



T.I.S. Digital Backpack

March 5, 2018



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Visitor Parking

The parking lot in front of the Parker School building is designated as visitor parking. We ask that all visitors to T.I.S. park in the Parker School lot. Thank you

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.

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.

Recess Policy

We make every effort to send students out for recess. Prior to canceling recess, we conduct an inspection of the recess area to ensure the safety and security of our students. Our inspections often include school staff shoveling the blacktop, spreading ice melt on the blacktop and closing off unsafe areas of the field and/or blacktop.

At times, we may decide to keep students inside for recess due to any of the following conditions:

- combined temperature and wind chill falling below 20 degrees
- accumulation of ice on the blacktop
- excessive amounts of mud on the recess field
- rain or snow storms
- thunder & lightning

The Tolland Department of Public Works takes responsibility for clearing snow off our blacktop play area. Prior to clearing our blacktop, the DPW must focus their efforts on clearing the streets and town parking areas. DPW staff make every effort to clear our recess blacktop in a timely fashion. Occasionally, clearing the recess area may be delayed following a storm.

Unfortunately, students may come to school with boots and snow pants for recess, only to be told just prior to recess, that they will remain indoors. This is usually the result of one of the scenarios listed above. We apologize for any inconvenience.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TIS

GRADE 3

After a very snowy January & February, we are finally getting back to the routine of third grade. In Language Arts, classes explored the fables genre. They read traditional Aesop's fables as well as modern fables by Arnold Lobel. Students had some wonderful experience with Reader's Theatre. Soon we will begin a biography unit, where students will read many different biographies and eventually write about a person of their choice. In Writer's Workshop, third graders are writing information books on a topic they have studied or know a lot about. Most classes have gotten mentor texts from the library, so they can research their topic, add expert words, and add text features such as a glossary or index.

In Math in Focus, we are finishing chapters 9 and 11, and many classes have begun Chapter 12, focusing on using bar models for measurement. After that, we will work on graphing and fractions. Keep practicing those math facts at home; they really help with everyday math problems.

We are moving right along in our magnets and electricity unit for science. Students are testing magnets on different materials, and we will be starting experiments with circuits and electricity soon. In the spring, we will move to our Tolland in the 1800's unit for Social Studies.

Third grade teachers will be sending out a notice for the spring field trip money shortly. This will cover Theatreworks USA coming to perform a play based on Junie B. Jones, admission & buses to Old Sturbridge Village and expenses for Tolland Green Day.

GRADE 4

The 4th Grade Valentine's Day Dance was a Sweet Success! There was lots of dancing, loud music and cheering. The food was amazing (many thanks to the Tolland Community Women). It was wonderful to see all the kids dressed up and a great time was had by all!

If it's March, it must be testing season! We have been busy practicing and getting students ready to take the SBAC tests. These are computerized tests and we have been practicing how to access and use all of the tools and hints that will be available to students as they complete the assessments.

We have moved from fractions to decimals working in the tenths and hundredths place and students are finding out that decimals aren't the big bad monsters many seem to think they are! We are learning new ways to write and think about numbers, while also learning that much is still the same, place value-wise.

In science, students are finishing up their unit on Plant and Animal Adaptations, and moving into a new unit on Weather and more specifically the water cycle. Students are learning about the

water cycle and that water is a valuable and limited resource. In social studies, we are continuing our economics unit and learning about what the difference is between wanting something and needing something.

In language arts, students are learning how to conduct research. They will read from various types of sources about an animal, take notes, cite sources and synthesize information to write a non-fiction essay. This is a very challenging but interesting unit, and the 4th grade students are excited to begin.

GRADE 5

Fifth graders continue to impress their teachers with their hard work and determination. They are continuing to work at organization and increased independence. Some classes are even making team goals for the week to try and achieve targeted behaviors. They are really getting ready for the Middle School.

Math students in fifth grade enjoyed the introduction to algebra and had some excellent success learning about variables in expressions and equations. Many fifth graders were looking forward to sharing with older siblings and parents that they were learning algebra and “how to solve for x”. It made them feel like true mathematicians. Now they are doing a bit of geometry, finding the areas of different shapes like triangles and rectangles. They are doing a fantastic job of discovering different formulas to help them solve these problems.

