



T.I.S. Digital Backpack

January 29, 2018



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:



Start with Hello at T.I.S.

February 12 – February 16

The Student Council is excited to announce that Tolland Intermediate School will be participating in the **Start with Hello Program**. The Start with Hello Program was founded by the Sandy Hook Promise Organization and is designed to bring individuals and school communities together to encourage students to look out and care 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. The T.I.S. Student Council will be collecting voluntary \$1.00 donations for the Sandy Hook Promise Organization.

Three easy steps: 1. See Someone Alone 2. Reach out and Help 3. Start with Hello.

Monday, February 12th- “Hey Day”

Everyone wears a nametag (provided by the school)! Say Hello to someone new.

Tuesday, February 13th- Wear Green Day

To promote awareness and call attention to Start with Hello.

Wednesday, February 14th- **Happy Face/Compliment Day** Students will each receive a smiley face with a written positive comment, compliment or encouraging words/kind words on the back.

Thursday, February 15th- **Mix it up Lunch Day!!**

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

Friday, February 16th- **“Uniquely You Day”**

Students and staff are encouraged to dress up and express what makes them unique. We are all unique and special.

For more information on Sandy Hook Promise visit the following website:

www.sandyhookpromise.org

Goodbye Mrs. Bezzina, Welcome Ms. Ballard

It is with sincere regret that I inform you Mrs. Bezzina has resigned her position as Tolland Intermediate School's art teacher. Her last day at T.I.S. was Friday, January 11. Friday

While we are sad to see Mrs. Bezzina leave after serving as a Tolland art teacher for many years, we are happy to announce that former Tolland Middle School art teacher, Ms. Lisa Ballard has replaced Mrs. Bezzina. Ms. Ballard is a veteran Tolland teacher, having served the district since 2000.

Ms. Ballard's email address is lballard@tolland.k12.ct.us

Winter Weather

It is important that students come to school dressed appropriately for winter weather. Because temperatures can fluctuate drastically during the day, coats, hats, and long pants should be worn as a means of protection from the winter weather. 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 drop off begins at 7:50.

Please do not drop your child off for chorus, band or a club before 7:50. Staff members running these groups are not on duty until 7:50.

Unified Arts Update for January 2018

Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education

Art

It is with a sad heart that we say goodbye and good luck to our former art teacher Mrs. Bezzina.



She is off to pursue other endeavors and the whole TIS family wishes her well. We welcome Ms. Ballard, formally a Tolland Middle School art teacher, who joined the Unified Arts team here at TIS this month.

Ms. Ballard - Art Teacher

Third Grade; Students will be finishing up their painting projects they started with Mrs Bezzina. These projects focused on creating Space in a painting creating a background , middleground ,and foreground.

Fourth Grade: Students will be finishing up their Postcard projects they started with Mrs Bezzina. The students created symmetrical or asymmetrical designs on a small postcard .They will be starting the painting part of the project this week.

Fifth Grade:Students will be finishing up their Animal Sculpture projects they started with Mrs.Bezzina. Their next project will be a weaving .

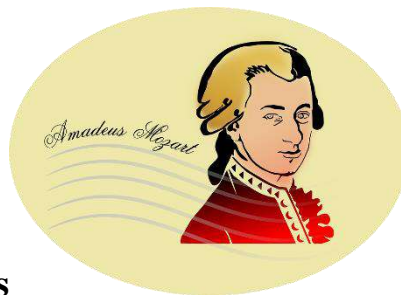
Mrs. Hill - Library Media

Third grade: Students began a biography unit in January. They learned parts of a biography, then they read a short biography about Martin Luther King, Jr. They practiced note taking skills with a graphic organizer, picking out the important facts, using their text features skills. Then they read a short biography about MLK and used text features. Next, they will be writing their own autobiography.



Fourth grade: Students did a mini-research biography page on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. in the first few weeks of January. Next, they will began a large research and writing unit in the classroom about animal adaptations. In collaboration with classroom teachers note taking skills, how to put a bibliography (works cited) page together and a graphic organizer to take notes will be lessons taught in library during January and February for this report. Students are very excited to learn unique and interesting facts about their chosen animal as they move throughout research stations in the library.

Fifth grade: Students did a mini-research biography page on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. in the first few weeks of January. In preparation for classroom research and writing projects students will get a review lesson on note taking skills, putting a works cited page together and how to avoid plagiarizing.



Ms. Baker - Music/Chorus

I would like to welcome my student teacher Miss Katherine Roque from the University of Connecticut. She will be starting January 23.

The composer of the month for January is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Grade 3 general music: The third grade students have started a new unit focusing on sixteenth note rhythms and rondo form. In addition, they will be learning folk songs based on Colonial Tolland which coincides with the third grade Social Studies curriculum.

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 various South American languages. The students will be given the opportunity to earn their yellow, orange and green belts in recorder karate. Please remind your children that they need to bring their recorders to school for music day.

Grade 5 general music: The fifth grader students are creating, composing, performing, and analyzing music. They are composing in small groups using graphic notation, standard music notation, latin american instruments, and African instruments. They will begin learning to play the ukuleles mid- February.

