



## T.I.S. Digital Backpack June 12, 2017

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS FRIDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>. THIS IS A HALF DAY WITH DISMISSAL AT 12:45 P.M. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE T.I.S. CAFETERIA IS CLOSED THIS DAY. STUDENTS SHOULD BRING A SNACK OR THEIR LUNCHES AND A DRINK AS NO WATER OR MILK WILL BE SOLD.

## Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony June 16, 10:00 AM

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the fifth grade promotion ceremony. The ceremony will be on the last day of school at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium of the Intermediate School. 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.

## Field Day

Friday, June 3 was our annual Field Day at T.I.S. Thank you to Mrs. Baker, Mr. Downing, Mrs. Logsdon and Mrs. Kirk for all their hard work in putting the day together. Thank you to the numerous volunteers who came out to run event stations, the day would not have been possible without your help.

#### **PTO NEWS**

#### Thank You Mrs. Byam

We bid farewell to our amazing PTO President, Mrs. Byam. Over the course of her tenure as TEPTO President, Mrs. Byam has worked tirelessly for the students and staff of T.I.S. and Birch Grove. Mrs. Byam has guided TEPTO to the raising of thousands of dollars for our schools, as well as the successful organization of many Spring Fling Fairs and other community events. Thank you Mrs. Byam!

## **Thank You PTO**

Thanks to our amazing PTO for all their hard work in providing our students with so many wonderful enhancements to their experiences at T.I.S. Our students had the opportunity to attend assemblies like Junie B. Jones, the Freedom Train, Laser Light Shows, African Drummers and Brazilian dancers just to name a few. In addition to assemblies the PTO funds the purchase of all our recess equipment, and all of our student pleasure reading books (and there are a lot), curriculum materials in all subject areas, teacher classroom supplies, all the supplies necessary to run Field Day and many pieces of student technology.

## Thank you Mrs. Victorino

Thank you to Mrs. Victorino once again for all her hard work in providing the fifth grade students with class t-shirts. This year's neon green and black color scheme looks great! We appreciate you Mrs. Victorino!

## Mileage Club

Thanks to Mrs. Klember and the numerous volunteers for running the T.I.S. Mileage Club this year. We truly appreciate the time and effort that our Mileage Club volunteers put into this wonderful recess program. The year culminated in the presentation of many certificates to T.I.S. students during our traditional field day outdoor assembly.

## **Annual T.I.S. Parent Survey**

The annual Tolland Intermediate School Parent Survey is now open. In an effort to improve our practices, each year we ask that parents complete a parent survey. Below is the link to the survey, you may also visit the school webpage to access the survey. https://goo.gl/forms/uRiJOXEJhijbijyF3

## **Welcome Incoming Third Graders**

The entire T.I.S. Community extends a heartfelt welcome to the 2017-2018 third grade class. Second graders from Birch Grove have been visiting T.I.S. to learn about their new school. The tours consist of a visit to a third grade classroom, a walking tour of the school, a general overview of T.I.S. conducted by school counselor Mrs. Ashly Bishopric and a question and answer session with T.I.S. student council members. Thanks to our fifth grade student council members for leading the walking tour of the building.

## March Madness Book Tournament By Ethan Schwarz

The March Madness Book Tournament is like the college basketball tournament but books are competing. Mrs. Koss' class and Mrs. Wunsch's class are participating in the tournament. Some people think that this tournament is a good idea because it makes us students go out of our comfort zones with reading, it also has us read different book genres. The tournament bracket started with 16 books, like *Charlotte's* Web by E.B. White, Public School Superhero by James Patterson, Bailey's Story by W. Bruce Cameron and another example is The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. Books are paired up and for one of the two books to move on it must get more votes than its opponent. All the students like to vote after they read the paired up books. The rounds started with the Sweet Sixteen then moved on to the Elite Eight, Final Four and finally The Championship Round. Now on April 3rd we are going into The Championship Round with *Public School Superhero* going against Bailey's Story. In this round to vote students make a badge for their favorite book. And now, the winner is......

Bailey's Story!!!!!



