



## **T.I.S. Digital Backpack**

**November 7, 2016**



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



### **T.I.S. Student Council Food Drive Update**

Thank you to the T.I.S. HAWK Community, we were able to donate over 70 boxes of food to the Tolland Food Pantry.



### **Book Fair**

Thank you to Mrs. Burney and Mrs. Euliano for organizing this year's Scholastic Book Fair. And thank you to the many parent volunteers who donated their time to work at the book fair. We appreciate you!



## **Announcements on the Road**

This year we've added a new item to our HAWK rewards menu called Announcements on the Road. Announcements on the road consists of us doing remote broadcasts of our morning announcement program from classrooms. Two days per week, we select a HAWK Card recipient's classroom as the site for announcements on the road. This feature, in addition to our Friday video announcements adds a new level of fun to our announcement program.

Over the course of the last week we've done remote broadcasts from the Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Hurley's classrooms.



## NOVEMBER 2016

- 7 PTO Meeting, Birch Grove, 7:00
- 8 Picture Retakes, 9-11 a.m.
- 9 Board of Ed. Meeting, 7:30, Hicks Building
- 11 Veterans Day – SCHOOL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS
- 16 Coffee With The Principals, 9:15
- 18 Hat Day
- 23-25 NO SCHOOL



## Unified Arts Update for November 2016

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

### Mrs. Bezzina - Art



**Third** graders are learning how clay holds water and looks darker when it has a lot of moisture. The open form on the left is an example of what wet clay looks like and shows a typical 3rd grade project. After the clay dries, it can be removed from the black plastic form. In about 5 days, the clay can go into the kiln to be fired or cooked. Notice that the white form has been fired in the kiln. The grey clay turns white when it is fired at approximately 2,000 degrees! The students also created patterns in the clay by pressing various textured objects into the surface.

**Fourth** graders reviewed what they learned in third grade and expanded their knowledge of clay. We discovered that clay is actually the smallest particle of the soil. Ask your child how to make slip using bone dry clay. We flashed back to second grade and looked at coil pots (purple form in photo four). Then we learned how to make fancier coils (see 3rd photo). Finally, we created cool artwork using the fancy coils such as the brown sculpture in picture four.



**Fifth** graders are building animals from recyclable materials. Study the picture of the dog and see if you can guess what items were used to create the sculpture. His legs are paper towel tubes and toilet paper rolls. Cylinders, spheres, cones and cubes are some of the common forms we used but salad dressing bottles, egg cartons and many other products provide a variety of forms to choose from. Students will need an old shirt to wear as a smock when we paint in November. Children should keep the smocks in their lockers and wear them on art days when painting begins.

### Mrs. Logsdon – Health/Physical Education

**Third grade:** Students will soon begin a unit where they will learn about the skeletal system. They will start with a cut, paste and label project where they will learn the names of many bones

in the human skeleton. Then they will participate in an active, interdisciplinary lesson called



*Skeleton Relay.*

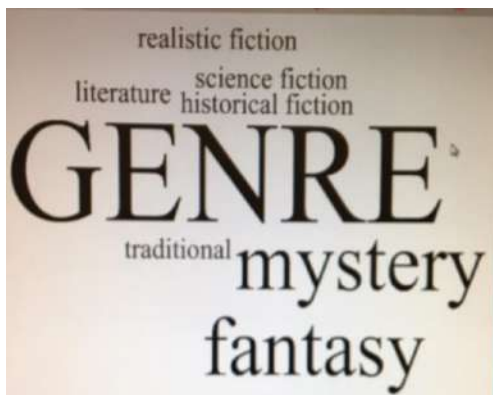
**Fourth grade:** Students in fourth grade are beginning the Nutrition Unit. They will start with a review of information they learned about nutrition in third grade, then participate in an active, interdisciplinary lesson called *Turkeys in the Field*.

