

# TPS SUPERINTENDENT BULLETIN

Here for you 860-335-2455

## Community Workshop



PREVIEW: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V66F3WU2CKk>

SIGN UP TO ATTEND: [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#) (not required but helpful)

for the Community showing of the Documentary

“13<sup>th</sup>”

February 6, 2018

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Tolland Public Library

The showing is followed by a discussion of systemic racism with the following Panel of UCONN Professors - We would love to see you there!

**Joseph Cooper** is an Assistant Professor in Sport Management at UConn. His research interests focus on the intersection of race, gender, sport, education, and culture. In particular, his research examines sociological implications of sport as it pertains to societal arrangements and outcomes. Recently, he has written about the role of African American sport activism on the U.S. society. His hobbies include reading, running, and playing basketball.

**Mark Kohan** is an assistant clinical professor in the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut. He currently serves as co-president of the Connecticut chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) and as affiliate faculty of the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, the Human Rights Institute, and the Service Learning Institute at the University of Connecticut. As part of these commitments, he works with school, campus, and community partners to realize more equitable, culturally sustaining, and arts-based learning environments that support teacher education and educational change.

**Shayla C. Nunnally** is an Associate Professor, jointly appointed in the Department of Political Science and the Africana Studies Institute at the University of Connecticut. Her research specialties include American politics, African American politics and political behavior, and race and politics, and she examines racial attitudes, intergroup behavior, and African American political development. She teaches courses in race, American politics, and public policy and African American politics. She is the Director of the UCONN Collaborative to Advance Equity Through Research on Women and Girls of Color ("The Collaborative"), and she currently serves as the President of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS).

## UPDATE FOR 2/5/2018

### JUMP TO SCHOOL UPDATES:

Please [CLICK BELOW](#) to get the [DIGITAL BACKPACK](#) information for the listed school:

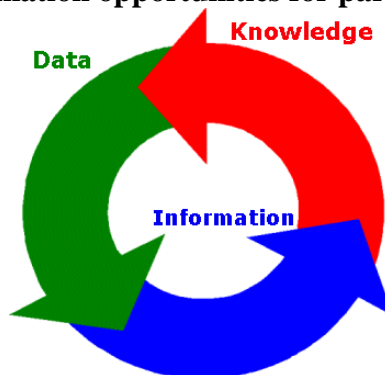
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**POWERSCHOOL UNIFIED CLASSROOM**  
**Expanding information opportunities for parents and students!**



Dear Parents and Students,

For several years, we have been using PowerSchool, which has afforded parents and students the ability to log in and view the student's progress over the course of the academic year. This year is proving to be an exciting time, as PowerSchool is providing more services, which allow parents to gain a better understanding and optimize information about their child. While we are in the midst of integrating some new features, one such feature is going to prove to be extremely useful – Unified Classroom. PowerSchool's Unified Classroom is now the platform which will allow for single sign on to all of PowerSchool's features. All features will not be immediately active, but many will be coming soon. Unified Classroom is only accessible through a browser, so for now, your mobile app will remain the same to check grades. To log in on a desktop or laptop follow the directions below.

**Parents** will be prompted to use an email address to create your username. This will allow you to use the forget password option to reset your password when needed.

Below is a quick video that demonstrates how to set up your account/move to the new Unified Classroom dashboard.

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

**Students** will be using their school email to create their account. (ex. [JohnDoe54321@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:JohnDoe54321@tolland.k12.ct.us)) Use the forgot password option, retrieve a temporary password, then use that, to sign in and reset your password.

