



September News

Welcome back everyone!

FRC Camp Hawk was quite active and busy, thank you to our amazing FRC summer staff, Mrs. Vaida, Mrs. Hiller, Nurse Rose, Mrs. O'Coin, Mrs. Morse, Mr. Eric Mulkin, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Bouley, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Sireci, Mr. Sireci, Miss Schnell, Mr. Justin Mulkin for providing a camp filled with safe fun. Thank you to Mrs. Hiller, Mrs. Spadaro, Miss Karri and Katie Morse and Miss Stephanie from Tolland Youth Services for providing a fun mini-camp experience.

We are sad to have said goodbye to some of our FRC staff; Miss Schnell and Mrs. Blanco who have moved on to new adventures and Mr. Rod Wilson and Mrs. Debby Ponce, who may still comeback to sub for us. We thank them for their years of dedication!

September is an exciting time. It is a new beginning for all those involved in education; a fresh start, a clean slate a new opportunity to reach our goals. As sad as most of us are to see the carefree, warm summer days and nights end, we can choose to embrace the new school year and opportunities the fall provides!

As many of you are aware the State budget has been on our minds. State funding to our FRC's is at risk, state wide. Many of you have asked how you can help. Without a state budget, we have not received our Grant Funding for the year and are unsure it will continue. Our programs are not in jeopardy this year. However if we lose funding we may need to modifications. We may no longer be able to offer free programs and may need to adjust the fees of programs in coming years. We will be making small changes this year such as charging out of town residents fees for participation in our programs. If we lose funding this year we may not be able

to offer free programs including childcare provider training, family events and playgroups.

Currently the Family Resource Center budget was projected to be **reduced by 26%- 50%** at the State Department of Education level. The potential for further cuts is possible.

You may show your support of the Tolland FRC in one of many ways. Please consider sharing your personal story of what the Tolland Family Resource Center offers to your family and your community.

You can let them know that you want the Tolland FRC to continue to be in our community. Both Senator Guglielmo and Representative Belsito attended our Gingerbread Night last December! I have spoken to them and Representative Ackert many times. They have seen some FRC fun up close!

The decision seems to be in the hands of Governor Malloy and Speaker of the House Joe Aresimowicz. Please help us to help you. Let them know what the FRC has done for your family.

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Program Updates:

Our **before and after school programs** are off to a great start!

September is a time to learn the new routines and meet new friends at the Tolland Intermediate site. Each day begins with snack and homework followed by outside activities.

Please remember to check your folders for important information.

October 8, 2017 is an in service day. FRC will be open from 7:00am- 6:00pm. Registration information will be coming out soon. Watch your folders.

Just as a reminder there are several half days this year. Children that are registered for the day the half falls may attend. Due to the high number of children we will not be able to accommodate any additional children.

Reminder tuition payments are due on the first of the month. Have you paid yours?

Our programs will get outdoors as much as possible to enjoy these beautiful September days. Please remember to have the children dress for the weather in clothes they can comfortably play in!

Before and After School Program This year we are excited to have two FRC rooms to use after school. It gives the children an opportunity to meet and play with smaller groups of friends. From time to time we will change the groups so that the children will have different staff and children to interact with. As always we will give the children time to go outdoors and play with all of their friends. When we are outdoors there will be a sign on our entrance door letting you know where we are. This month we will be going outdoors as much as we can but we will also provide time for the children to do homework and choose activities in our rooms.

Please if you have any concerns let us know. We are available to talk at pick up time or you can email me at bvaida@tolland.k12.ct.us or call 860 870-6750 #6.

Preschool will be starting soon! Please see the attached calendar for visitation and start dates. Our preschool room tends to be very chilly when the air conditioning is on. You are welcome to send in a sweatshirt or sweater in a name labeled Ziplock bag to be kept at school and worn as needed. When you think they will be warm outside, they may be cold inside!

Preschool Enrichment Mrs. Vaida and Mrs. Rothkowski are looking forward to an exciting learn of play, exploring and learning. They are excited to start the year off in the woodlands. Seeing as the classroom theme is the woodlands, this month we will be focusing our projects and stories about the creatures that live in the woods. We will also be taking time to learn our new friends' names, explore the classroom and the school plus visit our playground.

Remember to check your mailbox (right inside our room) for notices of upcoming events and monthly news about what is happening in the woodlands.

Keep September 14th open for our Uncle Gerry Concert, it's a fun night for the children.