Scientists continue to learn about light and the way it behaves when hitting an object. Fifth graders were interested to learn that a red object appears red because it reflects red light only, while absorbing the rest of the colors. They were very curious about why different objects appear different colors. They also did some demonstrations in class to determine whether materials were transparent, translucent, or opaque. We had some good discussions when it came to a thin piece of paper, or colored water bottles.

In Language Arts, students are reading memoirs. One such memoir the fifth grade is reading is entitled Marshfield Dreams about a boy growing up as the oldest of 9 children. There are a variety of memoirs, however that the students are reading at this time. Students are using these texts to help them prepare to write their own memoir style writing piece that they will be attempting soon. Teachers always enjoy reading these well-crafted pieces.

Social Studies finds the students learning about the thirteen original colonies. The students are discovering different reasons that the colonies were founded, the economy of different colonies, and important historical figures from each colony. Learning this history is an important foundation for the students as they get closer to learning about the American Revolution.

Have a fantastic March and hopefully spring is right around the corner.



Happy Feb/ almost March to all our students and families from our Nurse's office.

We hope that some have you have been spared from the illnesses we have seen this first few months of the New Year. Flu, Strep, Respiratory illnesses and stomach bugs have been visiting our schools. Frequent hand washing is the best method to avoid viruses. Cleaning carts at supermarkets, coughing into tissues or sleeves is also good method.

Please know that we are here to support your child in any way that we can to keep them healthy and at school! Don't hesitate to call us if you need to for any reason. We will do our best to answer your questions and support you also.

If your child is absent from school we recommend you call us at 860-870-6891 Ext 1 for absence calls, or Ext 2 to speak to us so we can mark your child appropriately for absence, as uncalled absences get an automated call from the office. If you send a note for the teacher please also notify nurse's office or main office as we are responsible for attendance. Students are allowed 9 absences unverified yearly, and if over that number if not for a valid reason or an excused absence by MD then it will go into Power School as unverified. After 10 unverified absences a letter may be sent home from administration.

Guidelines for excused and unexcused absences can be found on CT government site

http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/publications/guidelines_excused_and_unexcused_absences.pdf

Tardy or early dismissal notes from doctors if medical/dental appointments are always accepted as valid excuses and are noted in PowerSchool.

March is National Nutrition month and eating right is so important for healthy happy lives. Here are some tips for kids to enjoy fruits and vegetables and Smart snacking tips for kids from the Food, Nutrition and Health Tips from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

<http://www.eatright.org/~media/eatright%20files/nationalnutritionmonth/handoutsandtipsheets/nutritiontipsheets/20waystoenjoymorefruitsandvegetables.ashx>

http://www.eatright.org/~media/eatright%20files/nationalnutritionmonth/handoutsandtipsheets/nutritiontipsheets/smartsnackingtips4kids_nnm2017.ashx

Stay healthy, happy and safe!

Susan and Rose from TIS Nurse's office 860-870-6891 Ext 1 for absences and Ext 2 for to speak to us directly!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MARCH

- 5 PTO AT TIS
- 9 SNOWDATE FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 21 COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL, 9:30
- 23 **NEW!!** DECADES DAY (Previously Travel/Tourist Day)
- 23 EARLY DISMISSAL (12:45)
- 30 NO SCHOOL



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



Spring Concert 2018

Grade 5 Chorus

Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm

Tolland Intermediate School All Purpose room

You are invited to the grade five-chorus concert on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 in the Tolland Intermediate School All Purpose room.

Students should arrive by 6:40 and report directly to Ms. Baker's music room.

Students are to dress their best. Please no jeans, sweat pants, athletic outfits or T-shirts.

The refreshment donations for the reception can be put in the APR on the table in the back of the room.

There will be refreshments immediately following the concert.

I am looking forward to seeing you all there for an evening of music and entertainment.