Additional support can be found: <https://docs.powerschool.com/UCHSP>

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

We will be making the switch to Unified Classroom on **February 9<sup>th</sup>, after 5pm.**

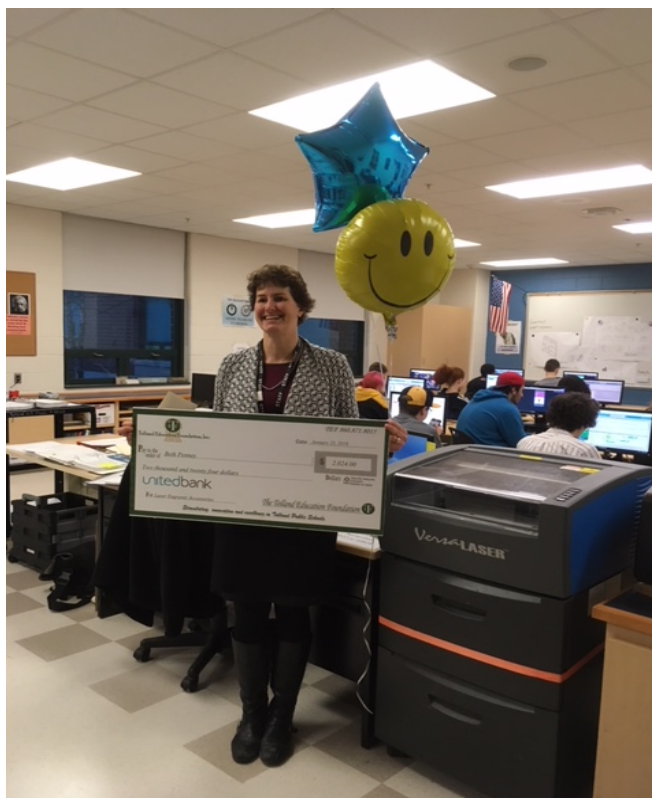
We hope you enjoy all that Unified Classroom has to offer and please keep checking the Superintendent's Bulletin for updated information on new features.

Thank you!

### Extra Help with Reading-Tolland Library

The library has an exciting opportunity for your child to receive extra help with their reading skills. A Tolland library patron would like to fund a reading development club for elementary school students. It would be held in the library for ninety minutes on Saturdays, starting on February 24 and would be administered by a teacher. The club would be held until the end of the school year, there would be a short break and then continue for six weeks in the summer. There would be two sessions each Saturday, the first being for 6 first graders from 10:30 until noon and then a second session for 6 second graders running from 12:30 until 2. Each ninety minute session would include 30 minutes of reading, 30 minutes of games and snacks, and then another 30 minutes of reading. Prizes would be awarded for attendance and reading improvement. Parent involvement is required. The teacher would be selecting materials, working on curriculum, monitoring progress of the students and providing guidance for each parent/child team but parents would be spending the session reading with their children. If you are interested please contact Barbara Pettijohn, Director of Library Services either by email [bpettijohn@tolland.org](mailto:bpettijohn@tolland.org) or by phone 860-871-3622. Selection will be done by first come, first served.

### Tolland Education Foundation – Grant



Tolland Education Foundation recently awarded a Grant for over \$2000 for laser engraving tools for Beth Penney and the Technology Department at Tolland High School. These engraving tools allow the Technology Education students to expand their use of the laser engraver to include designs that cut through material (such as wood) and allows spherical, conical, and cylindrical objects (such as drinkware) to be marked, cut, and engraved

Students are now able to create more intricate designs that can include portions of material to be completely removed instead of just engraving. Students can also create designs for objects such as travel mugs and tumblers.

These items can be designed by students as personal gifts or for items for the school store. This allows for the opportunity for cross-department coordination between the Technology Education and Business Departments. This kind of innovation between educational departments helps students receive a well-rounded base for their future business pursuits.

This Grant creates even more value for Tolland in that pieces can also be engraved for use by the town and school staff for awards and recognition items. Monogrammed awards and mementoes can now be created in house if needed, instead of outsourcing, creating a fantastic resource not just for students, but for all Tolland residents as well.

TEF is committed to providing non-traditional support for innovation in Tolland's classrooms. Grants and in-kind donations are 100% funded from individual and corporate contributors. Virtually all donations go directly to the children of Tolland. You can contribute to Tolland Education Foundation in a variety of ways:

- Make a donation online at our website <http://www.TollandeducationFoundation.com> or by check mailed to TEF 58 Hartford Turnpike Tolland, CT 06084.
- Link your Amazon Prime account to Amazon Smile which will donate a percentage of your purchase directly to TEF, at no cost to you. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-169006> and choose Tolland Education Foundation as your charity.

