



**T.I.S. Digital Backpack  
May 28, 2015**



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:**

**Thank You PTO and JDL Home Improvement**



Thank you to our amazing PTO for purchasing our new basketball hoop and thank you to Mr. James Loura of JDL Home Improvement for installing it. Mr. Loura and members of JDL Home Improvement volunteered their time last weekend installing the new hoop to make sure that it was up and ready for use before the end of the school year.

**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.

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## **Welcome Incoming Third Graders**

The entire T.I.S. Community extends a heartfelt welcome to the 2015-2106 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 third grade student council members. Thanks to our fifth grade student council members for leading the walking tour of the building.

## **Grade-Level Updates**

### **Third Grade**

The 3rd graders had a wonderful day on the Green for Tolland Green Day. They all looked great dressed in 1800s clothing. There was an exciting ending to the day as two riders on horseback delivered and read the Tolland Charter to the 3rd graders.

On Tuesday, members of the fourth grade band put on a small concert for third grade students. The purpose of the concert was for the fourth graders to show off their skills as well as for the kids to inspire third graders to join band in the 2015-2016 school year.

We are looking forward to our trip to Old Sturbridge Village. In preparation for this annual trip, the children have been learning about life in the 1800s. In other exciting news, the annual Junie B. Jones play is coming up on June 11th and our first Summer Safety assembly, organized by Rose Hierl, T.I.S. Nurse, will be held on June 17th.

### **Fourth Grade**

Last Friday afternoon we had our visit with the birds of prey from Horizon Wings. This is a student and staff favorite as we get a close look at raptors like a bald eagle, a peregrine falcon and an Eastern screech owl to learn how they are adapted to survive in their habitats. Thanks to TEPTO for your generous support of this wonderful programs.

We are wrapping up our study of decimals in math, the Southwest Region in Social Studies and Plant & Animal Adaptations in Science. In LA students have read about their expert group animals and will write an informational piece to show how much they have learned about animal defense mechanisms. These last weeks will be very busy indeed!

### **Fifth Grade**

Fifth grade students are getting very excited about the end of the school year, although more than a few have expressed to teachers that they are going to miss TIS. The teachers, of course, are going to miss them as well, but we are sure they will do a great job at the middle school.

To prepare for the middle school each class has been visited by the TMS guidance counselor Jan Bouley. She does a complete lesson on what to expect at the middle school as far as classes, teachers, and schedule. The 5th graders have also taken a field trip to the middle school to get an idea of the layout for the 6th grade classes as well as the gym, cafeteria, and other important areas. They were able to visit a 6th grade classroom where the 6th graders gave them some advice and our 5th graders were able to ask questions that were on their mind. Before they do leave, however, we still have lots of fun events to experience including Field Day, a trip to Star Hill, putting their handprints on the wall, and of course the Promotion Ceremony on the last day of school.

### **Staff Appreciation**

Thank You to our wonderful PTO for providing the T.I.S. staff with a delicious teacher appreciation luncheon. Thanks to Mrs. Burney for coordinating the event.

THANK YOU

# ***Start Band!***

**RENTAL EVENING FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADERS &  
PARENTS**

**Monday, June 8, 2015**

**T.I.S. A.P.R.**

**7:00 p.m.**

Join Mrs. Marchesani, 2015-2016 TIS 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Director, Miss Titus, TMS Band Director, Mrs. Kirwin, THS Band Director and representatives from Music & Arts and Gerry's Music Store at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8th to learn about the Tolland School Band program. You will hear students from THS present a brief demonstration, learn about renting a school band instrument, and have the opportunity to ask questions. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 860-870-6860 ext.153 or via email, [nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marchesani

## ***Make an informed decision***

*If you are interested in playing an instrument,  
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 appeals to you.*

3.) What does it do in band?

*Choose an instrument that plays a part you are interested in playing. Melody, Harmony, Bass Line, Percussion (remember percussion students will learn xylophone first)*

Please keep in mind that there will be changes and additions to this calendar. Please check the calendar each week in the Digital Backpack for additions and revisions.

