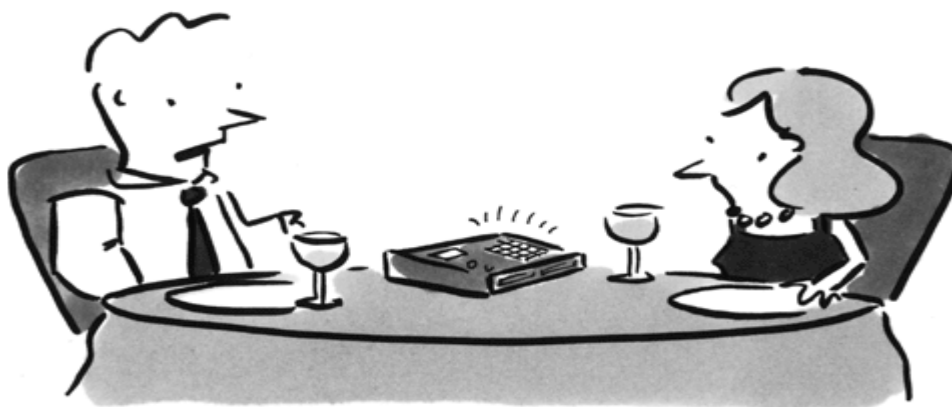


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"I'm sure the babysitter is fine. Now let's enjoy dinner and turn off the police scanner."

UPDATE FOR 5/22/2017

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Students of Tolland Middle School's seventh grade class received an exciting impromptu visit from Newbery Medal Award Winner, Kwame Alexander and his friend/guitarist, Randy Preston on Tuesday, May 2nd. Known for his rhythmic poetic books *The Crossover* and *Booked*, Alexander has inspired young adults all over the world with his words, highlighting poetry's musical and expressive qualities. His vivid, descriptive language connects to students and offers new perspectives on the reading and writing of poetry.

During his Book Talk, Alexander performed his poems for students to the beat of Preston's guitar. He made his visit interactive by encouraging the students to sing and rhyme along with him, making the experience all the more enthralling for them.

Kwame Alexander's words paired with Randy Preston's tunes, reintroduced poetry to students in a dynamic way. Alexander's persuasive poetic verse has completely transformed students' impression of poetry, the meaning of it, and furthermore, its impact on readers. Many students at the middle school specifically, have already read *The Crossover* and/or *Booked* as a recreational read, and those that haven't,

were left more inspired than ever to interact with Alexander's compelling language and engaging literature.



OPPORTUNITY FOR FEMALE STUDENTS

PARK. SPARK is a week-long, residential program at the UConn Storrs campus focused on a single topic for girls in middle and high school. There are three separate weeks and topics: coding, robotics, and 3-D printing.

Another program EDOC offers is Explore Engineering (E²), which is for all students in 10th and 11th grade. This is another great summer program that exposes students to all 12 engineering disciplines in just 5 days!

[UConn Explore Engineering Program](#)

[Spark Program 2017](#)

FROM THE ATHLETICS
DEPARTMENT

**PLEASE JOIN Athletic Director
Pat Cox:**

**"All Things Athletic: Wrap up
of 2016/17 and a look to the
2017/18 athletic seasons"**

4:00 pm at @THS on June 6th.





For important Budget Information or to ask a question:

BOE Budget Information Page:

<http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=891651&pageId=27021803>

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<http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=891651&pageId=27712561>



Please mark them in your calendar!

Last Breakfast with the Superintendent for the 2016-2017 School Year:

June 5. Breakfast is at 9:00 am at the Board of Education Office.

I hope to see you there!

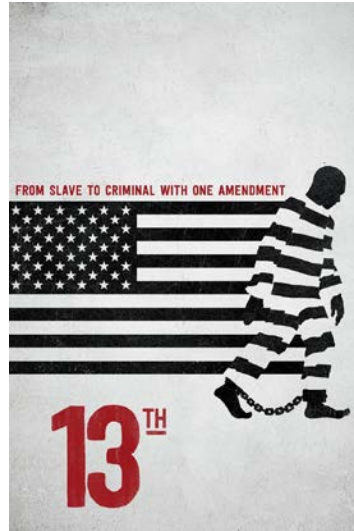
COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS:

Last in the series for this year:

The School to Prison Pipeline

Movie & Discussion

June 7, 2017 –7:00 pm



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