The Tolland Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization that relies upon contributions in order to successfully support innovative educational opportunities in the Tolland Public Schools. For more information about TEF, please call Director Bob Stewart at 860.871.8015 ext3, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter (@TollandTEF)

# HELP WANTED

**Food & Nutrition Services**  
is seeking individuals interested in substitute and/or  
permanent part-time work in our kitchens.  
Join our team of nutrition professionals in serving up  
healthy meals to our students!

Please contact Kim Mecteau at 860-870-6853 or  
[kmecteau@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:kmecteau@tolland.k12.ct.us)



**Looking for a job  
that lets you be  
at home when  
your family  
needs you  
there?**

**Come  
join  
our  
team!**

**School Meals**  
*We serve education every day*



### **R.E.A.D. Dog Vinny**

Reading therapy dog Vinny will be at the library with his owner and trainer Michelle on **Thursday, February 8th, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** Children may sign up to read aloud to the dog in 15-minute blocks of time; to reserve your time, call 860-871-3620 or contact the children's librarian at [vbrousseau@tolland.org](mailto:vbrousseau@tolland.org)

## Job Openings:

### EVENTS COORDINATOR

We are seeking someone who is knowledgeable and experienced using audiovisual equipment such as projectors and sound systems and that has a flexible schedule to coordinate events on school property as needed. Events can be days, nights and weekends.

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

### Athletic Openings



We are seeking a High School Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach for the Tolland Public Schools  
Athletic Program

The position requires 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

### Athletic Openings



We are seeking a High School Boys Varsity Tennis Coach for the Tolland Public Schools  
Athletic Program

The position requires 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

## Athletic Openings



We are seeking a Middle School Softball Coach and High School JV Coach for the Tolland Public Schools

### Athletic Program

The position requires Connecticut State Coaching Certification

Current CPR and First Aid Courses

If interested, email Todd Zenczak – Athletic Supervisor

[tzenczak@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:tzenczak@tolland.k12.ct.us)

## 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)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### UPCOMING Budget Meetings

- **February 14, 2018 – BOE Meeting – Hicks Building, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Council Chambers**



## HOW TO CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT:



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\\_wille\\_tts\\_page/contactme/](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/superintendent_s_corner/superintendent_wille_tts_page/contactme/)

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## 2017- 2018 SCHOOL YEAR ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

4:00 pm at Tolland High School

March 6, 2018  
June 5, 2018


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For parents and community members interested in the Tolland Public School  
K-5 assessment standards, please see the:  
[Standards-Based Assessment Information Guide](#)

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## COMMUNITY LEARNING WORKSHOPS

Community Workshops	Information
February 6, 2018 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Tolland Public Library	 University of Connecticut Professor Panel @ Viewing of the movie <a href="#">13<sup>TH</sup></a>
May 2, 2018 7:30 PM Tolland Public Library	 Mastery Learning Workshop Come find out what it is about, and how ML is being planned for Tolland.

2017 – 2018

BREAKFAST WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

10:00 AM AT THE TOLLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

51 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT



March 5, 2018

April 2, 2018

May 7, 2018

June 4, 2018

## **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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### **YOUR TOLLAND SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION:**

#### **CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:**



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

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### **FOLLOW SUPERINTENDENT WILLETT ON TWITTER:**



Search for:

[TPS Sup Willett](#)

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**LINKS AND OTHER ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

[Introducing Education Express](#)

[Education Express is coming!](#)

[FRC-Using Quality Literature Effectively Seminar](#)

[FRC Registration](#)

[Huskey Swim Club](#)

[THS Musical Production-You're a Good Man Charlie Brown](#)

[Tolland Education Foundation – Yoga and Beer](#)

[Birch Grove Primary School Preschool Information](#)

[Eastern Youth Soccer Camps](#)