**Fifth grade:** Fifth grade health students will soon finish the Heart Health and Circulatory System Unit. Next, they will be practicing first aid skills, including components of CPR. Coming up soon, fifth grade health classes will be participating in the Health and Fitness portion of class. *It is important that all students come prepared with sneakers so they may safely participate to their fullest potential.*



**Mrs. Hill - Library Media**

***BOOK FAIR WILL BE MONDAY OCTOBER 31 - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4***



**Third grade:** students have begun fiction genre studies at the intermediate school level. They will be learning about fantasy, mystery, historical fiction, science fiction, realistic fiction and traditional literature. Learning will be through a variety of methods, including: mini-movies from teachertube, powerpoint presentations, hands-on book sorting, genre bingo, Socratic reviews on the computer and interactive SmartBoard lessons. Third grade has also received the guidelines for the *voluntary* Library Book Challenges for this year. The library book challenges are based on reading from all different types of fiction genres.

**Fourth grade and Fifth grade:** are also involved in a genre review which includes all of the learning methods used in third grade, plus a Google “quiz” and a short answer assessment on their genre knowledge.



## **Ms. Baker - Music/Chorus**

### **RECORDER TIME IS HERE: For everyone!**

This year we are starting a new program called RECORDER KARATE. All 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are encouraged to participate. This is how it works: Students get a RECORDER KARATE book to bring home and practice playing 5 different pieces. Everything they need to know to play those pieces are in the book. In music class, I introduce the pieces and give the students opportunities to practice. Students are encouraged to visit Ms. Baker in order to play the songs they can play well. They earn a Karate belt for their recorder if they play well. Each time the students complete a RECORDER KARATE book they will earn a prize and have their name put on the wall of honor out in the hallway. Look for more RECORDER KARATE information and incentives in the digital backpacks to follow.

**Grade 3 general music:** Third graders are learning to use their creativity skills through movement, creating unique sounds, composing with instruments and acting out folk songs. The third graders will be getting their recorders and bringing home their RECORDER KARATE materials this month.

**Music Times Three:** Third graders have the opportunity to be in MX3 which is our beginning chorus. This group will have a **concert on March 30th** and will sing for the Birch Grove second graders in the spring. Music Times three starts Tuesday, October 25th during recess.

**Grade 4 general music:** The fourth graders just completed their studies of the music of North America. This week we began learning about the music and geography of South America. We will be singing in Spanish. Many of the fourth graders have earned their third belt in RECORDER KARATE this week. Congratulations to all those enthusiastic Fourth graders.

**Grade 5 general music:** The fifth graders are creating, creating creating. They have composed their own hand jive verses, 4 measure treble staff compositions and graphic notation pieces using our new creativity boxes. They will be refining and performing their compositions in the following music classes. Fun, Fun, Fun!!

**Grade 5 Chorus:** The chorus will have a **concert on December 7th and one on April 5th**, so mark your calendars now. Chorus meets on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 am in room 136. Students who cannot attend chorus at this time will be given the opportunity to attend a mini chorus rehearsal on Day 4 at recess. I am so proud of these choristers. They are doing a great job!!!





## **Mrs. Marchesani - Band/Chorus**

**Grade 4 Chorus:** Chorus members are learning songs for their concert coming up on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00pm in the TIS APR! The snow date is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>. Ask your child to give you a spoken and sung preview of “The Concert Etiquette Rap”. It is a humorous piece that teaches concert etiquette in a fun and lively manner. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus will combine with the 5th grade chorus on several songs at the winter concert. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus meets on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 to 8:50 a.m. and a second section is also held on Wednesday during the 4<sup>th</sup> grade recess time for students who cannot get to the before school rehearsal. Both Chorus groups meet in Mrs. Marchesani’s room, #226.

**Grade 4 Band:** Band members have learned how to assemble, disassemble and clean their instruments safely. They are working hard to learn fingerings and proper embouchure (mouth position). It is so exciting to see and hear students enthusiastically learning how to play their instrument! Students have reviewed the values for whole and half notes and whole and half rests. Many Band students are already playing simple melodies such as “Hot Cross Buns” on



their instrument!

