



## T.I.S. Digital Backpack



October 30, 2017

### Unified Arts Update for October/November 2017



Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education

#### Mrs. Bezzina - Art



**Third** graders created bilateral drawings that will soon be transferred to foil. Some students also used radial, concentric or spiral designs in their work. The foil sculptures will have a low relief just as a license plate.



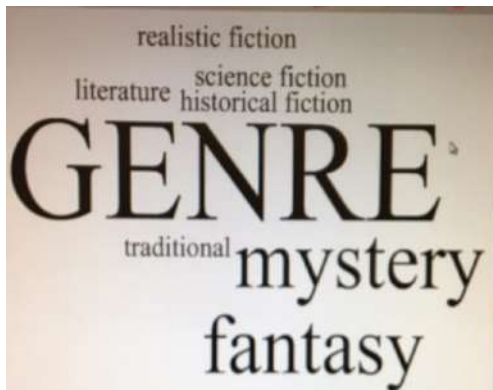
**Fourth** graders learned about the artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude (a husband and wife team) who have created amazing temporary sculptures all over the world. After watching a video called The Gates, students worked in small groups to create their own temporary sculptures. They selected a theme, such as a grocery store, and then created the scene from a variety of materials such as fabric, cylinders, plastic containers and other items. Balance was important as no glue, tape or staplers were allowed. One student said, "I am going to look through my recycling bin and do this at home!" It certainly was a lot of fun using our imaginations.



**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. Hill - Library Media**

**BOOK FAIR WILL BE FRIDAY OCTOBER 27 - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3**



**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 begin 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 - General Music/Chorus**

### **RECORDER TIME IS HERE:**

This year the fourth graders will be working on a program called RECORDER KARATE. All 4th 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, composing with instruments and learning triplet rhythms. The third graders are bringing home the Recorder order forms this week. All students will need a recorder and a strap. We will be playing the recorders in the concert this spring.

**Grade 4 general music:** The fourth graders just completed their studies of performing, creating and composing with triplet rhythms. This week we will begin learning about the music and geography of South America. We will be singing in Spanish.

**Grade 5 general music:** The fifth graders have been practicing and studying triplet rhythm patterns. The fifth graders are also creating, creating creating. They have composed their own hand jive verses, and will begin composing 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 12th**, 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 1 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 12th 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. At the December 12th

Concert, the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus will also combine with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Chorus on several songs. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus meets on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45 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", "Mary Had a Little Lamb", and "Au Clair de la Lune" on their



instrument!

Our Winter Concert is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018, 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. Both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Bands perform at the concert.

I requested a snow date for Friday night, January 19, 2018. 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 4<sup>th</sup> graders started on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The morning section meets all year on Thursday mornings in Mrs. Baker's room, 136, from 8:00 to 8:45 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. \*\*Band students have Band 2 times per week: 1 small group lesson and 1 Full Band rehearsal. 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! The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band will play Regal March at our Veteran's



Day Assembly on November 10th.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Full Band rehearsals meet Tuesday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45 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 18, 2018, at **Tolland Middle School**. Students report to the TMS Chorus room at 6:30 p.m. and the Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. The 4th and 5th grade Bands perform at the January concert. The snow date is reserved for the next night, Friday, January 19th. 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, April 6, 2018, 6:15 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 starting the badminton unit. Students will be introduced to the basics of badminton and given opportunities practice their racket skills.





# FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST



**DEADLINE: THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Important Information:

1. Only 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders can earn cash prizes.
2. Posters must be done **individually** (NO PARTNERS).
3. Use only the **12x18** white paper that Mrs. Bezzina provides.
4. Write the words **FIRE PREVENTION - EVERYONE/ EVERYDAY.**
5. **Spelling counts!** Only write what you need to explain your message.
6. Artwork and lettering must be original. (**NO** trademarks, logos etc...)
7. Create a **well-balanced** composition. Don't leave big empty spaces.
8. **Color neatly!** Craftsmanship is just as important as spelling.
9. Black and white or color are accepted. Use bold colors that **contrast**.

Write these things on the **BACK**:

1. First and last name
2. Grade/Teacher
3. Phone number



## 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



Dear TIS Families,

Get ready to celebrate the love of reading with our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair! We hope you can come share in the excitement by visiting the Book Fair between October 30th - November 3rd. Please note that we will be open during parent/teacher conferences.

As part of our fair, our school is collecting funds for the **All for Books** program! Your participation is **VOLUNTARY**, but by donating you help us to:

- Purchase books for our school
- Give more children greater access to books
- Help get more kids reading (and reading more than ever before!)

The *All for Books* donations we collect also help readers *beyond* our school and community. Scholastic Book Fairs matches our monetary donations with a donation of up to **one million books** to kids in need.

