!**

## UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS

NOVEMBER 20 - HAT DAY



DECEMBER 20 - CRAZY SWEATER DAY



JANUARY 11 - DECADES DAY



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



# Tolland High School Booster Club Fundraiser @ Board & Brush

Want to make your own personalized wood sign?

Come to **Board & Brush** and make any sign in our Gallery!

Choose your own wood sign from our gallery of 100 plus designs! Join our popular workshop and create your own unique wood sign! We customize the materials for you and take you step by step to create a gorgeous piece for your home or for a gift! Choose from a variety of paint colors and wood stain colors in the workshop.

**Date:** Friday April 26th - 6-9 pm

**Location:** 27 Quality Ave, Somers CT 06071

**Link to register and input information for the sign you wish to make.**

<https://boardandbrush.com/somers/6719>

Beverages and snacks will be provided by THS Booster Club

Karen Moran ([4morans@gmail.com](mailto:4morans@gmail.com)) & Jackie Kolb ([jackiekolb99@gmail.com](mailto:jackiekolb99@gmail.com))

Please NOTE: We require all participants to register their seats and provide their customization information at least 72 hours before your party. This ensures that we can get your materials ready, custom stencils cut and the studio well-staffed for the event. Please let me know if you have questions.

Here is a small sampling of signs you can make, check out website for more.







girl scouts  
of connecticut

## UNLEASH STRONG! BE A GIRL SCOUT.

### Join Girl Scouts in Tolland

Trips are being held for grades K-5  
To learn more please join us for our "Girl Scout Super Hero"  
Birch Grove Elementary School  
247 Rhodes Road, Tolland  
Wednesday February 13, 2019  
5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.

Questions? Contact Valorie Rykowski [valorie@gsctc.org](mailto:valorie@gsctc.org)  
Or Deborah Kravitz [bit.ly/girlscoutct](http://bit.ly/girlscoutct)



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## ¡DESATA TU FUERZA! SÉ UNA GIRL SCOUT.

### Únete a Girl Scouts en Tolland

Los viajes se están formando para los Grupos K-5  
Obtenga más información en "Girl Scout Super Hero"  
Birch Grove Elementary School  
miércoles 13 de febrero de 2019  
5:30p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Preguntas? Comuníquese con Valorie Rykowski [valorie@gsctc.org](mailto:valorie@gsctc.org)  
o Deborah Kravitz [bit.ly/girlscoutct](http://bit.ly/girlscoutct)

Únete hoy on [gsctc.org/join](http://gsctc.org/join).

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**TOLLAND LITTLE LEAGUE**

**SPRING BASEBALL &  
SOFTBALL  
REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN**

Register before February 16 to avoid late fees.

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**Visit  
[tollandlittleleague.com](http://tollandlittleleague.com)  
to register today and  
for more info.**



# REGISTER NOW



## **GIRLS & BOYS LACROSSE**

**- Grades K-8 -**

To register please go to <http://tollandlacrosse.org> and click "Registration Online" on the left side navigation panel. There are detailed instructions on how to register on the registration page.

Any questions regarding registration please contact Erin Perryman @ [erinperrygirl@yahoo.com](mailto:erinperrygirl@yahoo.com)

For additional information about Tolland Lacrosse please visit our site or contact the following:

- Boys program contact Damien Berthiaume @ [ddberth@gmail.com](mailto:ddberth@gmail.com)
- Girls program contact Lance Doyle @ [ldtollandlax@gmail.com](mailto:ldtollandlax@gmail.com)

**<http://www.tollandlacrosse.org>**

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*FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER NEWS:*

Now is the time to register for 2019-2020



Open registration for FRC begins February 1 for next year's FRC programs. We have limited spaces remaining in our programs. We offer before and after school for children in grades K-6. Preschool Programs and playgroups for 2-5 year olds 2-4 days a week 2.5 - 6 hours a day.

Visit our website:

[www.tolland.k12.ct.us/community/family\\_resource\\_center](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/community/family_resource_center)  
for registration information and forms or call Laurel Leibowitz



(860) 870-6750 x 30215

# 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](mailto:nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us) 860-870-6885 x 40226



**Town of Tolland's Eagle Freeze**  
**Title Sponsor: CNC SOFTWARE**  
**Sponsored by: Tolland Recreation Dept.**  
**Tolland Fire Department**

The Tolland Recreation Department is challenging everyone to the 3rd Annual Eagle Freeze!  
Come and jump in the ICY WATERS OF CRANDALL PARK!! Participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$25 to participate in the event. Participants are encourage to dress in costumes. All the profits will benefit equipment for the Tolland Recreation Dept. and Tolland Fire Dept.

Awards will be handed out for the following categories:  
Most money raised by an individual    Best individual costume

**Event Information:**

The Tolland Recreation Department will be holding it's 3rd Annual Eagle Freeze Fundraiser to benefit equipment for the Tolland Recreation Department and Tolland Fire Department.

**Date:** February 23, 2019    **Ages:** 8 and older  
**Time:** 1:00 pm (please check in NO LATER than 12:30pm at the Concession Stand)  
**Location:** Crandall's Park, 64 Cider Mill Road  
**Fee:** Minimum of \$25 donation

Please fill out the participation form and mail it to:  
The Tolland Recreation Department; 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE WAIVER FORM LOCATED ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM**

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Being Represented: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Shirt size (circle one): AS            AM            AL            AXL            AXXL**

**\*Shirts are only guaranteed if form is returned before February 6, 2019\***

**Donation Form**

Name	Contact Information	Donation

## 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](mailto: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](#).



*The End*