FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE:

**HAWK Assembly**
On Friday, January 29, the fourth grade team held a grade level T.I.S. HAWK Community assembly. The theme of community building assembly was based upon Dr. Martin Luther King’s work, specifically treating all people in a respectful manner. Students participated in group activities designed to bring awareness to the importance of treating individuals respectfully and how to cooperatively work together toward a common goal.

**Columbia University’s Teachers College 2nd Annual Argumentation Institute on Raising the Level of Evidence-Based Argument**
T.I.S Reading Consultant, Karen Libby, attended Columbia University’s Teachers College 2nd Annual Argumentation Institute on Raising the Level of Evidence-Based Argument Schoolwide. This three day Institute for teachers in grades 3-8 is intended to provide teachers with protocols for implementing school reform and innovation that will transcend the impact of individual teachers and build a shared system of learning progressions and strategic curriculum because, “kids need great schools, not just great classrooms”.

The Argumentation Institute strengthens the instruction around writing by providing curriculum that is based on the principle of developing a compelling argument. Students read and listen to texts and gather ideas to take a position. They caucus with others who share their position to plan a claim, gather the evidence they will be referring to from the text and state a claim. They caucus again to form point by point rebuttal of opponent’s position. They rebut and conclude with a new position on which both opponents can agree.

We are excited about instituting these higher levels of thinking, learning and writing………

**Writer's Workshop Professional Development**
On Friday January 22, a group of third and fourth grade teachers participated in a valuable Writers Workshop professional development session at T.I.S. The session was led by a consultant from the Capital Region Education Council. The in-service afforded the team of teachers the opportunity to collaboratively deliver a Writers Workshop lesson to Mrs. Williams’ third grade class. The lesson was conducted under the direction of the
consultant. Following the Writing Workshop, the team of teachers met with the consultant to critique the lesson and to begin planning their next unit of study.

**Lockdown Postponed**

Our scheduled lockdown drill has been postponed due to the winter storm.
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Well, it looks like winter is here as we are now covered in snow. When we go out to recess the children will need all their winter gear (boots, snow pants, hats, mittens, and jackets) to fully enjoy the recess experience. We are wrapping up our Matter (solids, liquids, gases) unit in science and we'll soon be moving onto Magnets & Electricity. We will also soon complete our narrative writing unit on fairy tales. The children have really enjoyed hearing the classics and fractured fairy tales in their classrooms.

It’s beginning to look a LOT like winter and 4th graders are eagerly working to build snow creatures for the student council’s Snow Creature Contest. In Science, students are learning all about weather and just how all of this white stuff happens. We are deep into our first non-fiction writing unit and students are sharing their ideas and learning how to use facts and details to support them. In math, we are gaining confidence with the standard algorithms for long division and multi-digit multiplication after learning multiple means of representing those operations using models to build understanding. The temperature outside may be plummeting, but inside our 4th grade classrooms, things are heating up!

The fifth grade just enjoyed another PBIS grade level assembly. This time the students worked together to see how quickly they could pass a hula hoop around the entire grade while holding hands. We saw some amazing team work and communication. They also participated in some great “Minute to Win It” activities like bouncing pencils into a cup, using spaghetti to stack up penne pasta, and transporting cotton balls using only their noses! A special thanks to Mrs. Jones for setting up these awesome activities. The science students are working hard in the Sound unit. Many classes are making homemade instruments to present. The instrument must be able to change volume and change pitch. We are always amazed at some of the innovative instruments we see!

In Language Arts students are learning lots about the Titanic. Classes have been using a variety of resources such as books, articles, video clips, and the iPads to learn more about this subject. It is a great connection to their writing unit which has shifted from personal narrative to informative.

Just a reminder that recesses continue throughout the winter, unless the temperature is too cold. Please remind students to bring jackets, hats, and gloves.
TEPTO Meeting Agenda
February 2, 2015
7 PM

Board Members Present
Sarah Poulin, Tricia Byam, Jessica Burney, Samantha Walbridge, Jennifer Gallicchant, Cherita Gay, Kristy Jenson, Kelly Euilano

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Next PTO Meeting at TIS in March
Board of ED Meeting/Budget meetings coming up
Sarah V. come on board as a helper for Cherita as she will be chairing two big spring fundraisers and others possibly as well
Cider Mill Road Race registration is NOW ONLINE
Target REDcard holders can designate schools
Tolland Intermediate School’s yearbook staff is excited to begin selling the 2014-2015 TIS Yearbook! It will be a 64 page color book bursting with photos, student portraits, activities, highlights, and of course, space for special autographs. Yearbooks will be delivered at the end of the school year.

**The cost is $16.00 per book. Checks must be made payable to TIS SAA.**

There are 2 options for purchasing the book.