T.I.S. CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
JUNE 2015

JUNE

- 1 PTO Meeting @ Birch Grove, 7:00 pm
- 3 Grade 5 Assembly (Grade 6 Chorus here), 9:30-10:00
- ~~4 9th Dispatch Center Trips, Wunsch 9:00, Grinold 9:45 CANCELLED~~
- 4 Revolutionary War Assembly, Racco and McCarthy, 12-2:30
- 4 Grade 4, Mrs. Rioux's class, Night at the Museum, 6-8 pm
- ~~5 9th Dispatch Center Trips, Koss 9:00, Hurley 9:45 CANCELLED~~
- 5 Grade 3 to Sturbridge, 9:00-2:00, rain or shine
- 5 Grade 5 Handprints
- ~~8 9th Dispatch Center Trips, Clayton 9:00, Bockus 9:45 CANCELLED~~
- 8 Grade 2 Visits, 10:00-12:00
- 8 Instrument Night, 7 pm, APR
- 9 PTO Assemblies, Chinese Dancers, 1:25 and 2:25
- ~~9 9th Dispatch Center Trips, LeBlanc 9:00~~
- ~~10 9th Dispatch Center Trips, Lemelin 9:00, Rioux 9:45 CANCELLED~~
- 10 Grade 5 PBIS Assembly, 10:00-11:00
- 10 BOE Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Grade 3 Assembly, Junie B. Jones, 2:00, APR
- 11 Grade 4 & 5 Band Concert AT TMS, 7 pm
- 11 Grade 5 Assembly (summer safety), 10:00-11:00
- 12 Field Day (rain date 6/15)
- 15 Field Day Rain date
- 16 PTO Assemblies, Laser Show, APR, 9:00 & 9:50
- 16 Rioux Class Play Dress Rehearsal, 1:00-2:30, APR
- 17 Grade 3 Assembly (summer safety), 2:00-3:00
- 17 Grade 5 to Star Hill (til approx. 1:00)
- 17 Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony Rehearsal, Gym, 1:00-3:00
- 17 Rioux Class Play, 9:15-10:30
- 18 PBIS Assembly, Gym, 2:00
- 19 Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony, 10:00, Gym

**REMINDER**  
**Physical Education Day**  
**Friday June 12, 2015**

Dear Parents,

Physical Education Day is Friday, June 12th!!! Please help your child prepare for the day in the following ways:

BREAKFAST: Please make sure your child has a healthy breakfast to prepare for a day packed with a variety of physical activities.

SAFETY: Please apply sunscreen and bug spray to your child BEFORE they leave for school. Bug spray and sunscreen will not be allowed to be applied at school. Please wear sneakers to avoid injuries. EACH CHILD SHOULD BRING TWO WATER BOTTLES! Hydration is so important!!

MEDICATIONS: Children that visit the nurse during the school day will remain on the same schedule. If your child takes an inhaler prior to Physical Education class on a regular basis, please have him/her take their inhaler BEFORE he/she leaves for school in the morning.

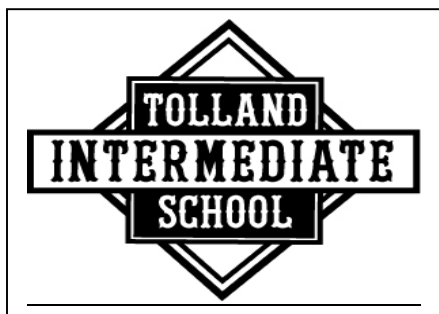
Inclement Weather: If the weather looks inclement, Physical Education Day will be called off by 8:00a.m and will occur on the following school day. If the weather is exceedingly hot, Physical Education Day will be abbreviated.

Lunch and Snack: Please make sure your child has a **healthy lunch packed** for the day and **a good healthy snack packed separately** for the day. The students burn a lot of energy on field day and we would like them to fuel their body well in order to have a fun healthy day. **Bag lunches will be available for students who have pre-ordered a lunch.**

PARENT VOLUNTEERS: Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Please be sure to sign in as you walk into the main office. After you sign in go to the gym. I will be meeting all volunteers who can make it at 8:45 in the front gymnasium. There will be nametags available. If you are volunteering later in the day, please sign in at the main office and I will meet you in the front gymnasium at 12:20. Volunteers are welcome to eat lunch with their child.