## **Unified Arts Update for June 2017**

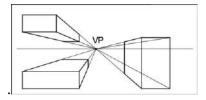
Art ~ Health ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education ~ Technology



## Mrs. Bezzina - Art

**Third Grade:** The students are currently drawing animals on scratch paper. They are continuing to use their contour drawing skills that we learned for our Tolland Green Day house drawings. Scratch paper cannot be erased so kids need to think about every line before they draw anything

**Fourth Grade:** This painting is by Mondrian; he used primary colors. We created designs using various shape stencils and now students are painting them with one color scheme. We played a fun game to help us remember the different types. Ask your child what color scheme he/she is using



**Fifth Grade:** In fifth grade, we are learning about one point perspective. Once you learn a few simple rules, it's easy to draw boxes such as these. Ask your child to teach you the steps.



## Mrs. Logsdon – Health/Physical Education

**Third grade:** After finishing the digestive system, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are exploring how the heart works and why its job is so important. Students are now able to relate what we have already learned about nutrients, digestion and oxygen from past units to what else is in the bloodstream, such as white blood cells. This will then, lead us into learning about germs and our natural body defenders.

**Fourth grade**: In fourth grade health we are busy learning about several different components of the human body and how they work. These core concepts create a baseline for the students to understand the relationship between the different body systems and how to keep these systems healthy. In addition, we investigate why certain systems of the body may not work properly and what we (4th graders) can do to help a person in need. We are currently learning the first aid skill of abdominal thrusts if a family member is choking.



**Fifth grade**: The intent of the health/fitness class is to expose students to new and different forms of exercise and use a variety of equipment to help motivate students for a positive attitude towards lifelong fitness. Students have had the opportunity to use several pieces of equipment during our fitness circuits. So far, it seems as if the most popular station is the balance station. Students have been using bosu balls for balance and core work, balance mazes, balance beams and handheld balance disks. Students have also used a power cross challenge mat, power wing push up trainer and medicine balls in a variety of sizes to help increase strength.





## Mrs. Hill - Library Media

What a wonderful year it has been in the library...but sadly the last day of school is coming up quickly!

## End of the year library information for students and parents:

- Book circulation has ended for the 2016-2017 school year.
- All books are due in the next week.
- Students with very overdue books will receive a letter home in the next five to ten days.
- Books that are lost or damaged can be replaced or paid for. This must happen before the last day of school.
- If a lost book is found, please have the student bring it to the library before the last day of school for a full reimbursement.
- Please consider the website below as a great resource for **summer reading**. The American Library Association has put together books lists for children preschool through eighth grade.

http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2017-summer-reading-list

• Although the school library will be closed, don't forget to take advantage of the amazing resources of the **Tolland Public Library** this summer!

#### Ms. Baker - Music/Chorus

<u>Grade 3 general music:</u> The third graders are 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 took home their recorders and were given Recorder Karate books to enjoy over the summer. The students are expected to bring back their recorders for their fourth grade music classes in the fall.

<u>Grade 4 general music:</u> In the fourth grade general music classes we are using maker stations to review the musical concepts we have learned this year. We will be enjoying music of Hawaii during the last weeks of school. 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!

<u>Grade 5 general music:</u> The fifth graders are practicing their song for the grade 5 commencement as well as reviewing the musical concepts they have learned at TIS through maker stations. A packet with all their grade 5 music composing and projects will be coming home to be signed for in the next week.

<u>Grade 5 Chorus:</u> <u>Yes!</u> We are having Wednesday morning chorus both June 7 and 14, 2017. The students are practicing to sing at the all school assembly the last week of school. I will miss them very much as they graduate to TMS.



## Mr. Downing – Physical Education

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

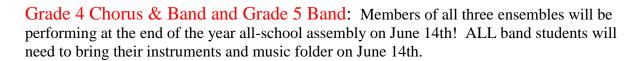
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## **Mrs. Kirk - Technology Integration**

With SBAC wrapping up, it is time to start looking at the digital work that has been done all year. It's time for some housekeeping. It is a good practice to occasionally take a few moments to go through your files and make sure that all documents are named accordingly and are located in the correct folders so that they can be easily found in the future. It is also time to get rid of any unnecessary files. This is a lifelong skill that takes time and practice. 5th grade students are asked to create Google folders in their Google Drive for future years, so that when they enter middle school, they will be ready and organized.





