



## **T.I.S. Digital Backpack May 7, 2015**



### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:**

#### **Spring Fling at T.I.S.**



This Saturday, May 9 is the annual PTO Spring Fling at T.I.S. We'll have bounce houses, face painting, sand art, a new Minecraft room, jewelry making, a Book Nook, hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, bubble soccer and best of all Mr. Swanson, Mr. Dineen, and Mr. Cop will take turns sitting in a dunk tank. The Spring Fling will be held from 10 to 2, hope to see you there.

#### **Congrats Mr. Campbell**



Congratulations to fifth grade teacher Mr. Campbell on the birth of his daughter, Lorelei.

#### **Teacher Appreciation**



In honor of National Teacher Appreciation week, we want everyone to know how much we appreciate our dedicated teachers. Thanks teachers, for all you do to make T.I.S. such a great place for kids!



## **Nurse's Day**

Wednesday, May 6 was National Nurse's Day. Thanks to our wonderful nurses, Rose Hierl and Laurie Clarke for taking such good care of the entire T.I.S. Community. We appreciate you!



## **Recess Equipment**

Recess equipment is provided by the school each day for student use during recess. We ask that children do not bring their own equipment to school for use during recess. The reason for this request is that in order to minimize recess injuries, we carefully purchase equipment, such as soccer balls, that are generally softer in nature than typical soccer balls. In addition, balls are often lost or inadvertently kicked over the fence each day during recess.



## **Flip-flop type shoes**

Due to a number of injuries that have occurred as a result of students wearing flip-flop type shoes, we ask that students refrain from wearing flip-flops to school. Thank you.

## T.I.S. CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY & JUNE 2015

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.

### MAY

- 12 Tolland Green Day for Grade 3 (rain date 5/28)
- 13 Half Day, Dismissal at 1:20
- 14 Grade 4 & 5 Chorus Concert, 7 pm
- 19 Coffee with the Principals
- 19 Grade 4 to Mystic
- 22 Grade 5 Visit to TMS, Storozuk 8:55, Kneeland 9:45
- 22 PATRIOTIC DAY
- 24 Town Memorial Day Parade, 10:30
- 25 NO SCHOOL
- 26 Grade 5 Visit to TMS, Zangerl 8:55, Leser 9:45
- 27 Half Day, Dismissal at 1:20
- 27 Grade 5 Visit to TMS, McCarthy 8:55, Racco 9:45
- 27 BOE Meeting, 7:30
- 28 Tolland Green Day Rain date
- 28 Grade 5 Visit to TMS, Biddle 8:55, Grabowski 9:45
- 29 Grade 5 Visit to TMS, Campbell 8:55, Slayton 9:45
- 29 Grade 2 Visits, 10:00-12:00
- 29 Grade 4 Band Performs for Grade 3, 2:00, APR
- 30 Grade 2 Visits, 10:00-12:00

### JUNE

- 1 PTO Meeting @ Birch Grove, 7:00 pm
- 3 Staff Appreciation Hosted by PTO
- 4 911 Dispatch Center Trips, Wunsch 9:00, Grinold 9:45
- 4 TIS Council
- 5 911 Dispatch Center Trips, Koss 9:00, Hurley 9:45
- 5 Grade 3 to Sturbridge, 9:00-2:00, rain or shine
- 5 Grade 5 Handprints
- 8 911 Dispatch Center Trips, Clayton 9:00, Bockus 9:45

- 8 Instrument Night, 7 pm, APR
- 9 PTO Assemblies, Chinese Dancers, 1:25 and 2:25
- 9 9ll Dispatch Center Trips, LeBlanc 9:00
- 10 9ll Dispatch Center Trips, Lemelin 9:00, Rioux 9:45
- 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
- 12 Field Day (rain date 6/15)
- 15 Field Day Rain date
- 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
- 18 PBIS Assembly, Gym, 2:00
- 19 Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony, 10:00, Gym

# WHAT'S NEW IN CLASS?

## **GRADE 3**

Tolland Green Day is next Tuesday...the children will dress as their "role" child and spend the day visiting/participating in the museums on Tolland Green.

Classes will be finishing up their units on electricity soon.

We are learning to write opinion pieces during Writer's Workshop and the children love giving their opinions!

## **GRADE 4**

All 4<sup>th</sup> graders have recently visited the UCONN Greenhouse where they enjoyed a scavenger hunt.

We will visit the Mystic Aquarium on May 19<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with our science unit, Food Webs and Adaptations.

May 28<sup>th</sup> we will have our Horizon Wings Assembly. A presenter will bring in some impressive birds of prey and the children will be able to see some of the adaptations we have been discussing in our science unit. This is always a popular assembly.