Our Winter Concert is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017, at **Tolland Middle School**. Students report to the TMS Band room at 6:30 p.m. and the Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. I requested a snow date for January 31st. We will have a Spring concert, date TBA. In addition, the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Band performs at an assembly for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the Spring. **Full Band rehearsals for 4th graders started on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The morning section meets all year on Thursday mornings in Mrs. Baker’s room, 136, from 8:00 to 8:50 a.m.** For students who cannot get to school for an 8 a.m. rehearsal, I also have a **Tuesday Recess Band option, which meets in my room, 226.** It is truly a joy to witness your children on their amazing journey of learning how to play an instrument solo, in small groups and in a large ensemble!

**Grade 5 Band:** At our Full Band rehearsals on Tuesday mornings and recess, we have reviewed some favorite Band songs from last year such as “Bingo”, “This Old Man”, and “Jingle Bells”. All Band

members are working hard to master an arrangement titled “Regal March”. You’ll find it on page 21 of the Standard of Excellence book. Take a look at the piece and ask your child to play it for you!



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Full Band rehearsals meet Tuesday mornings from 8:00 to 8:50 a.m. in room 136 (Mrs. Baker’s room). This option is a great opportunity for Band members to play in a large ensemble with a variety of other instruments, boosts musicianship skills and provides a weekly “concert readiness” experience. For students who cannot get to school for an 8 a.m. rehearsal, I also have a Tuesday Recess Band option which will meet in my room, 226. Our Winter Concert is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017, at Tolland Middle School. Students report to the TMS Band room at 6:30 p.m. and the Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. I requested a snow date for January 31st. We will have a Spring concert, date TBA.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Step-Up Concert with the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade TMS Band is scheduled for Friday, March 31, 2017, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and students report to TMS by 5:45 p.m. I look forward to the chance to help each student experience growth in their musicianship and leadership skills this year!

Please contact me anytime with questions or concerns! [nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us) 860-870-6885 x 40226



## Mr. Downing – Physical Education

**Third grade:** Students will be starting the throwing unit. During the unit, the critical elements associated with the overhand throw will be reviewed and the students will practice the overhand throw using a variety of throwing activities and games.

**Fourth grade:** Students will be starting the teamwork/cooperation unit. Students will participate in a number of activities while in small groups. The emphasis will be on planning, teamwork, and sharing ideas.

**Fifth grade:** Students will be continuing the badminton unit.

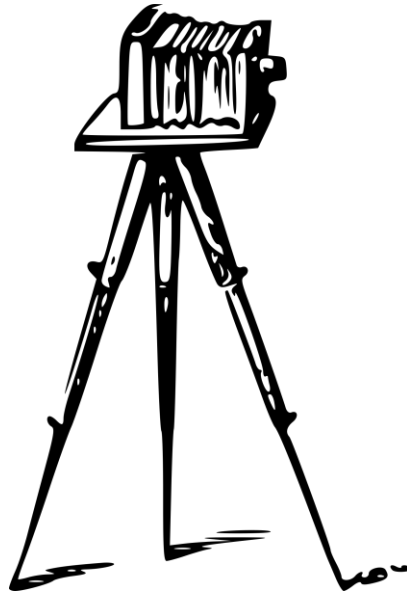
## Mrs. Kirk - Technology Integration





This year, each teacher was given an OSMO unit. If you haven't met OSMO yet, please check it out at <https://www.playosmo.com/en/>. OSMO is a wondrous interactive technology where student must manipulate items in order to solve math problems, learn spelling and vocabulary, work on coding, draw, create stories, see science in action and so much more. Teachers are beginning their training on how they can use OSMO within the classroom and integrate it with their curriculum or present their curriculum in a new and exciting way. Student engagement is sure to grow, while students learn, collaborate and problem solve. This technology affords us the ability to teach our common core standards while motivating the students to explore and be creative. Stay tuned as I'm sure you'll hear more about OSMO from your student in the weeks to come.

Thank you - [jkirk@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:jkirk@tolland.k12.ct.us)



## **Picture Retake / Absentee Day**

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00**

Who Should Go on Absentee/Retake Day:

- Any student not satisfied with original portrait - Return your complete package to the photographer on retake day.
- Any student who was absent on the original day whether you are purchasing a package or not.
- Any student who did not purchase on the original day and would like to purchase a package. Order forms are available in the school office approximately one week prior to retake day.
- Or online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) -- picture day id: EJ416029Q1

Any questions, please call Lifetouch at 203-735-5933



## COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

2016-2017

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

(all meetings begin at 9:15 a.m.)