Grade 4 Band and Chorus Concert: The 4th grade Band presented their Spring Concert combined with the 4th grade Chorus on Thursday evening, May 11th at Tolland Middle School. Students performed with energy and lots of smiles! The top two favorite pieces from the Chorus were "Give Me Wings" which featured Mindy Zhao playing violin and a three-part fun song "Shake the Papaya". The top two Band favorites were "Latin Magic" and "Attack of the Slide Trombones" which featured our trombones demonstrating their newly acquired glissando technique. Friends of Tolland Music assisted in hosting a reception in the TMS cafeteria immediately following the concert.

Grade 5 Band: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band members presented their Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 16th. This culminating activity featured music by John Williams (Star Wars: The Main Theme), Jeremiah Clarke (Prince of Denmark March *aka Trumpet Voluntary*) and Mouret (Rockin' Rondeau). Spotlight pieces this year featured small groups of the same instrument and also two woodwind quintets performing together. Fourteen volunteers soloed out during the "Mini-Tune" portion of the concert and we had audience participation naming the different tunes.

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**AND:** It's time for all our 3rd graders to think about signing up for 4th grade Band! Please see the following pages for information about the Tolland High School Band "Instrument Demo" Assembly, parent/guardian letters and the Band Instrument Selection Form.

## Tolland Intermediate School 96 Old Post Road Tolland, CT 06084

June 1, 2017

Dear 3rd grade Parent or Guardian:

In the next school year, your child will have the opportunity to become a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade band.

Joining the TIS Band is a refreshing, creative opportunity for all. The amazing journey of learning an instrument is a truly unique experience.

On Thursday June 1st, I provided a "Band Instrument" assembly for all 3st graders and members of the THS Band were the presenters. The assembly consisted of performance, "informance" and individual instrument demonstrations. Third graders were also encouraged to make an informed decision about choosing an instrument to play. (Please see the reverse side of this letter for the assembly program).

More information about the TIS Band program will be sent home next week. It is my hope that the June 1st assembly sparked some enthusiasm for our band program and conversations at home! In 4st grade band we offer instruction in flute, oboe\*\*, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, French horn\*\*, baritone horn, trombone and percussion (xylophone/bell kit and drum practice pad; TIS concert band does not include drum set). \*\* Private lessons for oboe and horn are most highly recommended.

There will be an **important informational and instrument rental meeting on Wednesday September 6**<sup>th</sup> **at 7:00 P.M. in the TIS APR.** This meeting will be for the parents/guardians of your brand new fourth graders! At this meeting I will outline band expectations and answer any questions. There will also be representatives from music stores who will review the instrument rental process. Students are invited to come. We will have all the instruments set up. Please contact me with any questions or concerns,

Mrs. Norma Marchesani nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us 860-870-6885 ext. 40226



Make an informed decision.

If you are interested in playing an instrument, please be sure you can answer the...

## THREE BIG QUESTIONS:

## 1.) What does it sounds like?

Choose an instrument that has a sound that inspires you.

## 2.) How do I make it work?

Choose an instrument that you can handle. Think about your arm length and the size of your fingers.

## 3.) What is its role in the band?

Choose an instrument that has a part in the music you are interested in playing. Melody, Harmony, Bass Line, Percussion (please remember percussion students learn the xylophone first)

## An important note to parents and students:

Choosing an instrument is a commitment. Please decide for yourself what instrument will fit you best. Just because there is an old instrument in the attic doesn't mean it is the right instrument for you. Also, just because a friend is choosing a certain instrument doesn't mean it's the right one for you. Think for yourself. Remember to discuss the three questions whemaking this big decision.

Tolland Intermediate School 96 Old Post Road Tolland, CT 06084

June 5, 2017

Dear 3rd grade Parent/Guardian:

This week some members of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Bands are visiting the 3<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms for some "up close" band instrument demonstrations.