Grade 5 Chorus: OUR SPRING CONCERT IS: **Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00pm, in the TIS all purpose room.**
Please mark your calendar!

Mrs. Marchesani - Band/Chorus

Grade 4 Chorus: Chorus members are having fun learning new songs for future PBIS assemblies and their Spring concert. Ask your child to give you a musical preview of “Yonder Come Day”, a song from the Georgia Sea Islands.



Grade 4 and Grade 5 Band: Both Bands gave a spirited and joyful performance to a packed house at Tolland Middle School on January 18th. Band students worked very hard to make their Winter Concert an amazing celebration of music and accomplishment! To all band parents and extended family members who make playing an instrument possible, thank you so much for providing this opportunity for your children and supporting our music program.

Grade 4 Band: The 4th grade Band is focused on learning new material for the Spring concert. One band arrangement is “Bugler’s Dream” which is based on the Olympic fanfare theme. Band members played the main melody at the Winter Concert and will be learning an

expanded arrangement which includes harmony parts played by some of the instrumental sections of the Band. We are having a lot of fun with this piece!

Grade 5 Band: 5th Grade Band members have begun preparing music for their Step-Up Concert with the 6th grade Band on April 6th. Students will be identifying, counting and playing the dotted quarter note followed by a single eighth note rhythm pattern. At home, soon you will be hearing “Trumpet Voluntary” and a spirited arrangement of Mouret’s “Rondeau”.

The 5th Grade Band Step-Up Concert with the 6th Grade TMS Band is scheduled for Friday, April 6, 2018 at Tolland Middle School auditorium. 5th grade Band members report to the TMS Band room no later than 6:00 p.m. Both bands perform from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. and then have the option of attending the Funtastic Friday Night Bash activities following the Step-Up Concert. (More information about the after concert event will be sent home from Mrs. Janis Bouley, TMS guidance counselor). This is always an exciting evening!



Mr. Downing – Physical Education

Third grade: Students will be starting a fitness unit. They will rotate through several fitness stations working on multiple components of health related fitness and skill related fitness.

Fourth grade: Students will be starting a fitness unit. They will rotate through several fitness stations working on multiple components of health related fitness and skill related fitness.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FEBRUARY

- 1 ESTEEM DAY (see flyer/permission slip)
- 2 SPORTS TEAM DAY (wear apparel from your favorite team)
- 3 EARLY RELEASE (12:45)
- 4 PTO @ Birch Grove
- 8 SNOWDATE FOR ESTEEM DAY
- 9 Tolland Community Women Valentine's Dance (see flyer)
- 16 EARLY RELEASE (12:45)
- 19 NO SCHOOL

T.I.S. STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

Thursday, February 15th 2018

Hosted by TEPTO

Donations Needed!

With the chilly weather that Winter brings, we are looking to provide our hardworking teachers and staff with some delicious food to warm their hearts throughout the day. We are seeking:

- Crock pot soups
- Bread
- Fruit
- Cheese and crackers
- An array of
treats/goodies!

If you are able to contribute a yummy item to TIS by 10am on the morning of Feb. 14th, please contact Pamela Petoskey at

pamsplayschool@sbcglobal.net



Education Express is a Family Program to help our local schools get FREE, much needed supplies & equipment!

PLUS,

- Everyone can participate! Do you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or even neighbors? You can support their school by signing up for Education Express.
- And from February 1 through April 25, 2018, for every 500 Education Express Points earned, you get a GOLD COIN!
- Just shop our stores and look for the participating items marked with the Education Express logo. Each item will have a point value and savings on top of that!
- Through previous Big Y Education Express programs, together we've given our local schools approximately **\$14 Million Dollars of much-needed supplies and equipment.**

Sign up today at bigy.com or with the mybigy app and start earning points February 1st!

Box Tops for Education Contest



Contest ends February 10th, 2018

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 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! Be sure to fill out the top square with your child's information.

If you have more than 25 Box Tops you can find a copy in the digital backpack at http://www.bgp.tolland.k12.ct.us/for_parents/digital_backpacks/

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 Time Machine Hobby

If you have any questions, please email me at jksennick@gmail.com






























Name: _____
Grade: _____
Teacher: _____

Box Tops for Education Contest

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

Esteem Day!

Dear Fifth Grade Parents:

On Thursday, February 1, 2018 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 1st** from **6:00 - 7:15 PM**. (The snow date for this presentation will be Thursday, February 8th.)

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 provide lunch and dinner for the **Esteem** team. The cost for the program and t-shirt is **\$13** per child. Please send cash or make a check payable to TIS SAA by Friday, January 26th.

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

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Teachers

Please sign the permission slip below and return it to your teacher:

I have read the Esteem letter and have included the **\$13.00** payment.

Student Name

Parent Signature



Tolland Community Women

Invite You To:

4th Grade

Valentine Dance

❤️ **WHO:** All 4th grade students and their favorite adult!

(Girls - bring your father, uncle, grandfather, etc.)

(Boys - bring you mothers, aunt, grandmother, etc.)