## **What is the Tolland Education Foundation, and how does it directly benefit my child?**

The Tolland Education Foundation is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization created in 2004 for the purpose of stimulating innovative education in the Tolland Public Schools. When a teacher has an idea for a new and creative learning opportunity to enhance students' learning experiences, that teacher can apply to TEF for a grant. Since 2004, TEF has provided over \$250,000 in grants to preschool to grade 12, regular programs, as well as enrichment and special needs programs!

The Tolland Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization that relies entirely upon contributions in order to successfully support innovative educational opportunities in the Tolland Public Schools. You can contribute in a variety of ways:

- Attend our upcoming Fundraiser on Saturday, November 19 at the Lodge at Crandall Park. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit our website at <http://www.TollandEducationFoundation.com>.
- Make a donation online <http://www.TollandEducationFoundation.com>, or by check, mailed to 58 Hartford Turnpike, Tolland, CT, 06084.
- Link your Amazon Prime account to Amazon Smile, which will donate a percentage of your purchase directly to TEF, no cost to you. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-1690006> and choose Tolland Education Foundation as your charity.

TEF has made student outcomes possible in all subject areas including donations for a rock climbing wall, Hovercraft, smart boards, e-readers, iPads, document cameras and musical instruments. Check out some of the most recent grants in just the past year (2015-2016):

### **Family Hiking Backpacks for Birch Grove (\$1,300)**

Along with promoting an active lifestyle, the backpacks encourage family activities and provide links between literacy, science and physical education. The child size backpacks are small enough for the youngest child to carry and contain books and other printed resources to get hikers on their way, help them identify what they have discovered, and tools to keep even the most reluctant hiker engaged. Families may borrow the backpack for a one-week loan period.

### **iPads for Eaglets for Birch Grove Media Center (\$9,500)**

Birch Grove students are now accessing more of their literary material electronically through a pod of 12 iPad mini tablets, software and accessories. The grant provides students access to many library

collections including the library catalog, eBooks, ePeriodicals, audiobooks, reference resources, presentation tools and other productivity tools. Prior to the grant, Information Literary Instruction was reinforced solely with print materials.

### **Ukuleles for Tolland Intermediate School (\$3,500)**

All Tolland Intermediate School students will learning to play the Ukulele as they take grade five general music, and will have opportunities to play during concerts, visits to the Tolland Senior Center, and other musical venues. “Across the nation, the Ukulele is fast becoming to the grade 5 music curricula what the recorder is for grade 3 students, but much more. The ukulele is an individual instrument and students learn to read and improve their reading of standard music notation. It also provides students with an instrument which plays chords and harmonies and they can learn more advanced musical concepts such as chord progression,” says Judy Baker, TIS music teacher. “The Ukulele is a lifetime instrument that students use far beyond the classroom.”

### **Recording Studio for Tolland Middle School (\$2,500)**

Students at Tolland Middle School are now able to write, record, share, edit, listen and revise their own music in a new recording studio that integrates music, electronics and technology. The studio and equipment will motivate students and help them understand that learning music isn’t just about playing and practicing; it can involve tapping into higher level thinking skills to experiment and analyze music. “A recording studio will broaden learning experiences by giving students the opportunity to learn by doing,” says Matthew Pater, a sixth-grade student and the grant originator.

### **Traversing Wall Protective Matting for Tolland Middle School (\$3,200)**

The protective matting system is to be used with a rock climbing/traversing wall, which was already purchased by the school and will soon be installed. According to former principal Dan Uriano, “The importance of an active lifestyle is paramount to a healthy life, and physical wellbeing promotes a sense of self, personal ownership and confidence in students. Tolland Middle School is moving away from the traditional modality of “gym class” where students participate in the traditional team sports and integrating more high interest fitness-based, life-long activities. With the funding of the mats, the students will have a new and exciting activity that could promote a life-long healthy hobby.”

