

# TPS SUPERINTENDENT BULLETIN



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



*Equity  
over  
Equality*

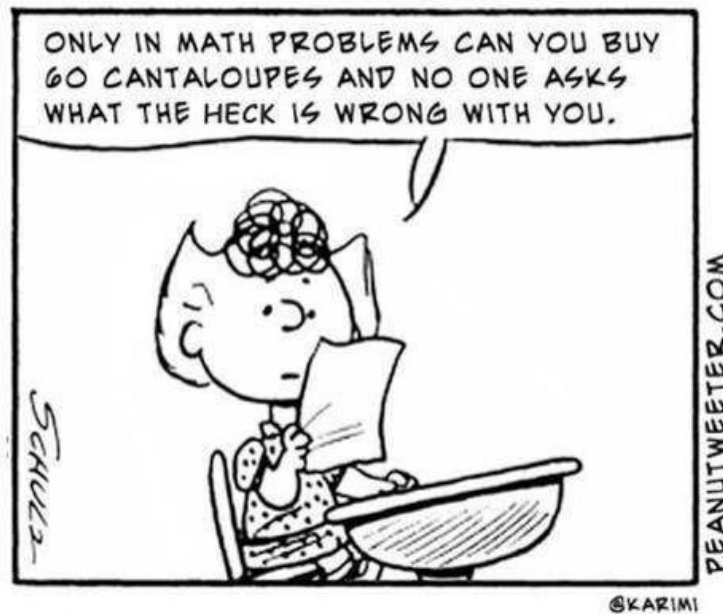


*Stimulate and Support  
over  
Rank and Sort*



*Transformative Practice  
over  
Tradition*

Here for you 860-335-2455



**UPDATE FOR October 1, 2018**

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**David E. Golden Discovery Lab Grand Opening-Tolland Public  
LIBRARY**

October 13, 2018

Lab open from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Ceremony 10:30 AM**

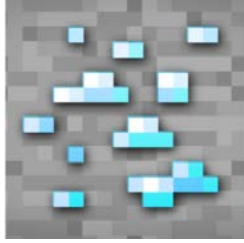
Sign up for a slot (hourly slots available) from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on October 13, 2018  
Signup sheet will be available at the Tolland Public Library starting September 17, 2018

**DAVID E. GOLDEN DISCOVERY CENTER!**

<https://youtu.be/HSU-6tNfSWg>

**THE FIRST 12 PEOPLE TO SIGN UP WILL RECEIVE VR HEADSETS!**  
**10 Google card board headsets and 2 DESTEK VR Glasses (DESTEK's first)**





There is something *incredibly cool* happening at the **Tolland Public Library. The David E. Golden Discovery Center** will soon be open for exploration. The Golden GC has been made possible by the Tolland Education Foundation, and is to be dedicated in the memory of David E. Golden, a leader in the community and former President of the Tolland Education Foundation. The lab is open to the public and contains technology not available to the average person. The midi and music resources, video editing and production software, game construction software, and Oculus Virtual Reality stations (with software) make this lab one of the most cutting edge in the State of Connecticut.

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

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*Tolland Public Schools TV!*

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<http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=891651&pageId=42643379>

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*BREAKFAST WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT*

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**2018- 2019**  
**Tolland Board of Education**  
**51 Tolland Green**  
**10:00 AM**

November 5, 2018  
December 3, 2018  
January 7, 2019  
February 4, 2019  
March 4, 2019  
April 1, 2019  
May 6, 2019  
June 3, 2019

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**BUDGET INFO ON THE WEB:**



[http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/board\\_of\\_education/budget](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/board_of_education/budget)

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*HOW TO CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT:*

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Please take a look at the link below for some of the best ways to get an answer, meeting, or something else:

[http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/superintendent\\_s\\_corner/superintendent\\_willett\\_s\\_page/c\\_o\\_n\\_t\\_a\\_c\\_t\\_m\\_e/](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/superintendent_s_corner/superintendent_willett_s_page/c_o_n_t_a_c_t_m_e/)

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## *Athletic Openings*



We are seeking JV and Freshman Boys Basketball Coaches for the Tolland Public Schools Athletic Program. The position requires Connecticut State Coaching Certification, and current CPR and First Aid course certifications. For more information and to apply visit our website at:

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### **Job Opening**

#### **Family Resource Center**

- **Preschool Group Leader - 20-25 hours per week.**  
Position requires an Associate's Degree in Early Child Education or related field.
- **Senior Group Leader – Monday thru Friday 3pm to 6pm at BGP**

**For more information and to apply visit our website at**

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

**District/Human Resources/Employment Opportunities**

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[Stems Scouts Information Night](#)

[5th Grade Harvest Dance](#)

[Can colorful blocks prep preschoolers for a future in math? This study says yes.](#)

[International Family Day](#)

[Open Forum for Parents of Students with Disabilities](#)

[Silhouette Portraits](#)

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*Mastery Learning Information*

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**POWERSCHOOL UNIFIED CLASSROOM**  
**Expanding information opportunities for parents and students!**



Dear Parents and Students,

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, we upgraded the parent and student portal access to the new Unified Classroom. If you access your student's information with the mobile app, there are NO changes. If you use a desktop/laptop, then you will need to create your new Unified Classroom account. (If you have never created an account, please contact us, and we will be happy to help you. (860-870-6818 x10804)

**Parents**

If you already have an account follow the steps below.