# IT'S NOT TOO LATE



## To Volunteer

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAY

It is that time of year again! On **Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, Tolland Intermediate School will have its annual Physical Education Day. Parent volunteers are needed to supervise events and assist with student activities. TIS students will be involved in 15 different activities from 9:00-3:00. A performance and a picnic lunch are also scheduled for Physical Education Day. *Our rain date will be Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.*

\*Prior to the start of field day, **Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, there will be an informational parent volunteer meeting at 8:45 in the front gymnasium.

If you are interested in volunteering, detach and return the form below. Please send forms back to the homeroom teacher ASAP. If you have any questions email Ms. Baker at [jbaker@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:jbaker@tolland.k12.ct.us).

Thank you so much for your continued support which makes this day possible.

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Detach and Return to your child's homeroom teacher ASAP. *(Please print clearly)*

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available from 9:00-3:00, on Friday, June 12th.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available from 9:00-12:00 AM on Friday, June 12th.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available from 12:30-3:00 PM on Friday, June 12th.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available if Physical Education Day is postponed to the rain date on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. ~ Circle one: AM PM All Day



## **Tolland Intermediate School Field Day**

### **We need YOUR help**

**We still need more parent volunteers to help at the activity stations. Anyone who has not signed up to be a volunteer feel free to show up that day. We need all the help we can get. All parents are welcome to help and enjoy our fun filled day of physical activities**

### **Attention Field Day Volunteers**

**All Parents who have volunteered to help on field day have been accepted to help on Friday, June 12 for our TIS Field Day. I am sending home your activity station assignments this week with the students. Please look for a BLUE note in your child's backpack for this information. Please bring the assignment sheet with you on field day, and please meet Ms. Baker at the doors of the front gymnasium that day to get your maps and name tags for the day.**

**Thank you,**

**Ms. Baker and the Unified Arts Field Day Team**

# TMS Fall Sports Registration

The deadline to register your child and to turn in up to date physical forms for fall sports is Monday, August 3, 2015. To register your child and to find the proper sports medical forms please click the "Clubs & Sports" link above, then "Athletics" and "Athletic Participation Registration and Forms" tabs. Upon successful submission of your registration you will receive a confirmation email from FamilyID notifying you that your child has been registered.

To turn in updated physical forms to the nurses' office at each school, you have several options. You may attach a pdf version of the completed form when you register your child online. You can deliver a hard copy to the school's main office, or you may fax or mail the forms directly to the respective school.

Please note that the online registration database will not be accessible after August 3rd, and late registrations will not be accepted.

Please contact Pat Cox, the Athletic Director, at 860-870-6827 if you have any questions about the registration process.

# We are looking for artwork for the 2015-2016 PTO Calendar

All children are invited to create fall, winter, spring and summer pictures for next year's calendar.

## **Instructions:**

- Drawings must be on white 8½" x 11" paper with the 11" side running horizontal.
- Please use black marker or black crayon only.
- NO Words: Please do not write any words on the pictures themselves – they do not transfer well.
- Each picture must have the student's name, age, and their teacher's name. Please attach Submission Form below to the drawing.
- The deadline for submitting the drawing(s) is June 15th.

Please complete the form below, attach it to the drawings that are being submitted, and return it to school in your child's backpack. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer DiMaso at [jenn.wendy@yahoo.com](mailto:jenn.wendy@yahoo.com).

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## **PTO Calendar Submission Form**

DRAWING BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for this drawing to be used in the 2015-2016 Tolland Elementary School Calendar, which is a Tolland Elementary PTO fundraising project:

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or email (in case there is a question about the art provided):  
\_\_\_\_\_

## News from the Cafeteria



### End of Year Student Account Balances

The Point of Sale System is set up as an opportunity to pre-pay for your child's meals. It is *debit, not a credit* system. On occasion, your student may forget their money and we have allowed them to occasionally charge a meal. As the end of the year approaches it is imperative that you pay your student's negative balance.

Starting June 1 we will not allow charging for the rest of the year. If your child does not have money in hand or their account they will receive an alternate meal of either a peanut butter or cheese sandwich, and a milk at BG and TIS.