1. Fill out the Yearbook Order form sent home with your child and turn it in to your child’s teacher with payment.

   **Please note: Checks MUST be made payable to TIS SAA.**

2. Order online.
   a. Visit [YBPay.lifetouch.com](http://YBPay.lifetouch.com) and enter Yearbook ID Code: **3137815**
   b. Enter your child’s name and grade.
   c. Pick the quantity desired; then complete payment.

Any questions can be directed to Kristen Grabowski, TIS Yearbook Club Adviser, at [kgrabowski@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:kgrabowski@tolland.k12.ct.us).
Tolland Community Women
Invite You To:
4th Grade
Valentine Dance

❤️WHO: All 4th grade students and their favorite adult!
(Girls – bring your father, uncle, grandfather, etc.)
(Boys – bring your mothers, aunt, grandmother, etc.)
All children must be accompanied by an adult

❤️WHAT: Come join your classmates for a great night out! A DJ will be there playing all your favorite songs! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Carnations and “Glo Jewelry” will be available for purchasing.

❤️WHERE: Tolland Intermediate School All Purpose Room

❤️WHEN: Friday, February 6th, 2015

❤️TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

❤️Admission: $15.00 per couple, payable at the door.

❤️Questions? Call Kathy Aldrich 860-870-0306 for more details.
Young Adult Book Discussion on:

A Mango-Shaped Space,

by Wendy Mass

Thursday Feb. 5th, 6 – 7 p.m.

What the book is about: 13-year old Mia Winchell has synesthesia, the mingling of perceptions whereby a person can see sounds, smell colors, or taste shapes. Forced to reveal her condition, she must look to herself to develop an understanding and appreciation of her gift in this coming-of-age novel by Wendy Mass.

Students in grades 5 and up are invited to reserve a copy of the book and join the discussion. **Bonus:** All who attend will get a voucher for 1 free ticket to see The New England Black Wolves at the Mohegan Sun (with a choice of 4 game dates).

Copies of the book are available at the library circulation desk: to reserve a book and sign up, please call 860-871-3620 or contact: vbrousseau@tolland.org

_Tolland Public Library, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland CT 06084_

[www.tolland.org/library](http://www.tolland.org/library)

860-871-3620
Please tape Box Tops to the “tickets” below. See the back of this paper for instructions.
Help support our schools by clipping Box Tops!

My name is Jessica Burney and I’m thrilled to be the Box Tops Coordinator for Birch Grove and Tolland Intermediate School. Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school buy what it needs. Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for our school. This school year, our school’s earnings goal is $6000. I know that we can hit this!

*Please tape Box Tops for Education to the tickets on the back of this paper. Check the expiration dates, since expired Box Tops don’t count!

*For every sheet of 25 filled, your child’s name will be entered into a drawing for a prize. If you send in 3 sheets, your child will have 3 chances!

*If you have more than 25 Box Tops, your child’s teacher will have extra sheets or you can find a copy in the digital backpack.
*Bags of Box Tops will also be accepted for submission, though not counted in the contest.

*If you have only a few, please send them in, since every one counts!

*If you have any questions, please email me at jessburney13@comcast.net

There will be six winners for this contest: 1 from EACH grade! The prizes are $15 gift certificates to use towards the Scholastic Book Fairs!!

**Contest ends February 27, 2015**
Welcome Reception

for
Dr. Walter Willett
Superintendent of
Tolland Public Schools

The Tolland Board of Education invites the community to a meet and greet event with Dr. Willett, our new Superintendent of schools.

JOIN US!

Thursday, January 29, 2015
6:00 – 7:30pm
Tolland High School Cafeteria

Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served.

All are welcome!
Breakfast with Superintendent Willett!

Come enjoy coffee and donuts. Bring your questions, comments and conversation!!

January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20
9:00am - 10:00am
Tolland Board of Education
51 Tolland Green

RSVP only if childcare is Requested
jpalumbo@tolland.k12.ct.us
## Timeline for Preparation of 2015-2016 Budget

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**BAND INFO:**

4th and 5th Grade Small Group Lessons
On Scheduled Half Days

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**NO RECESS BAND** and **NO RECESS CHORUS** on half days
90 MINUTE DELAY LESSON SCHEDULE WITH MRS. BAZZANO
The 9:00-9:30 lesson will be from 10:25-10:45
The 9:30-10:00 lesson will be from 10:45-11:10
The 10:00-10:30 lesson will be from 11:10-11:30
The 11:45-12:15 lesson will be from 11:50-12:20
The 12:20-12:50 lesson will be from 11:30-11:50 (this time will be for small group lessons only, no recess ensembles)
The 1:45-2:15 lesson will be from 2:10-2:30
The 2:15-2:45 lesson will be from 2:30-2:50
The 2:45-3:15 lesson will be from 2:50-3:15

2 HOUR DELAY LESSON SCHEDULE WITH MRS. BAZZANO
The 9:00-9:30 lesson will be from 11:00-11:20
The 9:30-10:00 lesson will be from 11:20-11:40
The 10:00-10:30 lesson will be from 11:40-12:00
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No morning band, lessons, or chorus rehearsals before school on days with a delay
Dear Fifth Grade Parents:

On Thursday, February 26th, the fifth grade students will have the unique opportunity to spend the day and evening with a group of students from Canton High School. These high school students are trained counselors who work with younger children as part of a program known as **Esteem**.

