

TIS Digital Backpack September 10, 2023



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

After School Pick Up

The number of students being picked up at the end of the day is typically quite high. The yearly average is close to 70 students per day. Our staff does an amazing job of safely and quickly uniting students with their parent or guardian each afternoon. All students being picked up at the end of the day are assembled in our gymnasium. In order to maintain a safe, secure and orderly environment, students are seated by grade and asked to sit quietly while waiting to be picked up. Students are permitted to talk with classmates while waiting. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and secure environment.

Welcome New Staff

At TIS we are excited to welcome new staff members to our school and congratulate building or district transfers. Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members:

Miss Emily Sheridan - Fourth Grade Teacher

Mr. [Jason Botti](#)- Fifth Grade Special Education Teacher

Mr. [Lee Cameron](#) - Fifth Grade Special Education Teacher

Miss Casey Lee - Speech and Language Pathologist

Staff Transfers:

Mrs. Julie Kirk -- Tolland Educational Technology Specialist to Fourth Grade Teacher

Mr. Allan Leblanc - Third Grade Teacher to Fourth Grade Teacher

Ms. [Kristen Grabowski](#)- Fourth Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher to Fifth Grade ELA and Social Studies Teacher

**Our REACH Program, Start with Hello Week, September 18-September 22.
Please see the next page for more information.**

Start with Hello Week September 18 - September 22

Band and Chorus at T.I.S.

The fourth and fifth grade band as well as third, fourth and fifth grade choral ensembles will soon be up and running. Norma Marchesani, T.I.S. Band Director, has been hard at work developing an instrument lesson schedule for all fourth and fifth grade band members. In addition to band, Mrs. Marchesani & T.I.S. music teacher Mrs. Judy Baker, are working on getting their ensemble groups up and running. Any questions regarding band or Third Grade Chorus may be directed to nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us while questions relative to fourth and fifth grade chorus may be sent to jbaker@tolland.k12.ct.us

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Thank You PTO

Thanks to our amazing PTO for providing our teachers with gift cards to be used in the purchase of items for their classrooms. TIS teachers were provided with this nice surprise along with snacks to start out the school year. Thanks to TEPTO for continuing to go to great lengths in support of our students.

Open House at T.I.S.

This year we will return to our traditional in-person Open House format. If you are unable to attend Open House, simply contact your child's teacher to request a copy of their slide presentation. All Open Houses will be held from 6:30 - 7:30.

Grade 3 - September 14

Grade 4 - September 21

Grade 5 – September 27

Start with Hello Week: September 18-22nd

Tolland Intermediate School is excited to announce that we will again be participating in **Start With Hello Week**. Start With Hello is a program founded by the Sandy Hook Promise Organization. The program is designed to bring individuals and school communities together to foster looking out and caring for one another. Young people have the power to see someone, reach out, and Start with Hello in order to reduce social isolation and create a more connected and inclusive school. Each student has the power to make a difference and make a new friend. All students and staff will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

Monday, September 18th: Hey Day Green Day

To promote awareness and call attention to Start with Hello Week. Get connected and say hello! Everyone wears green and a smiley face sticker. Students and staff will be encouraged to say hello to someone new!

Tuesday, September 19th: Random Act of Kindness Day

Get caught being kind! Students and staff will be encouraged to engage in and recognize acts of kindness throughout the school day.

Wednesday, September 20th: Uniquely You Day

Students and staff can dress up and express what makes you unique. We are all unique and special - let's celebrate each and every one of us!

Thursday, September 21st: Mix it Up at Lunch Day

Get to know your lunch table buddy! Every lunch table will have fun conversation starters for students to learn about the person sitting near them.

Friday, September 22nd: One School One Team/Compliment Day

Wear blue and white to show that we are ONE SCHOOL ONE TEAM, TIS! Spend time with your class writing a positive comment, compliment or encouraging/kind words to a classmate.

T.I.S. UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

- 14 Grade 3 Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 18-22 Start with Hello Week
- 20` EARLY RELEASE (12:40)
- 21 Grade 4 Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 PICTURE DAY!
- 27 Grade 5 Open House, 6:30 p.m.

Cider Mill 5k, Family Fun One Miler, and Kids' Fun Run Saturday, September 30, 2023

Come join us for the 22nd Annual Cider Mill Road Race this year!

Cider Mill Fun Run- a shorter course for the younger and youngest of runners!

The One Mile Race is a cross country Cider Mile, a trek through the wooded trails of Crandall Park, ending at the finish line of the 5K.