If you have any questions or concerns please call 860 870-6750 #6 or email me at bvaida@tolland.k12.ct.us. I am also available to talk with you at the end of each day.

Playgroups will begin the week of September 19th.

This year we will be charging a yearly fee for out of town participants.

Monday: 9:00-9:45AM **Morning Fun** with Miss Karen

Tuesday: **FRC/Library Playgroup** 10:15-11:15

Thursday: **Artist in Me** Thursday 1:30-3:00 PM

After School **Adelante Espanol** K-5 3:30-4:30 PM

Friday: **Babies Toddlers and Twos** 9:00-10:30 AM

Book Worms 11:00-12:00 PM with the option of lunch on full days of school

Save the date for our first family event of the year, **September 14, 2017**
Music Together's Uncle Gerry Dignan will be joining us!!



Tolland Family Resource Center presents
A special concert event!

Uncle Gerry's Musical Jamboree

Featuring: Music Together's "Uncle" Gerry Dignan,
Miss Jane and special guests



When: September 14, 2017
Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Where: Birch Grove Primary School
247 Rhode's Rd. Tolland, CT

Space is limited! Please purchase tickets in advance:

www.artsfromtheheart.net click on the store!

\$5 per person or \$25 per family
\$7 at the door

Please plan to visit our special Musical Jamboree Bake Sale for a treat to take home after the concert. Proceeds to benefit Tolland preschool music programs.

Additional Upcoming dates to keep in mind!!

September 4 – Closed- Labor Day Enjoy the long weekend!

September 6 – All FRC Staff Med training 6:15 PM

September 7 - FRC 3 year old **preschool** meet and greet with families 9:00-10:00AM

September 8 -FRC 4 year old **preschool** meet and greet with families 12:30-1:30PM

-Preschool Enrichment **preschool** meet and greet with families 12:30-2:00PM

September 11 – First day of **Preschool Enrichment** 9:00AM-1:30PM

First day of **4 year old FRC preschool** 12:30-3:00PM

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October

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October 9- Closed - Columbus Day

October 10 No school In-service SAC open **advance registration required (Must have 15 children registered to open)**

October 16- **PS 4 Extended Day 10:00 AM -3:00 PM**

October 20- Family Harvest Night 6:00-7:00 BG Cafeteria (alternate date 10/26)

October 27-half-day BGP PS Enrichment dismissed at 12:00 PM No PS 4s school

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Tip of the month!

Eleven ways to ensure a successful school year!

1. Create and organize a quiet space for study. (and reading spot for preschoolers)
2. Communicate with your child every day about what went on during school and at the FRC.
3. Read with or to your child EVERY day.
4. Encourage active and continuous learning.
5. Appreciate and celebrate your child for who they are not just for what they accomplish.
6. After vacations and weekends, talk about the return to school in a positive manner.
7. Encourage extra-curricular activities.
8. Volunteer with your child.
9. Set goals with your children and help them find ways to meet them.
10. Be consistent but have fun with your child.

11. Get involved in their school lives, get to know their teachers, get involved in PTO or join **TERAC FRC's** advisory board that meets every other month to discuss programing needs for families in Tolland. Our first **TERAC** meeting is September 28 at 6:30 in the main office conference room.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. FRC has an amazing dedicated and talented staff! It is our joy to see your families grow! It is going to be a wonderful GROWING year! Please see the attached FRC Year –at-a-Glace.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns or suggestions. Enjoy your children!

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2017-2018 FRC Year –in –a-Glance

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September 20- Two Right Feet Preschool Enrichment (10:15-10:45)

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September 29 -Yom Kipper begins at sundown

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November

November 2 – Half Day PTC - **Afterschool** Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Thursday (additional \$6.00 fee)

Preschool Enrichment 9:00-12:15 PM

November 3 – No School PTC NO PreK– No Playgroups SAC open **advance registration required (Must have 15 children registered to open)**

November 6 – **Extended Day for 4 year olds 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

Childcare Provider Training upstairs teacher's lounge 6:00-8:00 PM (snowdate 11/20)

November 9 TERAC meeting 6:30-7:30 Media Center (alternate 11/13)

November 11- Veteran's day School in session

November 16- FRC Family Night Let's be Thankful Pot Luck and Art Show 6:00-7:30 PM

November 20 - **Extended Day for 4 year olds 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

November 21- **Two Right Feet Preschool Enrichment**

November 22 - 24-**No School** Closed -Thanksgiving

December

December 4- **Extended Day for 4 year olds 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

December 8- Half Day PTC - **Afterschool** Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Friday (additional \$6.00 fee)

Preschool Enrichment 9:00-12:15 PM

December 15- Family Gingerbread Night 6:00-7:00 PM BG Cafeteria (snow date 12/22)

December 18- **Extended Day for 4 year olds 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

December 22 half day **Afterschool** Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Friday (additional \$6.00 fee)

December 25-January 2 Closed-Winter Break SAC reopens Tuesday, January 2, 2018

January

January 1- Happy New Year, no school

January 2- Welcome Back!