**All students who donate will have their name entered for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes&Noble!**

Please take a moment to donate \$1 or whatever amount you choose and sign and return the Cowboy Hat Slip below with your child's name and teacher by Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All signed slips will be displayed at our school. Your act of kindness helps to bring more knowledge, imagination and love for reading in the lives of our students.

On behalf of the students and teachers of our school - THANK YOU!

Sincerely,  
Tabitha McKown, TIS Book Fair Chairperson

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<b>Student Name:</b> _____ _____
<b>Teacher:</b> _____ _____
<b>*PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY, NOV. 3RD</b>



**T.I.S. "WILD WEST" Book Fair Hours**

**Save The Date!!**

**Monday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am – 6pm**

**Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – 8:30am – 4pm**

**Wednesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:30am – 6pm**

**Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8:30am – 5pm\***

# SCRIP



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**ANYTHING!**

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(percentages range from 1% back to 18%; depending on individual retailers. See online site).

Go to <http://shopwithscrip.com>

Enrollment Code: 9C988FA515396

Purchases can be made online using PrestoPay or you can complete the paper form attached.  
Checks should be made out to TEPTO.

Order by November 13 for delivery by November 20th (in time for Black Friday shopping!) and  
Order by December 11th for delivery by December 18th.

Some gift cards can be purchased and delivered electronically for immediate use!

Please direct any questions to Bethany Lescoe: [bethanylescoe@gmail.com](mailto:bethanylescoe@gmail.com)

Family Order Form

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Tolland Elementary PTO/Tolland, CT

See Online ShopWithScrip for all retailers!!

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Teachers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you wish for your order of \$100 or less to go home in your child's backpack \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
99 Restaurants \$25.00	13%		\$	Express \$25.00	10%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$
A.C. Moore \$25.00	5%		\$	Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$	Pottery Barn \$25.00	8%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	Rave Cinemas \$25.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
American Eagle Outfitters \$25.00	10%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Ruby Tuesday \$25.00	8%		\$
Apple iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$	Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Halfmark \$25.00	4%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Babies'R'Us \$20.00	3%		\$	Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$	Shell \$25.00	2%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	ShopRite \$25.00	4%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	iTunes® \$15.00	5%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$	iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$	Smashburger \$10.00	10%		\$
Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$25.00	8%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	7%		\$
Bulk-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Kmart \$50.00	4%		\$	Stop & Shop (NOT TOPS) \$25.00	4%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Sunoco \$50.00	1%		\$
Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	Lowe's \$20.00	4%		\$	Supercuts \$25.00	8%		\$
Chi's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$	T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
Christmas Tree Shops \$25.00	7%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Chuck E. Cheese \$10.00	8%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Cinemark Theatres \$25.00	4%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$
Crazy 8 \$25.00	13%		\$	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	The Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
CVS Pharmacy® \$25.00	8%		\$	NOOK by Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Toys'R'Us \$20.00	3%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$	ULTA \$25.00	4%		\$
Dave & Buster's \$25.00	13%		\$	Olive Garden® \$25.00	8%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	On The Border \$25.00	11%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Domino's \$25.00	8%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	Wendy's \$10.00	4%		\$
Dressbarn \$25.00	8%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$	Whole Foods Market \$100.00	3%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$
EB Games \$25.00	3%		\$	Papa Gino's Pizzeria \$10.00	10%		\$	Williams Sonoma \$25.00	8%		\$
				Payless Shoes \$20.00	13%		\$				
				Peapod Online Grocery \$25.00	4%		\$				

Make Checks Payable To: **TEPTO**

Total Due All Columns: \$



## Friends of Tolland Music Booster Club

[friendsoftollandmusic.org](http://friendsoftollandmusic.org)

[friendsoftollandmusic@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftollandmusic@gmail.com)

# SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM



Show your Tolland pride and Musical spirit with this cozy sweatshirt! The perfect thing for cold mornings in the hallways this winter! Delivery before the holidays!

What Size?

Youth \$35	S	M	L		
Adult \$35	S	M	L	XL	XXL (\$37)

Name on Sleeve \$5 extra (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Music Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Email or phone \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Is this sweatshirt a surprise gift and should not be delivered directly to your child? Y N

If YES, email [kpowell99@hotmail.com](mailto:kpowell99@hotmail.com) to arrange alternate sweatshirt pickup

Please make checks payable to Friends of Tolland Music Booster Club

Orders **must** be in to your Music teacher by **Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**!



*Calling all interested school officials, teachers, students and business partners!*

*PJ Day for the Kids* is a day for students and business partners across Connecticut to come together in support of patients at **Connecticut Children's Medical Center**. For the last 6 years, participants have stood together in honor of children at the hospital who wear their PJs for days, weeks or longer while fighting cancer or other serious illnesses. **The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual PJ Day for the Kids will be December 8, 2017!** We hope you will consider joining in!!