The 5k run is a challenge for the fastest runners, and a great goal for beginners! New Course this year!

Prizes will be awarded to the top male/ female finishers in each bracket.

All runners must register in advance, no race day registration. Registration fee for the Cider Mill Fun Run and the One Miler is \$12 and the 5K is \$25

The Cider Mill 5k and Family Fun Run is organized by a committee partnered by the Tolland Elementary PTO, Tolland Middle School PTO, Tolland High School Booster Club, and the Tolland Recreation Department. All proceeds benefit these organizations and their efforts to promote physical fitness within the Tolland community.

Registration is now available ONLINE at
<https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Tolland/Cidermillroadrace>

K-12 Student Accident Insurance **Enroll Online**

www.studentinsurance-kk.com



Worried about paying for your child's medical care if an accident should happen? K&K's student accident insurance can help.

K-12 Accident Plans available through your school:

- *At-School Accident Only*
- *24-Hour Accident Only*
- *Extended Dental*
- *Football*

How to Enroll Online

Enrolling online is easy and should take only a few minutes. Go to **www.studentinsurance-kk.com** and click the **"Enroll Now"** button.

1. Start by telling us the name of the school district and state where your child attends school.
2. We'll request each student's name and grade level.
3. You'll see the available plans and their rates. Select your coverage and continue to the next step.
4. We'll request information about you, like your name and email address.
5. Next, you'll enter information about the child or children to be covered.
6. Enter your credit card or eCheck payment information.
7. Finally, print out a copy of the confirmation for your records.

For further details of the coverage including costs, benefits, exclusions, any reductions or limitations and the terms under which the policy may be continued in force, please refer to www.studentinsurance-kk.com. Student is able to purchase the coverage only if his/her school district is a policyholder with the insurance company.

¿Le preocupa tener que pagar la atención médica de su hijo si ocurre un accidente? El seguro contra accidentes para estudiantes de K&K puede ayudarlo.

Planes de cobertura en caso de accidente para K-12 disponibles a través de su escuela:

- *Sólo accidentes en la escuela*
- *Sólo accidentes, 24 horas*
- *Dental extendido*
- *Fútbol*

Cómo inscribirse en línea

Inscribirse en línea es fácil y sólo le tomará unos pocos minutos. Visite **www.studentinsurance-kk.com** y haga clic en el botón **"Enroll Now"** ("Inscribirse ahora").

1. Comience por decirnos el nombre del distrito escolar y el estado en el que su hijo(a) va a la escuela.
2. Solicitaremos el nombre y el grado de cada uno de los estudiantes.
3. Verá los planes disponibles y sus tarifas. Seleccione su cobertura y continúe con el siguiente paso.
4. Le solicitaremos información sobre usted, como su nombre y dirección de correo electrónico.
5. Después, ingresará la información acerca del niño o niños que recibirá(n) cobertura.
6. Ingrese la información de pago de su tarjeta de crédito o eCheck.
7. Finalmente, imprima una copia de la confirmación para sus registros.

Para obtener más detalles sobre la cobertura, incluidos costos, beneficios, exclusiones y reducciones o limitaciones y los términos en virtud de los cuales esta póliza podría continuar en vigencia, consulte www.studentinsurance-kk.com. Los estudiantes pueden comprar la cobertura únicamente si su distrito escolar es titular de una póliza con la compañía de seguros.

ITEMS FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK

Music Times Three

Attention: 3rd Grade Students and Families

"Music Times Three" Sign-Up Information

August 29, 2023

I am very excited about directing "Music Times Three" this year! My personal goal for "Music Times Three" is to provide a blend of singing, playing of music classroom instruments, and movement activities for boys and girls in third grade.

"Music Times Three" meets 1 day per week during the school day on the stage in the APR (All Purpose Room) Membership is a yearlong responsibility. Rehearsals begin mid-September, date TBA. A Mx3 evening concert will be held in the Spring. Last Spring, we also performed for the second graders from Birch Grove Primary School when they toured TIS. That was so much fun, and we will definitely plan another tour performance in Spring 2024!

Student Responsibilities:

- Understand that "Music Times Three" is a year-long commitment
- Attend weekly rehearsals
- Follow our HAWK values
 - Respect others, yourself, and all materials
 - Be Responsible
 - Remember we are a Community
 - Keep yourself safe
- Stay on task during rehearsals

"Music Times Three" Benefits

- Develop proper singing techniques & healthy vocal habits
- Play various rhythm instruments
- Improve performance & concert skills
- Experience movement & expression
- Experience & enjoy a wide variety of music
- Have lots of fun !!!!!!!!!