In Social Studies we are finishing a new unit on Economics, focused on personal finance. In Language Arts our reading and writing focus is on non-fiction and we will be working in groups to write a research report. In Math we recently moved from fractions to decimals.

## **GRADE 5**

Fifth grade is getting excited about some really fun upcoming events.

This week all 10 classes will be attending the Boston Freedom Trail field trip. This trip allows the children to walk the Freedom Trail with an experienced guide who is able to show them many of the most important spots in Colonial American History. Visiting the Old North Church, the Paul Revere House, several burying grounds, and eating lunch at Quincy Market are some of the highlights. It is an excellent way to make these historical events very memorable for the students.

In Science, the students continue their learning of human body systems. Students are always interested in this topic, as it helps them understand some of the most important systems in the body. Learning how the brain works with other organs is exciting for everyone. Other systems that 5th grade will be learning about include the respiratory, circulatory, muscular/skeletal, and digestive.

During Language Arts students are wrapping up their writing unit on memoirs. It has given the students a wonderful opportunity to write about some important, memorable events in their lives.

Math is starting to finish up multiplying and dividing with fractions. Soon the teachers will move on to topics related to geometry. The students have done well with fractions, but are looking forward to starting this new unit.

**SPRING FLING IS COMING!!!**

**BE PREPARED TO HAVE SO MUCH  
FUN THAT YOU WON'T KNOW  
WHAT HIT YOU AT TIS!!!**

**NEW GAMES AND ACTIVITIES THIS  
YEAR!!**

- **Waivers need to be signed in order to play Bubble soccer**
- **We still need undecorated cupcakes**
- **We need bake sale items**
- **Raffles baskets can be dropped off in the office at TIS all week**
- **Mr. Gym will be performing around lunch time. Be there as we have been asking for years but with schedules it has not been possible. It worked out this year and are so happy to have him.**

Dear Parents:

We are introducing a new game this year called Bubble Soccer. It is a modified version of the one you see at Star Hill and other places. We will need parents to sign the waiver below if your child/children would like to participate in the game at Spring Fling. Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

Sarah Poulin

TEPTO President

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Participants understand that he/she is attending Spring Fling and the activities that happen that day does so at their own risk. TEPTO shall not be liable for any damage whatsoever arising from personal injury or property loss sustained by participant with his/her family in or about any events on the premises, he/she does hereby fully and forever release discharged hold harmless TEPTO from any and all claims, demands, damages, or rights of action, present or future resulting from any person's participation in the Spring Fling. In addition, he/she agrees to follow the rules of conduct and play set by TEPTO and volunteers at Spring Fling.

Consent: I the undersigned parent or guardian/participant do hereby grant authority to the TEPTO and volunteer staff to render a judgment concerning medical assistance or hospital care in the event of an accident or illness during my absence. I do hereby authorize TEPTO and its assigns to utilize any and all photographs, pictures, or other likeness of me or anyone assigned guardianship to me, as they deem appreciate in tis promotional materials.

Print name of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Participate/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





Spring Concert 2015

Grade 4 & 5 Chorus

Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 pm

Tolland Intermediate School all Purpose room

You are invited to the grade five chorus concert on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 in the Tolland Intermediate School all Purpose room.

Students are to arrive at 6:30 to Ms. Baker's music room, room 136.

All refreshments for the reception following the concert can be placed in the TIS Cafeteria. 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



**Thursday, May 14, 2015**  
**Grade Four and Five Spring Chorus Concert**  
**7:00pm**  
**TIS Cafeteria**

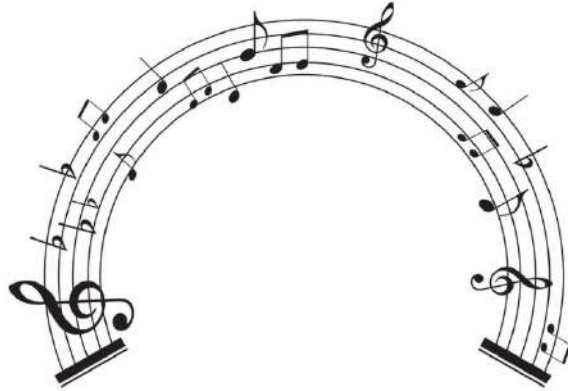
***The students and I would like to have a small reception in the back of the APR following the concert. All finger food type snack donations would be greatly appreciated. Please sign and return by May 7 with your contributions.***

***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](mailto: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***



## ***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 ☺

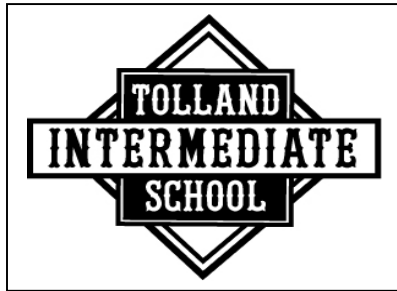
We are looking forward to a fun-filled concert with your wonderful young musicians!