At TMS they will receive a granola bar.

If your students has a negative balance they have been told repeatedly and/or you have already been contacted. If you would like to check the balance online and/or make a payment please sign up for "my school account" (where you can sign up for low balance notifications even if you do *not* use it to make payments). For Instructions please go to the District website

[www.tolland.k12.ct.us](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us) Food Services, Point of Sale Information or click this link.

[http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_891568/File/Food\\_Services/Tolland%20MSA%20Letter%20to%20Parents10.11.pdf](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_891568/File/Food_Services/Tolland%20MSA%20Letter%20to%20Parents10.11.pdf)

Thank you for your cooperation. If you ever have a question regarding meals in Tolland Schools please contact, Abby Kassman-Harned, Food Service Director at 860-870-6853 or [aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us)

# Summer Band Lessons!!!!



Summer lessons are offered for all students grades 4 and 5. The summer lessons are an excellent opportunity to maintain and improve musical skills. It is highly recommended that the kids continue structured practice during the summer. It helps them to get that extra "individualized" attention that scheduling does not allow for during the school year. The lessons are a continuation of each student's instruction at whatever level they are at when the school year ends.

Lessons will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and running from 9:00am-7:00pm. The schedule can be arranged to accommodate everyone who wishes to take lessons. I will also offer special schedule requests due to vacation. Each lesson will be \$30 for 30 minutes. I am very flexible and can work just about anything out! Lessons will start the week of June 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in your child taking private summer lessons with me, please fill out the form below and return it to Mrs. Bazzano by the last week of school!!

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(Cut this portion and return to Mrs. Bazzano)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Day: Tuesday or Thursday (circle one)

Time: Morning, afternoon, or evening (circle one)

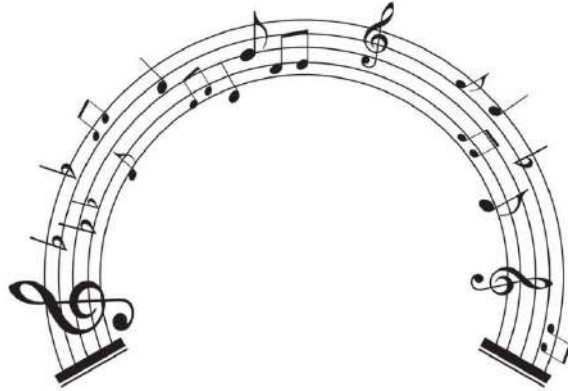
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Dates You Will Be Away: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please write legibly☺)



## ***GRADE 4 AND GRADE 5 BAND SPRING CONCERT***

Concert date: Thursday, June 11, 2015  
Place: Tolland Middle School in the Auditorium  
Students arrive: **6:30 p.m. and report to the band room**  
Concert begins: **7pm**  
Concert dress: Ladies: a dress or dress pants/skirt and dress shirt, nice shoes  
Gentlemen: dress pants, dress shirt, nice shoes  
No sneakers, sweatpants or sweatshirts!!

Please remember to be respectful of middle school equipment, since we are using their facilities.

There are so many beginner band students, that I am in need of a few chaperones to help in the band room while I am warming them up ☺

We are looking forward to a fun-filled concert with your wonderful young musicians!

Please email me at [rbattersby@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:rbattersby@tolland.k12.ct.us) if you are interested in helping out in the band room during the concert and I will get back to you and give you all the information ☺

Please contact me with any questions or concerns!

**Thank you!**

**Mrs. Rebekah Bazzano, Grade 4 and Grade 5 Band Director**

## Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony Invitation

*DUE NOW*


Dear Fifth Grade Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the fifth grade promotion ceremony. The ceremony will be on **Friday, June 19 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade students success in the future. Due to space constraints, no more than two people per family may attend the ceremony.

We are creating 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 [jkirk@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:jkirk@tolland.k12.ct.us). 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 invitation indicating your preference for the school's use of your child's photograph. If you request to eliminate photographs of your child from the CD that will be distributed to families, they will be removed. However, the photographs will remain part of the promotion ceremony presentation. The release form below needs to be returned to school **even if you e-mail your child's picture**. Please return the forms and submit your picture by Friday, May 15, 2015.