All children must be accompanied by an adult

❤️ **WHAT:** Come join your classmates for a great night out! A DJ will be there playing all your favorite songs! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Carnations and "Glo Jewelry" will be available for purchasing.

❤️ **WHERE:** Tolland Intermediate School All Purpose Room

❤️ **WHEN:** Friday, February 9, 2018

❤️ **TIME:** 7:00 - 9:00 pm

❤️ **Admission:** \$15.00 per couple, payable at the door.

❤️ **Questions?** Contact Kathy.Aldrich@sbcglobal.net





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 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 encouraged to dress in costumes. All the profits will benefit Life Saving Equipment for the Recreation Department.

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 2nd Annual Eagle Freeze Fundraiser to benefit Life Saving Equipment for the Recreation Department.

Date: February 24, 2018 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. _____

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 7, 2018

Donation Form

Name	Contact Information	Donation

TOLLAND EAGLE FREEZE WAIVER FORM

If under the age of 18, form must be signed by parent or guardian. Others age 18 or older must sign.

TOWN OF TOLLAND RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY, AND PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")

In consideration of participating in the Eagle Freeze I represent that I understand the nature of the event and that I and/or my minor child am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I acknowledge that if I and/or my minor child believe the events conditions are unsafe, I and/or my minor child will immediately discontinue participation in the Activity.

I fully understand that the Eagle Freeze event involves risk of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by my own actions, or inaction, those of others named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages that I and/or my minor child incur as a result of my and/or my minor child's participation in the Activity.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Town of Tolland, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releases" or

otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk, I or anyone on my and/or my minor child's behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releases from any loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may occur as the result of such claim.

I have read this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, AND PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

PRINT NAME OF EAGLE FREEZE PARTICIPANT

Signature of Participant (only if participant is age 18 or over)

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if participant is under age 18)

Date



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

2017-2018

Please join us at 9:15 at Tolland Intermediate School for coffee and conversation on the dates listed below. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Wednesday, May 16, 2018



2018
SPRING SEASON
(April - June)

REGISTER NOW

GIRLS & BOYS
- Grades K-8 -

- NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED -

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

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

- Boys program contact Damien Berthiaume @ ddberth@gmail.com
- Girls program contact Lance Doyle @ ldtollandlax@gmail.com

<http://www.tollandlacrosse.org>

Tolland Little League 2018 Winter Clinics

Registration is now open for the 2018 Winter Baseball Clinics

Clinics ran by Tolland Eagles:

Head Varsity Coach: Scott Czerwinski

Assistant Coach: Todd Euliano

Clinics run from January-March.

***Softball Clinic registration to follow shortly upon finalizing gym use and dates.**

****TRIPLE PLAY DISCOUNT (SAVE \$45):****

-ANY PLAYER WHO SIGNS UP FOR ALL 3 BASEBALL CLINICS (HITTING, IF/OF and PITCHERS/CATCHERS) WILL RECEIVE A REDUCED COST OF \$70 PER CLINIC. MUST PRE-SIGN UP FOR ALL 3 CLINICS TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED PRICE

1) Baseball Clinic: Offensive/Hitting Clinic:

-Baseball 8 year olds – 8th graders

-January-February: 1/28, 2/11, 2/18

-TIME: 6:00-7:30 pm @ Tolland High School

-Cost: \$85.00 (get all 3 clinics for \$70/clinic/player)

This program is designed to help improve your child's ability and confidence on the offensive side of the baseball. They will get three 90 minute sessions of pure offensive instruction where they will learn the importance of balance and timing throughout their swing, how to bunt a ball properly, and aggressive base running

skills. In addition, they will learn the importance of pitch counts and pitch selection. **Limited to 50 players**

2) Baseball Clinic: Infield/Outfield Clinic:

Baseball 8 year old – 8th graders

February: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11

TIME: 6:00-7:30 pm @ Tolland High School

Cost: \$85.00 **(get all 3 clinics for \$70/clinic/player)**

This program is designed to help improve your child's defensive skills from properly fielding a ground ball and a fly ball, to taking good routes to the baseball (both infield and outfield), to proper footwork. They will get three 90 minute sessions of pure defensive instruction where they will be taught the importance of understanding the both IF and OF positions. **Limited to 50 players**

3)Pitchers/Catchers Clinic:

Baseball 8 year olds – 8th graders

March: 3/1, 3/6, 3/8

TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm @ Tolland High School

(NOTE: time is different on pitchers/catchers from other 2 clinics)

Cost: \$85.00 **(get all 3 clinics for \$70/clinic/player)**

This program is designed to help improve pitchers/catchers. Pitchers will work on arm circles, grips, balance, delivery, release points, and follow thru as well as fielding their position. We will cover drills/techniques to help improve consistency and velocity. Catchers will work on primary/secondary positions, proper receiving, blocking, pop-ups, fielding the bunt, and throwing to bases. Clinic will cover drills

and techniques for young catchers to improve defensively in all aspects of the position. Limited to 50 players

***Any questions/concerns please contact Todd Euliano:**

Cell: (860) 997-6079

Email: CTtollandBaseball@gmail.com



THE END