

## Tolland Public Schools Superintendent Willett's Weekly Brief



*Where Excellence Is Achieved Through Each Individual's Success*

**UPDATE FOR December 9, 2019**

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***EYE ON THE WEATHER THIS WEEK:***

Forecast	Chance of weather impacting the school day
Tuesday- Periods of rain; mild through early evening; then falling temps with rain changing to a period of snow overnight; lows 28 to 32.	Moderate due to refreezing.
Wednesday-Chance of early snow; wet areas freezing; colder with highs near 35.	Moderate due to refreezing
Thursday-Partly to mostly sunny; very cold; highs only in the 20's.	Moderate due to refreezing
Friday-Partly sunny and continued cold; highs in the 30's.	Moderate due to refreezing

***Here for you: 860-335-2455***

**INFORMATION OF INTEREST THIS WEEK:**

PowerSchool has changed the way **Unified Classroom** customers are logging onto the parent and student portal for the mobile app. Parents and students will no longer need two different login credentials, one for desktop and one for mobile. Parents will need to create a Unified Classroom account in order to enter in this information for the mobile app. Once the account is created, parents will use the same email and password for both the computer/desktop version of Unified Classroom and the mobile app.

Students:

Students' Unified Classroom accounts are set up for them. If they've set their password before, they can just enter the information (email and password). If they don't remember their password, they

can use the forgot password option, enter in their school email and it will send them a reset password link.

Parents:

1. Parents who HAVE a Unified Account already created – just use their email and password they’ve already set up to log into the mobile app.
2. If parents DO NOT have a Unified Classroom Account created, please visit the Tolland Public Schools website and click on the PowerSchool link in the upper right-hand corner, then Parent on the left menu for instructions on how to create your Unified Classroom Account.

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**PJ Day – December 13**

December 13, 2019 – [Click Here](#) to donate or bring \$1.00 to school on December 13 to wear your pajamas to school!

We are excited to raise money for Connecticut Children’s and get our name on the PJ Day map! We look forward to joining with other schools and businesses across the state to honor patients who must wear their pajamas for days, weeks, or longer while fighting cancer or other serious illnesses and to raise money for Connecticut Children’s Medical Center.

We hope you will consider making a donation in honor the young patients who turn to Connecticut Children's for hope. Help us help kids who need it most!

Over the last 7 years, PJ Day has raised more than \$375,000 for the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center! Together, we can make a difference for these courageous kids!

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**HELP WANTED**

Food & Nutrition Services has openings for substitutes for this school year with the potential to move into a permanent part-time position. Join our team in serving nutritious healthy meals to our students and work only while your children are in school! If interested, please contact Kim at [kmecteau@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:kmecteau@tolland.k12.ct.us) or 860-870-6854, Ext 1.

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**SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED DISTRICT WIDE**

**We need teacher, paraprofessional, and custodial substitutes.**

You can choose what, where and how often you want to work.

Paper applications are available at the BOE office or can be printed from our website

[www.tolland.k12.ct.us](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us)

Under District/Human Resources/Substitute Information

Do you know someone that might be interested such as a college student (there is plenty of work over the winter break and/or mid May through end of year) or retired family member.

Please send them our way.

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### Athletic Openings



We are seeking coaches for the following sports:

High School Varsity Baseball Coach

High School Varsity Outdoor Track Coach

for the Tolland Public Schools Athletic Program

These positions require Connecticut State Coaching Certification

Current CPR and First Aid Courses

For more information and to apply visit our website at

[www.tolland.k12.ct.us](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us)

District Offices/Human Resources/Employment Opportunities

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### Help Wanted at the Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center is seeking help for the before and after school program. The Family Resource Center runs out of both Birch Grove Primary School and Tolland Intermediate School. Hour would be either 7am – 8:30am or 3:15pm – 5:45pm. Starting hourly pay for Aides is \$11.00 and \$15.00 for Senior Aides.

Questions can be direct to Carol Hiller at Tolland Intermediate School 860-870-6885 or [chiller@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:chiller@tolland.k12.ct.us)

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### [Hat and Mitten Drive](#)

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### [Special Olympics-Penguin Plunge](#)

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[The Nutcracker](#)

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[Community School of the Arts-Open House](#)

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**RAGE ROBOTICS**

East of the River FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Tournament

On November 23, RAGE Robotics hosted the East of the River FLL (FIRST LEGO League) Tournament. A total of 24 teams from around the state of CT, including 3 teams from Tolland Middle School, attended the tournament. At the competition, teams competed with LEGO Mindstorms robots that they built and pre-programmed, presented an innovative design project about improving our community and were judged on their gracious professionalism towards their teammates and competitors.

Tolland's 3 FLL teams had a total of 25 TMS students participating. The teammates began meeting back in September, were coached by parents and mentored by 10 different RAGE students. Each team did excellent work and we are excited to report that one team, the International Construction Pandas, qualified for the State Tournament as a result of their excellent robot match scores and a second team, the Brickitects, received an award for their innovative robot design. The State Tournament will be held on December 7 at Shelton High School.

The competition was hosted by RAGE Robotics, Tolland's high school robotics team, who had more than 30 Tolland students and 15 Tolland adults volunteering their time to host the tournament. All 4 teams had a great time. Below are photos of Tolland's 3 FLL teams.

## *Upcoming Community Workshops and Events*

<p><b>Lunch with the Superintendent</b>  <b>51 Tolland Green</b>  <b>11:00 am – 12:00 pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Click here for information on website-under announcements</a></p>	<p><b>Budget Workshops</b>  <b>Tolland Public Library Program</b>  <b>Room</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Click here for information on website</a></p>	<p><b>Community Workshops</b>  <b>Tolland Public Library Program</b>  <b>Room</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Click Here for more information on the Superintendent Community Workshops</a></p>
<p>December 6, 2019</p>	<p>November 20, 2019</p>	<p>December 5, 2019                  Courage to Speak Foundation                  Presentation  <a href="#">Click Here for more Information</a></p>
		<p>DATE-February 5, 2019</p> <p>True Colors                  A conversation about gender</p> <p>This family-friendly workshop will explore the new language of gender. We will talk about emerging identities and learn some new terms. We will consider the ways in which expanding concepts of gender might impact ourselves and our families.</p>
<p>January 3, 2020</p>	<p>December 18, 2019</p>	<p>March 19, 2020                  Topic-Suicide Prevention</p>
<p>February 7, 2020</p>	<p>January 15, 2020</p>	<p>May 7, 2020                  Topic-TBD</p>
<p>April 3, 2020</p>		
<p>May 1, 2020</p>		



**CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

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