

Tolland Public Schools

Superintendent Willett's Weekly Brief



Where Excellence Is Achieved Through Each Individual's Success

UPDATE FOR March 2, 2020

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EYE ON THE WEATHER THIS WEEK:

DAY	Forecast (as of 1/13/2020:8:00AM)	Chance of weather impacting the school day
M	Partly sunny becoming mostly cloudy late; milder with highs near 50.	Low
T	Mostly cloudy with a chance of scattered showers; highs well into the 50's.	Low
W	Partly cloudy with a chance of a few scattered showers; highs in the 50's.	Low
R	Partly sunny; still a low-grade shower risk; highs 45 to 50	Low
F	Partly sunny, breezy and cooler; highs in the 40's.	Low

Here for you: 860-335-2455

INFORMATION OF INTEREST THIS WEEK:

Coffee with the Superintendent
51 Tolland Green

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

April 3, 2020

May 1, 2020- **Changed to May 8, 2020**

Parent Athletic Advisory Meetings
THS Main Office Conference Room
6:00 pm

March 2
May 18

The Tolland Public Schools will continue to closely monitor the developments regarding this virus, and has made contact with the Eastern Highland Health District for guidance. The State Department of Education and Centers for Disease Control have also provided guidance that the school district will continue to carefully review. TPS medical staff regularly monitor students for symptoms of illness, and the school district will remain vigilant in both monitoring and cleaning/disinfecting surfaces. This time of year tends to bring an increase in respiratory illnesses and the “typical” flu, so these precautions as well as regular washing of hands, and covering sneezes and coughs with a tissue, are being reinforced with our students as per our typical practices. Families are asked to wait until a student is fever free for 24 hours before sending them to school.

It is understandable that with all the information out there people will feel a bit scared, confused, and anxious. Younger people react to this kind of information in different ways. [Please see this SAMHSA article](#) that may help in discussing the situation with children. We do not anticipate having to close schools in Tolland, but will work closely with the Department of Public Health and other related entities to be sure we are following any recommended procedures or protocols.

If Tolland is impacted by the virus, the schools will work with families on absences and student work as it does with other illnesses. I am meeting with the TPS medical staff and related TPS personnel teams to evaluate current practices and put together a plan specific to this situation should it be needed. I will be in communication about this more in the next few weeks.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, or concerns.

Respectfully,

Superintendent Willett

2020-2021 Incoming Kindergarten

Birch Grove Primary School at 247 Rhodes Road in Tolland, CT, will host the 2020-2021 kindergarten parent meeting. The meeting will be on March 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Birch Grove Primary School. The inclement weather date will be March 11, 2020. This informational meeting is for parents of students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2020. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, you may call 860-870-6750.

At the parent meeting, you will be provided with step by step instructions to complete the online registration process. If you find that you need assistance or have questions with the online process, please call or email Marjorie Francolini at 860-871-6818 x10804 or mfrancolini@tolland.k12.ct.us.

Town Manager Letter for 2020 Census

Dear Tolland Residents and Business Owners:

I am reaching out as both Tolland's Town Manager, and as the Co-Chair of the Tolland 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. As you have likely heard by now, 2020 is a very important year, as it is time for the once-in-a-decade Federal Census. The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire in the postal mail between March 12th and March 20th. You will have the option to respond online, by phone, or by mail. Participating in the census is required by law. A complete and accurate count is critical for our community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

When you respond to the 2020 Census, you will tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020. If you do not respond in one of the ways noted above, Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded beginning in May 2020, and may attempt to contact you multiple times to help make sure everyone is counted.

The Town of Tolland is actively advertising that the Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. In fact, every Census employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. There are still Census jobs available with excellent pay and flexible hours. Check out <https://www.tolland.org/home/pages/2020-census> for more information.

I am looking forward to a safe, productive, and complete 2020 Census season. Please see www.2020Census.gov for more details.

[Statistics in Schools-Census 2020](#)

[Special Olympics-Penguin Plunge](#)

[Windham Tolland 4-H Camp](#)

[FRC Playgroups and Special Events](#)

[Rage Robotics Week 7 Update](#)

[FRC Raising a Kindergarten Star](#)

[Tolland Education Foundation Fundraising Night](#)

[Spring Baseball & Softball Registration Now Open](#)

[FRC Registration for 2020-2021](#)

[Eastern Youth Soccer Camps](#)

[Tolland Historical Society Slogan Contest](#)

[Girls Scout Troop 65137 Invites you to Paint A Rock](#)

Upcoming Community Workshops and Events

Coffee with the Superintendent 51 Tolland Green 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Click here for information on website-under announcements	Community Workshops Tolland Public Library Program Room 7:00 pm Click Here for more information on the Superintendent Community Workshops
April 3, 2020	March 19, 2020 Topic-Suicide Prevention
May 1, 2020- Changed to May 8, 2020	May 7, 2020 Topic-Mastery Learning



CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT:

* ask questions – set up a meeting - address other concerns