January 9- Preschool- Childcare-Activity Fair 6:00-7:30 PM BG Cafeteria (snow date 1/10)

January 17- In House Registration OPEN for 2017-2018

January 15- Closed - Martin Luther King Day

January 17- In House Registration OPEN for 2017-2018

January 17- TERAC-BG Media Center 6:30-7:30 PM (snow 1/29)

January 23- Extended day for Preschool 4's 10:00-3:00 (lunch bunch included)

January 25- Half Day- **Afterschool** Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Wednesday (additional \$6.00 fee)

No preschool for 4 year old preschool extended day January 23, 10:00-3:00 PM

Preschool Enrichment 9:00-12:15 PM

February

February 1-Open registration for all FRC programs begins at 7:00 AM

February 5- **Extended Day for 4 year olds 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

February 7- **Two Right Feet Preschool Enrichment** (snow date 2/21)

February 12 - Childcare Provider Training upstairs teacher's lounge 6:00-8:00 PM (snow 2/25)

February 16 - Half Day-PTC **Afterschool** Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Thursday (additional \$6.00 fee)

Preschool Enrichment 9:00-12:00PM

February 19 Closed - President's Day

February 27 Extended day for 4 year old Preschool 10:00-3:00 PM (lunch bunch)

March

March 1 – Half Day-PTC **Afterschool** Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Thursday (additional \$6.00 fee)

Preschool Enrichment 9:00-12:00PM

March 2- Half Day- **Afterschool** Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Fridays (additional \$6.00 fee)

No 4 year old preschool

Preschool Enrichment 9:00-12:00 PM

March 5- **Extended Day for 4 year olds 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

March 5- FULL Week Camp Registration OPEN

March 20- TERAC-Media Center BG 6:30-7:30 PM (3/27 snow)

March 19 - **Extended Day for 4 year olds 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

March 23 Half Day- **Afterschool** Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Fridays (additional \$6.00 fee)

No 4 year old preschool

Preschool Enrichment 9:00-12:00 PM

March 23- Half Day- **Afterschool** Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Wednesdays (additional \$6.00 fee)

No 4 year old preschool

Preschool Enrichment 9:00-12:15 PM

March 28 - Kindergarten Readiness Night 6:30-7:30 PM media center (snow date 3/29)

March 30 NO School

April

April 2- **Summer Camp** registration begins for partial week campers.

Extended Day for 4 year olds 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

April 10- **Two Right Feet Preschool Enrichment** (snow date 4/24)

April 13 **Half Day- Afterschool Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Friday (additional \$6.00 fee)**

No 4 year old preschool

Preschool Enrichment 9:00-12:00 PM

Monday April 16 - Friday, April 20 - Open – SAC **advanced registration required (Must have 15 children registered to open)**

May

May 7- **Extended Day for 4 year olds 10:00 AM-3:00 PM** (lunch in café)

May 8 - Childcare Provider Training upstairs teacher's lounge 6:00-8:00 PM

May 11- **Half Day- Afterschool Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Friday (additional \$6.00 fee)**

No 4 year old preschool

Preschool Enrichment 9:00-12:00 PM

May 23-TERAC 6:30-8:00 BG Media Center (snow date 5/30)

May 17- TIS Family Pizza and Game Night 6:00-8:00 PM

May 21- Extended Day for 4 year olds 10:00 AM-3:00 PM (lunch in café)

May 25- **Half Day- Afterschool Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Friday (additional \$6.00 fee)**

No 4 year old preschool

Preschool Enrichment 9:00-12:00 PM

May 28- Closed - Memorial Day

May 30 -last day for Grow with Me for 2's and 3's

May 31 –last day for 3 year old preschool

June * subject to snow days

June 1 Last day for 4 year old preschool and Preschool Enrichment

June 7 Last day for SAC FRC

The School Age Care Program will be closed the last day of school.