Dear Parents,

As Veterans Day approaches, we would like to honor those brave Americans who have served in the United States military by inviting your family to share precious memories of loved ones. The origins of Veterans Day can be traced to 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11<sup>th</sup> as Veterans Day. The President called upon Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace. He issued a Presidential Order directing the head of the Veterans Administration, now the Department of Veterans Affairs, to form a Veterans Day National Committee to organize and oversee the national observance of Veterans Day. Veterans Day is intended to thank and honor all those who have served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all of those who served have sacrificed and done their duty.

With your help and support, we would like to create a display to honor the veterans in our community. Attached you will find a very short form that will provide a snapshot biography depicting the service that your loved one provided to our nation. Additionally, if you have a picture of your loved one in their service uniform, please attach a copy of it in the space provided. For those families who wish to participate, but do not have a loved one who served in the military, you can help by creating a thank you card for veterans who have served or for a member of the military who is currently serving our nation. All of the cards that are received will either be sent to the American Red Cross program entitled Holiday Mail for Heroes or to the Veterans Medical Center in Newington, Connecticut. We have provided you with an example of a card to use as a model. Please return your biographies and cards to your teacher by Monday, November 7, 2012. Thank you for your support of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Jim Dineen  
Tolland Intermediate School

<http://www.redcross.org/support/get-involved/holiday-mail-for-heroes>



**VETERANS DAY OBSERVATION ACTIVITY - DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETION**

- 1.) Complete the name of your hero.
- 2.) Describe the military branch that they served in or are currently serving in.
- 3.) What do you want other people to know about your loved one?
- 4.) If you have a picture, please attach a copy of it. The picture should be placed inside of the star and will not be returned to you.
- 5.) If you do not have a picture, you may choose to draw a picture or write the name of your hero in the space provided inside of the star.
- 6.) Please complete and return to your teacher by Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 7.) If you do not wish to complete the biography, perhaps you would consider a thank you card. Please find the directions for completion of a thank you card.

**Detach and return by November 7, 2015.**

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**Veterans Day Biography**

Name of your hero. \_\_\_\_\_

What branch of the U.S. military did they serve in?

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What would you like people to know about your loved one?

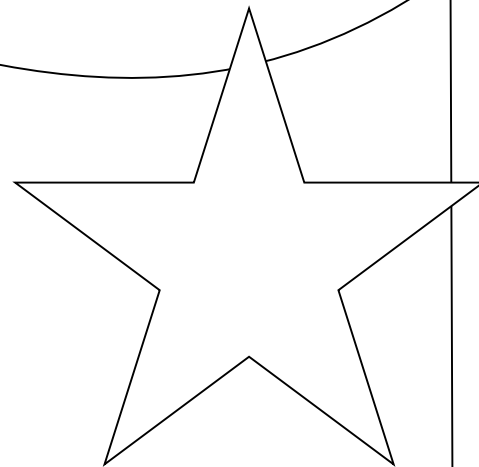
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**\*\*\*\* Order by Monday, November 14th, 2016; pick up Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 between 3:30pm – 5:30pm.**

