TIS Digital Backpack October 2, 2023



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Unity Day at TIS

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023

Together against bullying. UNITED for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Unity Day at T.I.S.

On Wednesday, October 18, the TIS Community will celebrate Unity Day. Unity Day is a Day set aside in the month of October for communities to come together in a show of unity in support of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a unified message showing they are against bullying. Unity Day was created by the Pacer Organization's, National Bullying Prevention Center.

"By joining together and wearing and sharing ORANGE on Unity Day, we can send the unified message that we care about students' physical and emotional health and that bullying will no longer be accepted in this society."

-Julie Hertzog, director of PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center

For more information on National Unity please visit the following website:

https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp

On Unity Day at TIS, staff and students are asked to wear orange. Lasty year the result was a sea of orange throughout our school! As part of Unity Day all classes will view a short video on Unity Day. To view the video, simply paste the link below into your browser.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gKBQEQUW5g

Helping your Child with Reading at Home

https://www.readingrockets.org/blogs/shanahan-literacy/time-tell-parents-truth-about-helping-their-kids-reading

Below is an excerpt from an article that appeared in an online publication called Reading Rockets. The portion of the article below provides some guidance on how you can help your child with their reading at home. Here are a few examples of how adults can really help:
Listen to your child read daily. Research has shown that, once kids are reading, it is helpful to read aloud to someone. I encourage parents to use the Pause, Prompt, Praise (3P) approach for this activity:

- **Pause:** When the child makes a mistake, Pause... give him/her a chance to correct it. Don't butt in until the child gets to the next punctuation point or where it is obvious that the error isn't getting fixed.
- **Prompt:** When a child makes a mistake, you can prompt him/her to sound out the word better (look at that again... sound it out... what if we break the word there?) or to use the meaning (does that make sense?... what should that say?). If the child doesn't get the word after one prompt, tell the word and keep going.

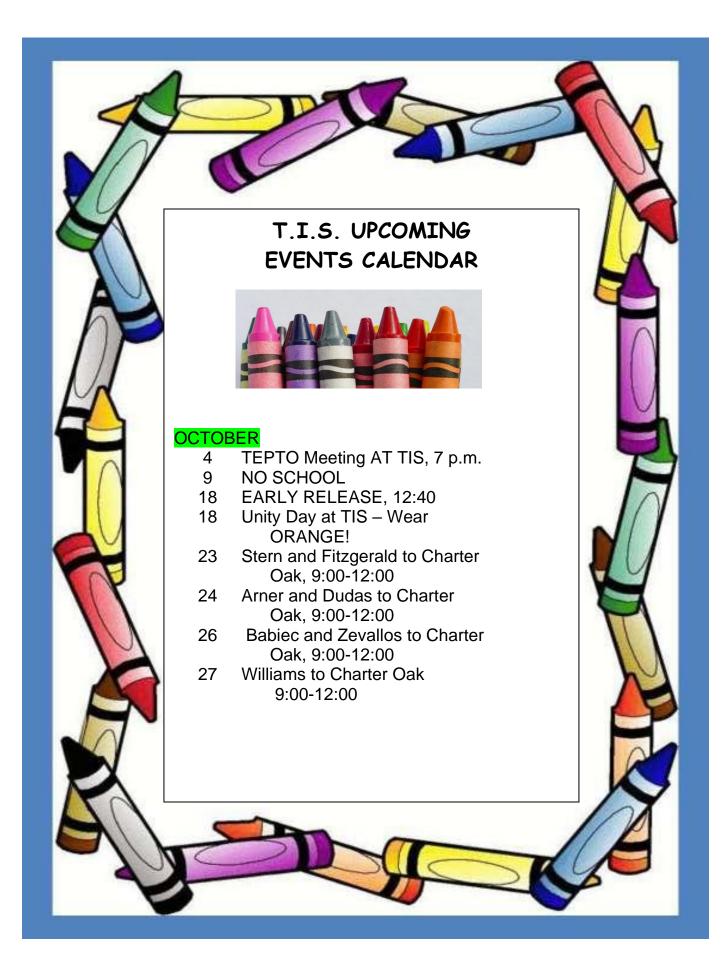
• **Praise:** Praise the child for anything he/she does well (you read that great, you made a mistake but you fixed it, etc.).

Curriculum Guides

The links below will lead to Tolland Public Schools Language Arts, Math and Science and UA Curriculum outlines for students at TIS.

K-5 Guide ELA, Math & Science

Grade 3 Unified Arts Curriculum Information



NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK:

Mandated Hearing and Vision Screening

Beginning October 3rd, hearing and vision screenings will be taking place at Tolland Intermediate School.

Students will have vision screenings performed with a 20-second scan via the PediaVision scanner as performed by a trained Tolland Lions Club member. This screening is capable of screening for astigmatism, nearsightedness, farsightedness, lazy eye, misalignment of the eyes and pupil size anomalies. Students who wear glasses will be tested with their glasses on.

The scanner is held 3 feet away from children so there is no direct physical contact. All of the screening is also done in the presence of the school nurse.

For any student who screens outside of normal, a printout and referral letter will be sent home. For students currently under care for vision, this printout can be provided at their next exam.

For hearing screening, students will be screened by the nurse. Any student who does not pass initial hearing screening will be rescreened by the RN prior to a referral letter being sent home.