To sign up: Return the Music Times Three" Contract (next page) to TIS by **Friday, September 8th**. This fun group is open to anyone in third grade. No audition required! I am looking forward to an enjoyable musical year. Please contact me any time with questions or concerns.

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Music Times Three Contract

Student_____

Classroom Teacher_____

What were some of your favorite songs that you sang in second grade?

1.

2.

3.

4.

Please indicate any musical instruments you have studied before, and for how long:

I understand that every "Music Times Three" member is important and that the group is incomplete unless I attend my weekly rehearsals and scheduled performances. I fully understand all of my responsibilities and agree to all the policies of 3rd grade's "Music Times Three".

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Best telephone number (s) _____

Email_____

Please indicate any additional comments/concerns below.

Return This Page to Ms. Marchesani

Dear 4th grade Parent/Guardian,

It's not too late for your child to sign up for 4th grade Beginning Band!

If your child is interested in learning to play a band instrument this year, please fill out the instrument selection sheet attached to this notice and **return it to me by Tuesday, September 12th**. I will try to honor the student's first choice of instrument. However, it is of the utmost importance that we properly balance our band instrumentation.

In May members of the Tolland High School Band presented a "Band Instrument Demo Assembly" performance for all our TIS 3rd graders. The assembly consisted of performance, information and individual instrument demonstrations. Third graders were encouraged to make an informed decision about choosing an instrument to play. We had a lot of fun at that assembly!

There will be an **instrument rental meeting on Thursday September 7th at 6:30 P.M. in the TIS all purpose room.** This meeting will be for the parents/guardians of your brand new fourth graders! At this meeting I will briefly outline band expectations and be available to answer any questions. There will also be representatives from Gerry's Music Shop who will review the instrument rental process. Students are invited to come. We will have all the instruments set up.

If your family already owns the concert band instrument your child will be playing in the 4th grade Band, please contact Gerry's Music Shop (1-800-724-7402) for instrument repair or servicing information. <https://gerrysmusicshop.com/>

Joining the TIS Band is a refreshing, creative opportunity for all. The amazing journey of learning an instrument is a truly unique experience.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns,
Mrs. Norma Marchesani
nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us
860-870-6885 ext. 40226



Band Instrument Selection Sheet
Tolland Intermediate School

Student's Full Name: _____

Classroom teacher: _____

I give my child permission to participate in the Tolland Intermediate School 4th Grade Band Program. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide my child with an appropriate instrument, the red Standard of Excellence Book 1 for the instrument and a bell cover for the instrument. (bell cover exceptions: flute and percussion)

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Email Address

Phone Number (best)

Choice #1 – flute, oboe**, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, french horn**, baritone horn, trombone and percussion (xylophone/bell kit and drum practice pad; TIS concert band does not include drum set). **Private lessons for oboe and horn are most highly recommended.

The instrument I am most interested in learning to play is the _____
because _____.

Do you already own this instrument? _____ Yes _____ No

Choice #2 (students who do not put a second choice may be assigned any instrument)

The second instrument I am interested in learning to play is the _____
Do you already own this instrument? _____ Yes _____ No

_____ **SCHOOL INSTRUMENT** - Please check here if you would like to be considered to use a school instrument. School instruments that are available are mostly trumpet, trombone and baritone. Criteria used for the distribution of these instruments is based upon student financial need and recommendation from TIS music teachers regarding the student's work ethic and responsibility.

**Please return this page to Mrs. Marchesani by Friday,
September 12, 2023**

5th GRADE BAND PARENT/GUARDIAN FORM

Student Name _____

(Circle one) Continuing Band or New member

Instrument _____

It is most highly recommended that oboe and french horn students take private lessons in addition to school-based instruction.

Classroom Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian email (s) _____

Parent/Guardian phone numbers (best) _____

Parent/Guardian _____

signature _____

Please include any additional information on the lines below:

If your child needs any special accommodations, please contact me at the email below my name.

Please print legibly

Norma J. Marchesani nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us

860-870-6885 ext.