Sincerely,



James Dineen

Principal

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**Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony Photograph Release Waiver**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I want photographs of my child to be included in the CD that will be sold.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want photographs of my child to be included in the CD that will be distributed to the public.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have e-mailed my child's picture as instructed above \_\_\_\_\_ My child's picture is enclosed

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





## TMS Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser PTO Sponsored Event

**What:** A fun, untimed, almost 5K run/walk filled with color splashing and silly string. There will be several stations set up throughout the course operated by trained adults for decorating the race day T-shirt; short track race for younger kids and wheelchairs

**Who:** All are welcome (no pets or strollers on cross country course)

**When:** June 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. until noon (rain or shine)

**Where:** TMS track and cross country course

**Why:** To help raise funds for the PE Dept. to purchase fitness and athletic equipment

**How much:** \$15.00 each person same family discount: \$50 for a family of 4 or \$12.50 each. This includes entrance fee and a white T-shirt. T-shirts will be handed out as registration forms are handed in or can be picked up before the race begins. T-shirt sizes (Adult S - XL)

If you can or cannot participate, please consider donating \$\$\$ and/or snacks, cases of water or silly string. **Make check out to:TMS SAA**

Deadline to register: May 27, 2015. Walk in registrations will be accepted, but can't guarantee there will be T-shirts available. Please register a.s.a.p.

**What to wear:** Sneakers, shorts and socks that you don't mind getting splashed with color, the race day white T-shirt, and possibly protective eye wear

**Please return this registration form, any donated items and \$ to TMS PE Dept. (locker rooms) or send to Tolland Middle School, PE Dept., 1 Falcon Way, Tolland, CT 06084**



I give my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in the Fun Run/Walk at TMS on Saturday, June 13, 2015. I understand in the event of emergency, I can be reached at: Phone #:

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there others interested? Please list names and T-shirt sizes:

If your child needs any special accommodations to participate in this event, please contact:  
Tonya McDermott at 860-870-6860 Ext. 419 or Mike Radlbeck Ext. 124 or Hannah Thibodeau Ext. 116

### **WE NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS!!!**

**Please consider helping out on race day. We need your help with a variety of small jobs.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

Connecticut Repertory Theatre is proud to present...

# PETER PAN



June 18 - July 3

The classical musical based on the play by Sir J.M. Barrie, PETER PAN flies in to make this CRT's most magical summer ever! Follow the boy who won't grow up on a musical adventure to Neverland. In this enchanting spectacle, join Peter and the lost boys as they battle the greatest villain of all time, Captain Hook, played by three time Tony Award-nominee Terrence Mann! This classical musical for all ages features the songs, *I'm Flying*, *I Won't Grow Up* and *Neverland*. Let CRT sprinkle some fairy dust on you and bring your family along as we soar off to Neverland.

Matinee and evening performances available.

See the full schedule at [crt.uconn.edu](http://crt.uconn.edu) or call the box office at 860-486-2113.

Children (ages 4-12)	\$10.00
Students (ages 13 & up)	\$12.00
Adult & Senior Tickets	\$40.00

## Showtimes:

Thursday	June 18, 7:30 pm - Preview	Saturday	June 27, 2:00 pm
Friday	June 19, 8:00 pm - Opening Night	Saturday	June 27, 8:00 pm
Saturday	June 20, 2:00 pm	Sunday	June 28, 2:00 pm
Saturday	June 20, 8:00 pm	Tuesday	June 30, 7:30 pm
Sunday	June 21, 2:00 pm	Wednesday	July 1, 2:00 pm
Tuesday	June 23, 7:30 pm	Wednesday	July 1, 7:30 pm
Wednesday	June 24, 7:30 pm	Thursday	July 2, 7:30 pm
Thursday	June 25, 7:30 pm	Friday	July 3, 8:00 pm
Friday	June 26, 8:00 pm		

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To purchase tickets,  
Visit [www.crt.uconn.edu](http://www.crt.uconn.edu) or  
Call (860) 486-2113

## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE



- The birth flower for June is the rose.
- June 20th is Father's Day
- This is also the month with the longest daylight hours of the year.

*The End*