Thank you
Ms. Judith Baker & Miss Roque

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Grade Five Spring Chorus Concert

7:00pm

Tolland Intermediate School Cafeteria

The students and I would like to have a small reception in the back of the APR following the concert. All finger foods, snacks, and bottled water donations would be greatly appreciated. Please sign and return by March 30 with your contributions.

Reception contribution _____

Signature: _____

We would also like a couple parent volunteers for set up and clean up for the reception. Please contact me at jbaker@tolland.k12.ct.us or by phone 860-870-6885 if you can help. I will be looking forward to seeing you at the concert.

Thank you, Ms. Baker

Third Grade Spring Concert

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

6:15-6:45 Mrs. Sikoski's class, Mrs. Kogut's class, Mrs. Babiec's class Mrs. Cyr's class

7:30-8:00 Mrs. Silberberg's class, Mrs. Arner's class, Mrs. Fisher's class, Mrs. Studer's class,
Mrs. William's class

Tolland Intermediate School Gymnasium

Students are to arrive 15 minutes prior to their concert time to Ms. Baker's music room, room
136.

Students must to dress their best for this special performance.

I am looking forward to seeing you all there for an evening of music, entertainment and family
fun.

Thank you,

Ms. Baker & Miss Roque



Registration opens March 15, 2018

Tolland Family Resource Center's

CAMP HAWK

WHAT: Camp Hawk offers an exciting, interactive summer program for children ages 5-12 (must be 5 by 7/1). Summer fun at the FRC includes weekly swimming and exciting field trips. Join us as we travel to North West Park, Soars, Hammonasset, Southwick Zoo, and more. At Birch Grove we will hike, play sports, do arts & crafts, have clubs, and visit Adam's Adventure playground.

WHEN: June 25– August 17, 2018
7:00 AM—6:00 PM

WHERE: Birch Grove Primary School

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT THE F.R.C. AT
(860) 870-6750 EXT 6

www.tolland.k12.ct.us/community/family_resource_center



Tolland Soccer Registration for Spring has begun

Reminder – players will be placed in birth year age groups.

Recreation registration will end March 29 – please don't delay!

Season will begin approximately following April school break.

We always need coaches! Please consider volunteering.

We are now offering a high school recreation coed opportunity. This group will meet once a week for skill training and scrimmages. This is a non-competitive league.

Please visit our website www.tollandsoccer.com to register



Tolland Girl Scouts skating event at



When: Sunday, 25 March 2018

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ron –A – Roll, 85 South Frontage Road, Vernon, CT

Cost: \$10.00 with a food donation to *Foodshare*; \$12.00 without a donation (Cash only)

*Cost includes admission, skate rental and fun patch (for Girl Scouts).

*Concessions are available at the skating rink for an additional charge.

Possible Donations:

- Peanut Butter – 18 oz. plastic
- Jelly – 20 oz. squeezable containers
- Mayonnaise – 12 oz. squeezable containers
- Canned Pasta – Beefaroni, Ravioli, Spaghetti
- Canned spaghetti and meatballs
- Canned Soup – 12-20 oz. size
- Macaroni and Cheese – Boxes not cups
- Canned fruit – 3-4 serving size
- Granola Bars/Nutrition Bars
- Cereal – Boxes or bags of 5-8 servings
- Tuna or Chicken – 10 oz. or smaller cans
- Instant Oatmeal
- Swiss Miss Cocoa Mix

Tolland Girl Scouts are welcome and encouraged to bring family and friends to this event.

Come have fun and help us support a great organization!

Foodshare is Greater Hartford's regional food bank. Last year *Foodshare* distributed enough food for nearly 12 million meals.

Questions? Email or call Alona Croteau: msalona1010@gmail.com/ 504-258-6882



Have you seen our new website?

Come visit us at www.tollandlittleleague.com and register for the upcoming 2018 Spring Baseball and Softball season. Registration is now open and now runs through Wednesday, February 28th. For additional convenience, we have introduced family discount when registering multiple children.

[Click here for online Baseball and Softball Registration](#)

Late registrations: Registrations placed after February 28th will be charged a \$15.00 late fee. Registration will close on Sunday, March 4th. So please register early.



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>



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