I am sending home an instrument selection sheet and also some instrument rental information should you need help with researching costs, etc. There are a number of music stores who rent band instruments on a trial basis. The rental money goes towards the eventual purchase of the instrument.

If you own a previously used instrument in the family, this may be a convenient method for providing an instrument. Please be sure that it is has been serviced recently and is in good

playing condition. It can be very frustrating for a beginning instrumentalist to try to play an instrument that is in need of repair.

If your child is interested in learning to play a band instrument next year, please fill out the instrument selection sheet attached to this notice and **return it to his/her classroom teacher by Monday, June 12**<sup>th</sup>. I will try to honor the student's first choice of instrument. However, it is of the utmost importance that there is a properly balanced instrumentation in the band. There will be an **important informational meeting on Wednesday September 6**<sup>th</sup> , **at 7:00 P.M. in the TIS APR.** This meeting will be for the parents/guardians of your brand new fourth graders! At this meeting I will outline band expectations and answer any questions. There will also be representatives from music stores who will review the instrument rental process. Students are invited to come. We will have all the instruments set up.

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I look forward to answering any of your questions! Mrs. Norma Marchesani nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us 860-870-6885 x 40226

## Band Instrument Selection Sheet Tolland Intermediate School

Student's Full Name:	
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	responsibility to provide my child with an appropriate
instrument and the red Standard of I	Excellence Book 1.
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Email Address	Phone Number (best)
Choice #1 - choose flute, oboe*	**, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet,
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pad; TIS concert band does not incli	ude drum set). ** Private lessons for oboe and horn are
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	struments that are available are mostly trombone and
	ribution of these instruments is based upon student financial
	music teachers in regards to the student's work ethic and
responsibility	

Please return this page to your classroom teacher by Monday, June 12th

# STEM-Palooza Day Camp 2017

Come join us for some STEM fun this summer! This camp is for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders through 12 years of age

When: August 21\* -25th

Where: Merrie-wood Girl Scouts of Connecticut Camp, 650 Gardner Street,

Manchester, CT

Times: 8:30am check in, 5pm pick up

Cost: \$250 for the week (includes registration fee, t-shirt, water bottle, recognition

items)

We will be exploring different aspects of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math):

- Have a blast with giant bubbles
- Build circuits and make magnetic putty
- Create a painting using catapults
- Make robots and create a soda snake
- And much more!

#### What to Wear:

Active Wear and closed-toe shoes. Camp shirts will be given at registration on the first day.

#### Scout Leaders and Volunteers:

Our STEM Tamp is run totally by volunteers! We need more volunteers to make this camp run smoothly. NO experience necessary, just a good attitude and a big smile! Please inquire to learn more about volunteering!

Use link below to register, registration ends 08/13/17:

https://www.ctrivers.org/event/first-annual-2017-stem-palooza-day-camp/6846

For more Information contact: Heather Shepard

(E) Heather Shepard@scouting.org

(P) 860-913-2742

**Tolland Public Schools** 



## **Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony**

51 Tolland Green, Tolland, Connecticut 06084

February 27, 2017

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

In just a few short months, your fifth grade student will be getting ready to leave Tolland Intermediate School and continue their educational adventures as a middle schooler. As the year comes to a close, we will be hosting a Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony. More information as to the date and time will be forthcoming as we get closer to June, but there are many preparations that we begin now in order to provide a wonderful experience for our students and their families.

Each year, we create a slideshow with student photographs that will be presented during the promotion ceremony. As part of the slideshow, we would like to show a **baby picture** of each fifth grader. Please use one of the two following options: Send in a printed photograph of your child **OR** e-mail a baby picture to <u>jkirk@tolland.k12.ct.us</u>. Please be sure to check which option you are using on the form below. Each printed picture will be scanned and returned. Your child's name and teacher's name should be on the back of the picture or included **in the subject line** of the e-mail.

Please return the lower portion of this document, as we do need written permission for using your child's pictures (baby and candids) in the slideshow. Please be advised that granting permission also pertains to allowing your child's photograph to be distributed, as copies of the presentation will be available to each fifth grader after the promotion ceremony. The release form below needs to be returned to school *even if you e-mail your child's picture*. Please return the form and submit your picture by Friday, March 31, 2017.