**All pickups will be in the Birch Grove Foyer**

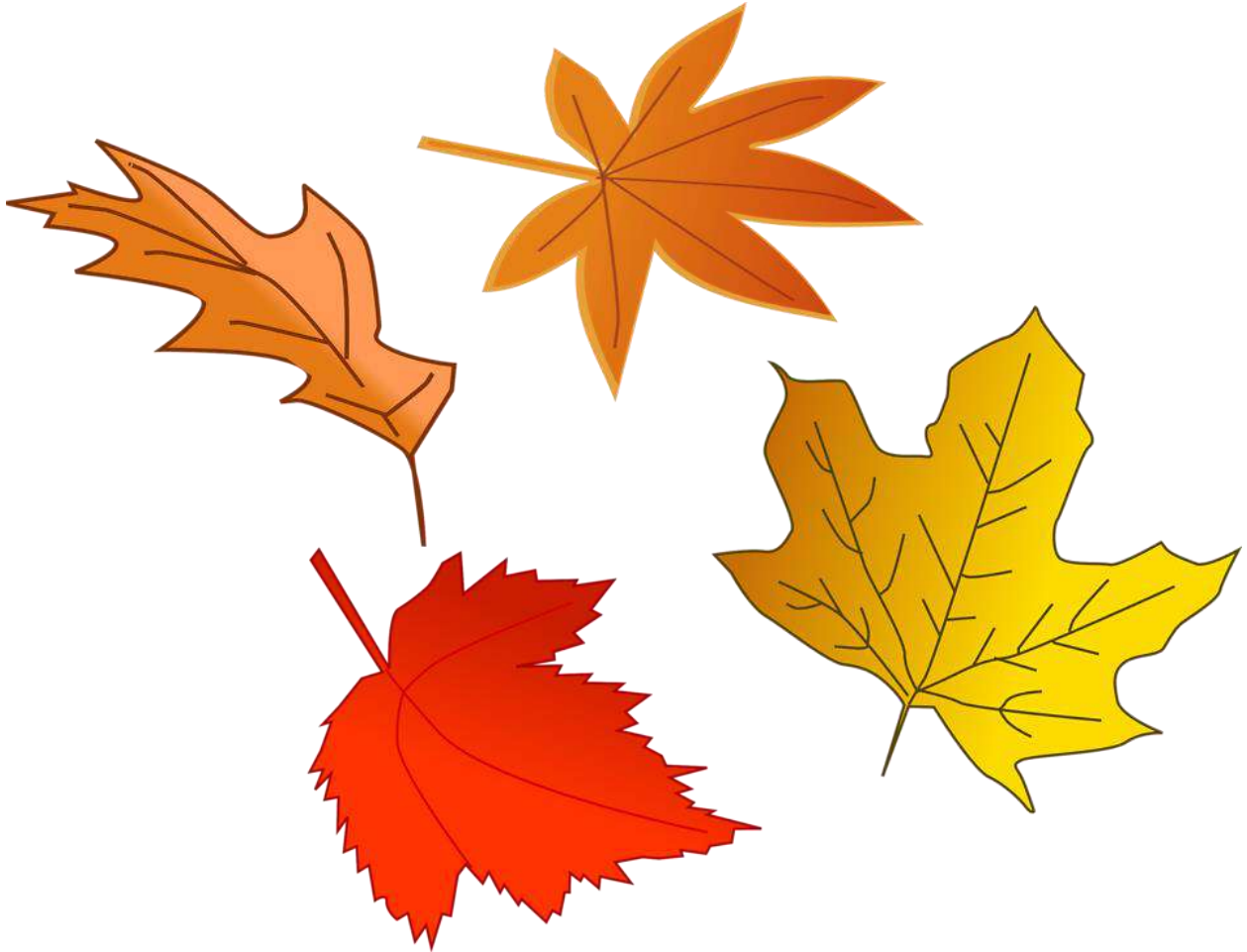
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Child's name: _____ Date Order: <u>Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016</u>	Phone # _____
Parent's name: _____ Pick Up Date: <u>Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> between 3:30pm - 5:30pm in the Birch Grove foyer</u> Please check if you wish for your order of \$100 or less to go home in your child's backpack _____	Check # _____
Email _____	Order Date _____

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Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	On The Border \$25.00	11%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	3%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
American Eagle Outfitters \$25.00	10%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	9%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	Payless Shoes \$20.00	13%		\$
Babies"R"Us \$20.00	3%		\$	Peapod Online Grocery \$25.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	9%		\$	Pottery Barn \$25.00	8%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Rave Cinemas \$25.00	4%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	3%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	9%		\$
Bonfish Grill \$25.00	8%		\$	Ruth's Chris Steak House \$50.00	10%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$25.00	8%		\$	Sally Beauty Supply \$25.00	12%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Cabelas \$25.00	11%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	Shell \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	7%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Christmas Tree Shops \$25.00	7%		\$	Stop & Shop (NOT TOPS) \$25.00	4%		\$
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Cinemark Theatres Single Admit \$9.50	10%		\$	Sunoco \$50.00	1.5%		\$
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Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Darden® Restaurants \$25.00	9%		\$	Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
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GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	The Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Toys"R"Us \$20.00	3%		\$
Group.com \$25.00	7%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	6%		\$
Gymboree \$25.00	13%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$
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Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$				
Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$				
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$				
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