On PJ Day, students and individuals are asked to make a donation of \$1 or more to Connecticut Children's Medical Center in exchange for the privilege of wearing their PJs to school or work. Wearing PJs is not just fun but, it is a way to show support for patients at Connecticut Children's. The event is simple to organize and is a way to help those who need it most.

PJ Day for the Kids started in 2011 by a 7 year old, who set out to help children like his sister, who had battled cancer as an infant. What began as a small school fundraiser has spread across the state in a massive show of support. We found many had their own CCMC story or connection and are eager to help out.

In 2016, over 130 schools, 53 Dunkin Donuts locations and numerous businesses held their own PJ Day for the Kids events. This past year over \$94,000 was raised. All proceeds from the event benefit The Division of Hematology and Oncology at Connecticut Children's. To date PJ Day for the Kids has raised nearly \$180,000! Recently, Public Act 17-204 was signed into law by Governor Malloy, naming the second Friday of every December PJ Day, an official day of awareness in support of children fighting cancer and illness across Connecticut!



Consider joining in for a day of fun that will leave a lasting impression both on participants and the patients. In addition to school children throughout the state, local grocery stores, restaurants, medical practices, dentists, insurance brokers, real estate agents, mortgage brokers and more have participated. The dedication of our communities has been a true inspiration!

While the majority choose to hold their event on the annual PJ Day date, we understand your calendar may prevent this. In this situation, we welcome you to hold a PJ event on an alternate date.

We look forward to a day when people all across Connecticut stand in solidarity with kids at Connecticut Children's. We hope to make this PJ Day the most successful yet, making a deep impact on young patients and all participants! Register today at [give.connecticutchildrens.org/pjday](http://give.connecticutchildrens.org/pjday)

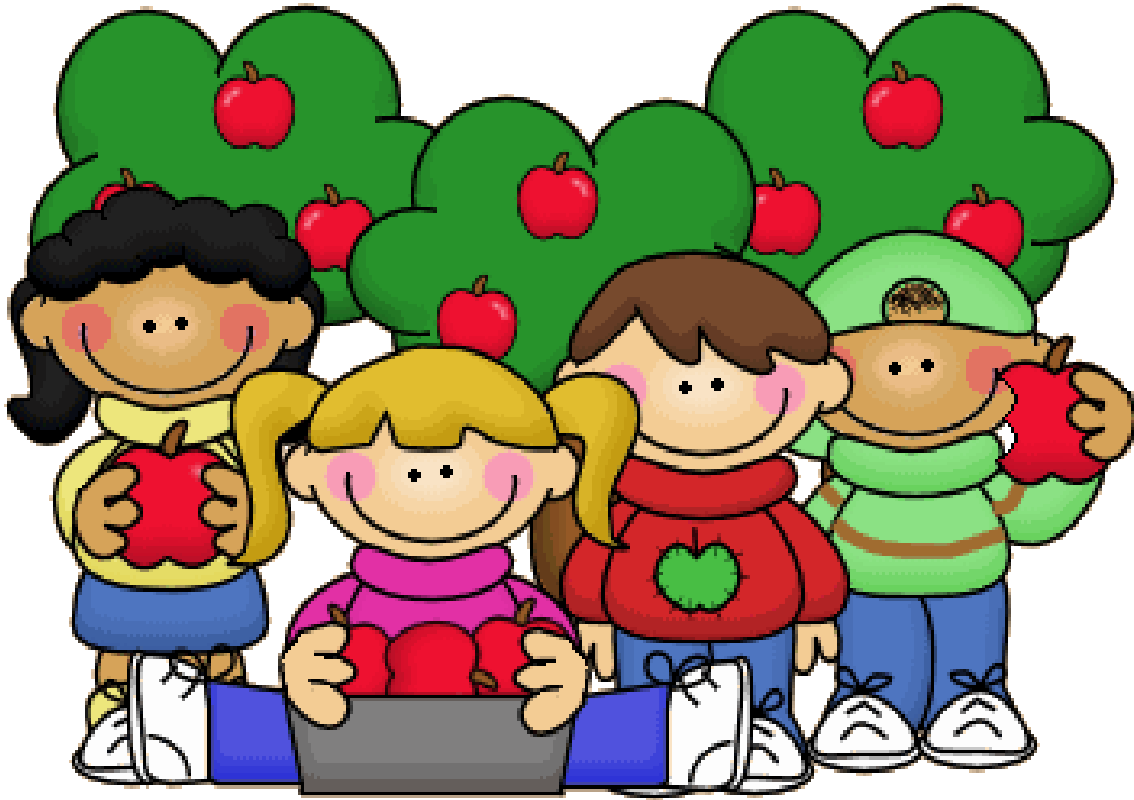
Gratefully,

Tara Wesoloskie

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