Sincerely,

James Dineen Principal

Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony Photograph Release W	aiver
Student Name:	
Homeroom Teacher:	
I want photographs of my child to be included in the presentation.	
I do not want photographs of my child to be included in the present	ation.
I have e-mailed my child's picture as instructed above	
My child's picture is enclosed	



## AWESOME ACTIVITY WEEKS - SUMMER 2017



## Eureka! Invention

In this exciting program, kids explore famous inventors such as Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Edison, Archimedes, Ben Franklin and even Rube Goldberg, along with the contributions they made to science, engineering and society. Guided by our Mad Scientists, KIDS use their knowledge and creativity to overcome a series of challenges using basic materials, simple machines, tips from famous inventors and the most important of all – their minds! While Thomas Edison said "invention is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration, this program is 100% FUN!



#### SECRET AGENT LAB

Develop your special agent and detective skill in this super hands-on week of fun! Uncover the science involved in evidence gathering and analysis. Sharpen your secret agent skills and discover how chemistry and the science of forensics can come to the aid of a secret agent. Identify and collect evidence – from fingerprints to tracks to trash! Secret agents-in-training will use science and awesome technological tools to connect the dots and help sniff out the suspects in this investigation into the science of sleuthing.



## SPACE & BEYOND!

Experience our program co-designed by NASA and Mad Science! From our Earth's atmosphere to the outer reaches of our solar system, this hands-on program for children sends them on a quest for exploration! Comets, planets, stars and more are all waiting to be discovered. Explore the farthest reaches of our solar system and create a lunar eclipse in this "mad" planetary tour! Learn about the four forces of flight and the challenges of space travel, build your very own rocket to take home and participate in an awesome rocket launch!



## Rockin' Rockets

Children will step into the shoes of a rocket scientist and learn the fundamentals of flight, propulsion and rocket design. We'll have fun exploring astronomy and trying out various flight designs from hot air balloons to hovercrafts (and many more!). "Launch Day" will bring some real excitement to your budding astronaut! Kids will build rockets as well as discover the fundamental concepts involved in launching and recovering many different types of rockets. Students will make and take home many rockets throughout the week.



#### Other programs that may be available in surrounding areas include:

Eureka! Invention, Survival, Anatomy Academy, Brixology, Secret Agent, Crazy Chemworks, Space & Beyond, Rockin' Rockets, Red Hot Robots



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# MAD SCIENCE SUMMER IN THE TOLLAND AREA!

All are welcome at each location

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	August 14-A	ugust 18	
Space and Beyond	Entering grades 1-5	9:00am- 12:00pm	\$150
Rockin' Rockets	Entering grades 1-5	1:00pm-4:00pm	\$150
Space/Rockets (full day)	Entering grades 1-5	9:00am-4:00pm	\$275
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Eureka! Invention	Entering grades 1-5	9:00am- 12:00pm	\$176
Secret Agent Lab	Entering grades 1-5	1:00pm-4:00pm	\$176
Eureka/ Secret Agent (full day)	Entering grades 1-5	9:00em-4:00pm	\$335

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	June 24-Ju	ne 30	
Eureka: Invention	Entering grades 1-5	9:00am- 12:00pm	\$168
Rockin Rockets	Entering grades 1-5	1:00pm- 4:00pm	\$168
Eureka/Rockets (full day)	Entering grades 1-5	9:00am- 4:00pm	\$312
	August 7-Au	gust 11	0.00
Space & Beyond	Entering grades 1-5	9:00am- 12:00pm	\$168
Secret Agent Lab	Entering grades 1-5	1:00pm- 4:00pm	\$168
Space/ Secret Agent (full day)	Entering grades 1-5	9:00am- 4:00pm	\$312

\*Please send your child with a snack and drink daily (children attending a full day program should bring lunch + 2 snacks and drink)

## SPACE IS LIMITED

To sign up, visit:

register.madscience.org/westnewengland

For more information, locations, and schedules go to: register madscience.org/westnewengland



## The End