<https://tollandschools.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

1. Click on Parent Sign In
2. Create PowerSchool ID
3. Enter your current login information
4. Next
5. Continue
6. Enter your email (which will now be your username)
7. Create a password
8. Click create

Below is a quick video that demonstrates how to set up your account/move to the new Unified Classroom dashboard. Watch Part 2 of the video if you already have a PowerSchool account.

<https://vimeo.com/227826452/6c02bab055>

**Students**

<https://tollandschools.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

1. Click student sign in
2. Click 'Forgot password' option, enter in your school email (ex. [JohnDoe54321@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:JohnDoe54321@tolland.k12.ct.us)) and send request. Go to your school email – there will be a link to click in the email that will send you to a reset password page.

Please feel free to contact the Educational Technology office with any log in issues or questions.  
(860) 870-6818 x10804

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**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:**



[www.facebook.com/tollandpublicschools](http://www.facebook.com/tollandpublicschools)

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## **VOLUNTEERING**



We would love to have you come and volunteer at the Tolland Public Schools!

Thank you for all you do for the Tolland Public Schools. Please contact the Central Office with any questions. For those already volunteering, and those new to the game, the BOE will now do background checks every three school years. If you will be volunteering for the first time in the upcoming school year, please complete the [online form under Quick Links](#). After you have submitted your application, please call 860-870-6850 extension 1 to provide your social security number. You can check with the school secretaries to verify your status.

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**Substance Use Prevention and Opioid Awareness Resources**

**Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Staff Contact Information:**

Stephanie Knutson, School Nursing and Health Education Consultant: [stephanie.knutson@ct.gov](mailto:stephanie.knutson@ct.gov)  
or 860-807-2108

Scott Newgass, School Social Work/Trauma Education Consultant: [scott.newgass@ct.gov](mailto:scott.newgass@ct.gov) or  
860-807-2044.

John D. Frassinelli, Bureau Chief: Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult  
Education: [john.frassinelli@ct.gov](mailto:john.frassinelli@ct.gov) or 860-807-2050

**Resources:**

- *The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) worked with educators to create a study guide to supplement the documentary, **Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict**. The documentary can be viewed at <https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/ctd>. The educator's guide can be accessed at <https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/publication/chasing-dragon-study-guide-educators>.*
- **Drugs of Abuse**, a resource publication from the DEA, delivers clear, scientific information about drugs in a factual, straightforward way. This guide covers topics including the Controlled Substances Act and introduces drug classes including narcotics, stimulants, marijuana/cannabis, inhalants, steroids, and more. Drugs of Abuse also provides information about drugs of concern and designer drugs, including synthetic opioids and "bath salts." The guide can be found at [https://www.dea.gov/pr/multimedia-library/publications/drug\\_of\\_abuse.pdf](https://www.dea.gov/pr/multimedia-library/publications/drug_of_abuse.pdf)
- The DEA partnered with Discovery Education to create **Operation Prevention**. Operation Prevention's mission is to educate students about the true impacts of opioids and encourage conversations in the home and classroom. The Operation Prevention website provides science-based classroom resources for all grade ranges including digital classroom lessons, educator guides, virtual field trips, and a self-paced module: "The Science of Addiction: The Stories of Teens." This module was developed to align with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and the National Health Education Standards (NHES), and can be found at <https://app.operationprevention.com/>. The educator's guide can be accessed at <https://www.operationprevention.com/>.

- **Connecticut Clearinghouse**, located at Wheeler Clinic in Plainville, and supported through funding provided by DMHAS, has an excellent library of training and program resources available for loan. The Clearinghouse can be accessed online at <http://www.ctclearinghouse.org/> or by telephone at 800-232-4424.

### Substance Use Prevention and Opioid Awareness Resources, continued

- Additional information regarding opioid overdose prevention and Naloxone can be found through the **State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)** at <http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/cwp/view.asp?a=2902&q=509650>.
- **System of Care** clinics have the capacity to address more complex psychiatric issues with the support of medical staff. A listing of community collaboratives participating in the System of Care, along with their respective service areas, can be found through the State Department of Children and Families (DCF) at <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/Behavioral-Health-Partnership/Care-Coordination>.
- For assistance and information about substance use disorder treatment and recovery, contact the **Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)** at <https://ccar.us>.
- For youth development and support services, a list of **Connecticut Youth Service Bureaus** and their coverage areas can be found through the Connecticut Youth Services Association (CYSA) at <https://www.ctyouthservices.org/>.
- **Connecticut 211 Infoline**, a United Way program that provides information on referrals, can be accessed at <http://www.infoline.org/> or by simply dialing 211.

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