If Tolland Intermediate School nurses already have information that your child is followed by a hearing or vision specialist, they will not be screened at school unless you request a screening.

NO permission form is needed for screenings, but if you <u>do not want</u> your student to be screened for hearing and vision at school, please submit the attached opt out form to your school nurse no later than October 2, 2023.

For any questions about this screening process, please reach out to your school nurse, Paula Feyerharm, RN at pfeyerharm@ tolland.k12.ct.us or 860.870.6891 ext 2.

Tolland Intermediate School
Parental/Guardian Opt Out of Mandated Screening for Grades 3, 4, and 5

Hearing and Vision Screening

2023

ITEMS FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK











Parent webinar for Tolland Public Schools October 19, 2023 7 PM

This presentation is for adults only.

To join this webinar please go to Zoom.us

Webinar ID# = 820 0845 3532 Password = 374796



www.internetsafetyconcepts.com





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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.

- Start by telling us the name of the school district and state where your child attends school.
- We'll request each student's name and grade level.
- You'll see the available plans and their rates.
 Select your coverage and continue to the next step.
- We'll request information about you, like your name and email address.
- Next, you'll enter information about the child or children to be covered.
- Enter your credit card or eCheck payment information.
- 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").

- Comience por decimos el nombre del distrito escolar y el estado en el que su hijo(a) va a la escuela.
- Solicitaremos el nombre y el grado de cada uno de los estudiantes.
- Verá los planes disponibles y sus tarifas.
 Seleccione su cobertura y continúe con el siguiente paso.
- Le solicitaremos información sobre usted, como su nombre y dirección de correo electrónico.
- Después, ingresará la información acerca del niño o niños que recibirá(n) cobertura.
- Ingrese la información de pago de su tarjeta de crédito o eCheck.
- 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 podria 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.

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 <u>yearlong</u> responsibility. <u>Rehearsals</u> <u>begin mid-September, date TBA.</u> 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 pae) to TIS by <u>Friday</u>, <u>September 8th.</u> 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 th	hat you sang in second grade?
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Please indicate any musical instruments yo	ou have studied before, and for how long:
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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:	
Band Program. I understand that it is	ate in the Tolland Intermediate School 4 th Grade my responsibility to provide my child with an ard of Excellence Book 1 for the instrument and a ver exceptions: flute and percussion)
Parent/Guardian Name	Signature
Email Address	Phone Number (best)
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Please return this page to Mrs. Marchesani by Friday, September 12, 2023

5th GRADE BAND PARENT/GUARDIAN FORM

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RETURN THIS PAGE by SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

40226

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: Septembe	r 8, 2023
Student's name	would like
to participate in the grade 4 chorus.	
Classroom teacher's name:	
Email	
Address:	
Best contact	
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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.

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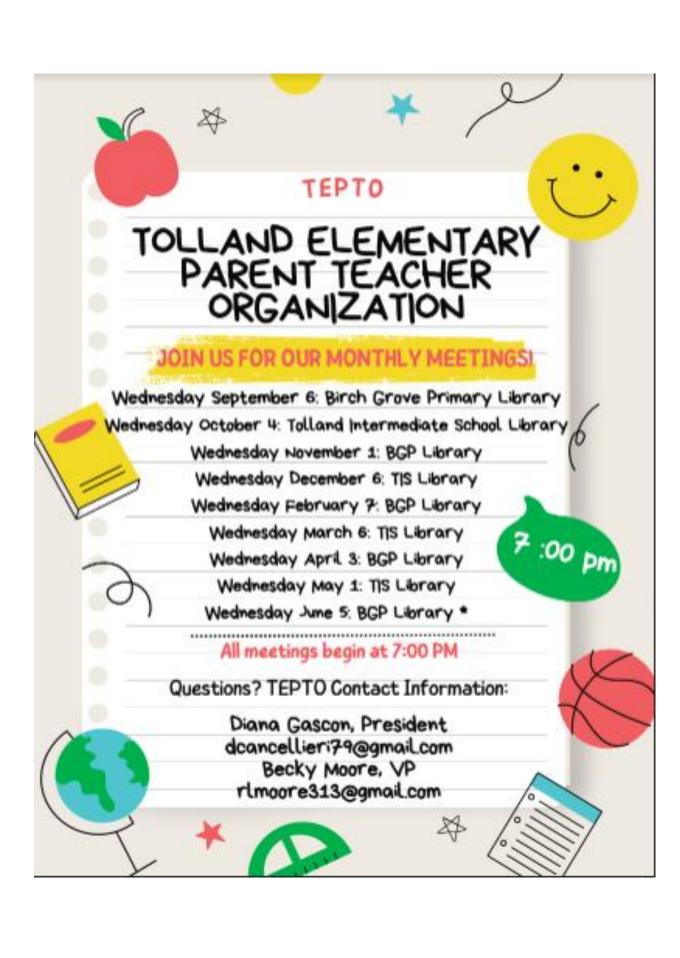
Ms. Judith Baker

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:	
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Ms. Judith Baker





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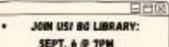


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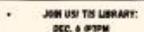
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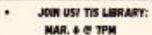
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- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE— ONGOING ALL YEAR

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- BUTTER BRAID PICK UP
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR
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- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY: JUNE 5 @ TPM" (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
- SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS



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

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