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**



PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED  
FOR OUR ANNUAL PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION DAY (FIELD 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 on the next page. Please send forms back to the homeroom teacher by May 22<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions email Mrs. 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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# PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM – PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAY

Return to your child's homeroom teacher by **May 22<sup>th</sup>**. *(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

***SAVE THE DATE!***

# **SPRING FLING 2015**

Sponsored by Tolland Elementary PTO

**Saturday May 9, 10am - 2pm**

Tolland Intermediate School

**Rain or Shine!**

Three Bounce Houses

Jewelry Making

Tolland Fire Truck

General Store

Face Painting

Cupcake Decorating

Snow Cones

Cotton Candy

Football toss

Food Tent including Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Popcorn & Pretzels

Dunk Tank

Bubble Soccer

Sand Art

Book Nook

Penny Candy Store

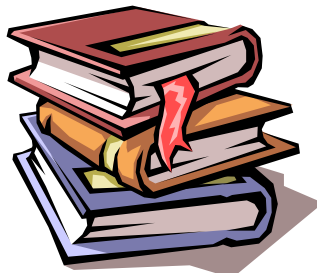
Good Ole' Bake Sale

Raffle Baskets

Minecraft Room

**“Like” us on Facebook for updates too!**

# BOOKS WANTED!!



It's that time again! Spring Fling is just around the corner. As you start your spring cleaning, please consider donating your used books to [The Book Nook](#). We will have collection boxes at Birch Grove and TIS starting the week of April 5th. Mom & Dad books are also welcome!

If you have any questions please contact Nicole Cadman ([nicolecadman@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolecadman@yahoo.com)) or Jaime Doubleday ([jaimedoubleday@yahoo.com](mailto:jaimedoubleday@yahoo.com)).

Thank you for your donations!

**TEPTO Spring Fling**  
**Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00-2:00 at TIS**



**Calling All Bakers!**

**For a Good Ole' Fashion Bake Sale**

**HERE'S ALL YOU DO...**

Donate your favorite dessert, which will be available for purchase during the Spring Fling. This can be candies, brownies, cookies, whole cakes, whole pies or even breads. We'll do all the pricing, display and packaging. *That means if you want to bring us a box with 18 dozen cookies we will package them for you.*

We are also looking for un-frosted Cupcake Donations, frosting, sprinkles, etc for our Decorate a Cupcake station.

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Please contact Sarah Poulin with which donations you will be making at [spoulin03@gmail.com](mailto:spoulin03@gmail.com).

All items can be dropped off on Saturday May 9th by 9:00 AM  
In the All Purpose room.

Don't forget to come back with your family and friends between 10 AM and 2pm to indulge. Satisfy your sweet tooth or fill the freezer with treats for the Holidays...it's all for the kids!



## Spring Fling Reminders

- There will be no preticket sales
- We need plain cupcakes for a booth as well as items to decorate the cupcakes with!!!
- We need books for the book nook. There are boxes located at both schools.
- We need baked goods to sell at our bake shop!!

Please contact [spoulin03@gmail.com](mailto:spoulin03@gmail.com) if you are interested donating anything. Thanks so much in advance for helping to make spring fling such a success!!!

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Print name of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Participate/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BREAKING NEWS FROM TEPTO  
ABOUT SPRING FLING!!!!**

**MR. GYM IS COMING  
TO PERFORM A SHOW!!**



Dear Parents,

Each year, the exiting 5<sup>th</sup> grade students stamp their handprints on the hallways and doors of TIS. We will stamp handprints on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30. We have the process down to a science and with the right number of volunteers we can finish the entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade in about 90 minutes. Please consider volunteering to help with this activity. If you are able to help, please complete the appropriate portion of the permission slip below. ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED A PERMISSION SLIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY. Questions can be directed to Tonya Lyon at [Lyonnos@comcast.net](mailto:Lyonnos@comcast.net).

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Please complete and return the permission slip below no later than Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

My child \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to stamp his/her handprint with latex paint on the entry doors at TIS.

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ is available to help on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

I can be reached at (phone or email) \_\_\_\_\_

## Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony Invitation

April 29, 2015


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#:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Food & Nutrition Services** is looking for substitute workers. Work only while your student is in school. Opportunities to move into permanent, part-time positions may be available next school year. Please contact Mary Layman at 860-870-6853 or [m Layman@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:m Layman@tolland.k12.ct.us)





## FUN FACTS ABOUT CLOUDS

- A cloud is a large group of tiny water droplets that we can see in the air.
- Clouds can contain millions of tons of water.
- Every planet with an atmosphere has clouds. That includes the moon.

*The End*