Some of the topics covered in the **Esteem** program are:
- Self-esteem
- Awareness of drug and alcohol-related issues
- Helping others
- Understanding feelings
- Developing coping skills

The Canton students and their two teacher-advisors will work along with our students and teachers throughout the day in the TIS gymnasium. Our students will also take part in a group presentation for parents that night. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this special program on **Thursday, February 26th**, from **6:00 - 7:15 PM**. (Snowdate: March 12th)

An **Esteem** t-shirt will be ordered for each fifth grader. Students will wear the shirt during the day and at the evening presentation to show their team wide commitment to this program. Since the Canton students spend the entire day with us, we will also provide dinner for the **Esteem** team. The cost for the program and t-shirt is $10 per child. Please send cash or make a check payable to TIS SAA by Friday, January 30th.

We look forward to having you and your child experience this memorable day.

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Teachers

I read the Esteem letter and have included the $10.00 payment.

___________________________________________  ________________________________
Student Name                                Parent Signature
Tolland Little League 2015 Winter Clinics
Tolland Little League will be offering 4 winter clinics that will be run by Tolland High School’s Baseball/Softball Staff in February & March. Registration is now open for the 2015 Winter Clinics.

NOTE: DUE TO SUPER BOWL SUNDAY WE HAVE CHANGED THE START TIME ON THE FEBRUARY 1st CLINIC TO 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Clinic #1: Infield/Outfield Fundamentals:
Baseball: 8-12 year olds
Sundays in February: 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22
TIME: 2:00-4:00 pm (FEBRUARY 1ST ONLY)
TIME: 6:15-8:00 pm (February 8, 15, 22)
Place: Tolland High School
Cost: $85.00
This program is designed to help improve all around defensive baseball skills from throwing and catching the ball properly, to improving footwork for infield/outfielder’s, and attacking the baseball. Fielding drills will stress the importance of creeping on every pitch, anticipation/reaction, ground balls/fly balls, double plays, cutoff drills, communication, and basic game situations. Limited to 40 players ran by Todd Euliano (Coaching Coordinator/Director of Training and Development)

Clinic #2: Softball Clinic: (Hitting/Fielding):
Softball: 8-12 year olds
Wednesdays in February: 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25
TIME: 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Tolland High School
Cost: $85.00
Players will learn the correct swing plane, proper grip and stance through tee work and soft toss. Also, players will learn the art of bunting from both sides of the plate. We will focus on good throwing mechanics from a ready position, fielding position (while moving) along with cut off and ground ball drills. This clinic will also cover catching with 2 hands with and without gloves, communicating and base running techniques. Limited to 40 players ran by Bill Pompa (Head Coach Varsity Softball)
Clinic #3: Offensive Clinic (Hitting/Bunting/Base Running):
Baseball 8-12 year olds
March: 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5
TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm @ Tolland High School
Cost: $85.00
This program is designed to help improve your child's ability and confidence on the offensive side of the baseball. They will get 4 sessions of pure offensive instruction where they will learn the importance of balance and timing throughout their swing, how to bunt a ball properly, and aggressive base running skills. In addition, they will learn the importance of pitch counts and pitch selection. **Limited to 50 players ran by Scott Czerwinski (Head Coach Varsity Baseball)**

Clinic #4: Pitchers/Catchers:
Baseball 8-12 year olds
March: 3/10, 3/12/ 3/17, 3/19
TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm @ Tolland High School
Cost: $85
This program is designed to help improve players who want to have a focus on pitching/catching. The clinic will be led by Tolland High School baseball coaching staff and current players who will focus on all areas of importance for each position. Pitchers will work on arm circle, grips, balance drills, pitching delivery, follow thru and completion of motion. Clinic will cover drills and techniques to improve consistency and velocity on the mound. Catchers will work on stance set up, proper receiving of pitches, blocking, fielding their position, proper technique for catching pop-ups, and throwing to bases. Clinic will cover drills and techniques for young catchers to improve defensively in all aspects of the position. Seven coaches from the high school staff and numerous players will allow each camp member plenty of instruction and attention over the course of the clinic. **Limited to 50 players ran by Scott Czerwinski (Head Coach Varsity Baseball)**
Winter Fact:

ICE

Water expands as it freezes, and freezes from the outside in, so the air is pushed to the center of the cube, which is why ice cubes tend to have particularly opaque centers.

If you want to make perfectly clear ice, use bottled water, boil it briefly to drive out any air, and freeze it in the pan you’ve boiled it in to avoid incorporating any air.