40226

RETURN THIS PAGE by SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

5th Grade Band 2023-2024

I am so happy and excited to be the 5th Grade Band Director again this year and I can't wait to see and hear my students from last year! Also, **it's not too late** to join Band! Yes, you can learn an instrument this year even if you did not start last year! Here is some initial information about 5th grade Band. Students have two Band classes per week (small group and Full Ensemble) during the school day. Small group instruction classes will begin during the week of September 18, 2023. These small groups will meet during the school day on a pull-out basis mostly during non-graded class time such as Keyboarding/Spanish. Full Ensemble rehearsal will meet for 30 minutes during the 2:40 p.m. WIN block. Start date TBA. I'll keep you posted! Music masks are optional this year, but bell covers will be used on the instruments. (flute and percussion do not use bell covers).

If you're new to Band, several area music stores rent Concert band instruments on a trial basis. Should you need to rent an instrument for your child, please go online to Gerry's Music Shop. Their online rental is available 24/7. For your convenience, Gerry's Music Shop has a representative that visits TIS, TMS and THS during the school year every Friday.

Gerry's Music Shop
1-800-724-7402

Website: <https://www.gerrysmusicshop.com/rentals>

Supplies needed: The instrument, Standard of Excellence
Book 1

Bell cover and instrument specific cleaning supplies

Thank you for your time at the beginning of what is sure to be a fantastic musical journey and creative opportunity for your child. I look forward to the chance to help each student experience growth in their musicianship and leadership skills this year!

Any Questions, Comments or Concerns? Please contact me!

Ms. Norma J. Marchesani nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us

860-870-6885 x 40226

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Grade 4 Chorus Invitation 2023-2024

You are invited to participate in the grade 4 chorus. Fourth graders participating in chorus will sing and perform traditional, multicultural and contemporary music as well as rounds, 2-part, and partner songs.

Just a few things to think about when making your decision:

I would like to remind everyone that chorus is a full year commitment and students are expected to complete the entire year once they join. There will be a winter and a spring concert which we expect the students to participate in. Chorus will meet during school hours with Ms. Baker. Students will be able to participate in both band and chorus, since they will be scheduled at different times in our school schedule.

I am looking forward to an exciting year of music and singing with your children. Below is a form to officially sign up for chorus.



Sincerely,

Ms. Judith Baker

Please fill out and return the form on the next page by: September 8, 2023

Please fill out and return by: September 8, 2023

Student's name _____ would like
to participate in the grade 4 chorus.

Classroom teacher's name:

Email

Address: _____

Best contact

number: _____

Parent's

signature _____

Ms. Judith Baker

Grade 5 Chorus Invitation 2023-2024

You are invited to participate in the grade 5 chorus. Fifth graders participating in chorus will sing and perform traditional, multicultural and contemporary music as well as rounds, 2-part, 3-part, and small group pieces.

Just a few things to think about when making your decision:

I would like to remind everyone that chorus is a full year commitment and students are expected to complete the entire year once they join. There will be a winter and a spring concert which we expect the students to participate in. Chorus will meet during school hours with Ms. Baker. Students will be able to participate in both band and chorus, since they will be scheduled at different times in our school schedule.

I am looking forward to an exciting year of music and singing with your children. Below is a form to officially sign up for chorus.

Sincerely,

Ms. Judith Baker

Please fill out and return the form on the next page by: September 6, 2023

Please fill out and return by: September 6, 2023

Student's name _____ would like
to participate in the grade 5 chorus.

Classroom teacher's name:

Email

Address: _____

Best contact

number: _____

Parent's

signature _____

Ms. Judith Baker



TEPTO

TOLLAND ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS!

Wednesday September 6: Birch Grove Primary Library

Wednesday October 4: Tolland Intermediate School Library

Wednesday November 1: BGP Library

Wednesday December 6: TIS Library

Wednesday February 7: BGP Library

Wednesday March 6: TIS Library

Wednesday April 3: BGP Library

Wednesday May 1: TIS Library

Wednesday June 5: BGP Library *

7:00 pm

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All meetings begin at 7:00 PM

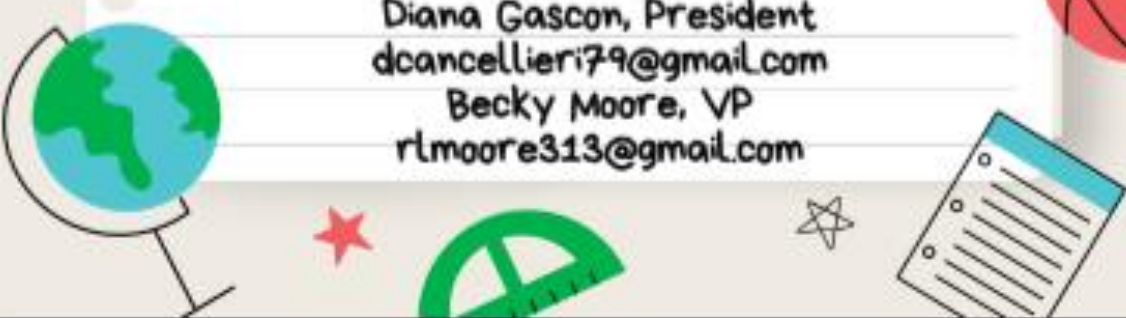
Questions? TEPTO Contact Information:

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dcancellier79@gmail.com

Becky Moore, VP

rlmoore313@gmail.com





THE TEPTO YEAR AT A GLANCE



SEPTEMBER

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY:
SEPT. 6 @ 7PM
- LYMAN PIE ORDERS
- KASTLE ORDERS
- CIDER MILL ROAD RACE
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR
STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

OCTOBER

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY:
OCT. 4 @ 1PM
- STAFF APPRECIATION
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE-
ONGOING ALL YEAR

NOVEMBER

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY:
NOV. 1 @ 7PM
- LYMAN PIE PICK UPS
- KASTLE ORDERS SHIP TO HOME
TIS BOOK FAIR
- ART TO REMEMBER ORDERS
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE-
ONGOING ALL YEAR

DECEMBER

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY:
DEC. 6 @ 7PM
- FROSTY FEST
- BIRCH GROVE BOOK FAIR
- ART TO REMEMBER DELIVERY
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE-
ONGOING ALL YEAR

JANUARY

- NO MEETING THIS MONTH!
- KINDNESS SIGN CAMPAIGN
ORDERS AND PICK UP
- 5TH GRADE DANCE
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR
STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

FEBRUARY

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY:
FEB. 7 @ 7PM
- STAFF APPRECIATION
- KINDNESS SIGN DISPLAYS
- BUTTER BRAID ORDERS
- 4TH GRADE DANCE
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE-
ONGOING ALL YEAR

MARCH

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY:
MAR. 6 @ 7PM
- TIS BOOK FAIR
- BUTTER BRAID PICK UP
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR
STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

APRIL

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY:
APR. 3 @ 7PM
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR
STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

MAY

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY:
MAY 1 @ 7PM
- BIRCH GROVE BOOK FAIR
- SPRING SOCIAL AND ART
SHOW
- STAFF APPRECIATION
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE-
ONGOING ALL YEAR

JUNE

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY:
JUNE 5 @ 7PM** (SUBJECT TO
CHANGE)
- SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS

JULY



AUGUST

- SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS
ARRIVE- FREE SHIP TO HOME!
- GEARING UP FOR THE NEW
YEAR!



School Meals 2023-2024:

All students are eligible for a free breakfast each day. Students who qualify for free or **reduced-price meals** will also be eligible to receive one free lunch daily. **ALL OTHER LUNCHES WILL BE CHARGED AT THE CURRENT LUNCH PRICE PER SCHOOL.**

Payment for these lunches is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

The district participates in the National School Lunch Program and Breakfast Program which offers students nutritionally balanced meals daily. The lunch period is 30 minutes. Proper manners are always expected in the cafeteria. Free and reduced-price meals are available based on financial need. Information on this program may be obtained from the main office or Abby Kassman-Harned, the Food Service Director, at aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us or 870-6854.

We use a Point-of-Sale System that allows you to put money into an account for your child to purchase meals.

Scanning – All students will be scanned unless the parent or guardian opts out of this biometric identification procedure. When your child comes through the service line, he/she will scan his/her finger as a means of identification.

Payments – The cost of lunch at Birch Grove and Tolland Intermediate school is \$3.15. One school breakfast is free for all students. One milk is provided for each lunch and breakfast. Ala carte milk is \$0.75. You may sign up for [“My School Account”](#) and make your payments online. Your child may give payment along with a form to his/her classroom teacher to send to the office, or he/she may bring payment directly to the cashier in the cafeteria at mealtime. Your payment may take us a few days to process. It is important to keep a positive balance in your students' accounts. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact us at 860-870-6854 or aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us



EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

LOOK
FOR THE
LABEL:



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

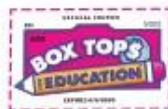


EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE?

You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt!
See how at [BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts](https://www.btfef.com/emailgroceryreceipts)



BOX TOPS CLIPS

You may occasionally find an old Box Tops clip on packages in stores. **You can still clip them and send them to school**, as long as each clip has a valid expiration date.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfef.com)

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APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:





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