

TPS SUPERINTENDENT BULLETIN



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UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 5/13/2019

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CABE Student Leadership Awards
Congratulations to Fisher Thompson-Tolland High School
Will Glaser-Tolland Middle School
Zoe Livingston-Tolland Middle School (missing from picture)



The CABE award goes to Connecticut High School and Middle School students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills. Students from each high school and middle school in a CABE member district are eligible to receive this prestigious CABE Student Leadership Award.

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Superintendent Weekly Message



Parents/Guardians – We could use your help. We are interested in your participation in a 1 to 1 technology initiative the school endeavors to do. This would give students starting in sixth grade their own Chromebook to use for school. Please consider joining this focus group so we can best consider the perspective of parents and guardians. If you are interested, please email my secretary Jen Palumbo @ jpalumbo@tolland.k12.ct.us by May 17th. Thank you!



FYI-The last day of school is June 13, 2019. Early Dismissal.

**Open House Dates
2019-2020**

Tolland High School

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Thursday, February 6, 2020 (snow date Tuesday, February 11, 2020)

Tolland Middle School

Grade 6-Thursday, September 5, 2019

Grade 7 and 8-Thursday, September 12, 2019

Tolland Intermediate School

Grade 3 - Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Grade 4 - Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Grade 5 - Thursday, September 26, 2019

Birch Grove Primary School

Kindergarten-September 24, 2019

Grade 2-October 2, 2019

Grade 1- October 3, 2019

Birch Grove Foundation Meeting Schedule (see the next page)

Meetings and Information Sessions

Meeting	Location	Date and Time
Superintendent's Breakfast	Superintendent's Office 51 Tolland Green, Tolland CT	March 4th @ 10 AM
BGP Initial Foundation Information Meeting	Birch Grove Gymnasium	March 5 th @ 7 PM
BGP Foundation Information meeting	Birch Grove Library	March 11 th @ 6 PM
Town Meeting	Tolland High School Auditorium	March 27 th @ 7:00 PM
Superintendent's Breakfast	Superintendent's Office 51 Tolland Green, Tolland CT	April 1 st @ 10 AM
BGP Foundation Information meeting	Birch Grove Library	April 8 th @ 6 PM
Superintendent's Breakfast	Superintendent's Office 51 Tolland Green, Tolland CT	May 6 th @ 10 AM
BGP Foundation Information meeting	Birch Grove Library	May 6 th @ 6 PM
Superintendent's Breakfast	Superintendent's Office 51 Tolland Green, Tolland CT	June 3 rd @ 10 AM
BGP Foundation Information meeting	Birch Grove Library	June 10 th @ 6 PM



Approved 2019- 2020 School Calendar (small date correction)
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Tolland Public Schools TV!



http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/t_p_s_television

Check out some of our new TPS Television Videos!

Video link	Description
https://youtu.be/BIdQIij8GyU	Staff Appreciation Day video!
https://youtu.be/XseyIL0IUyg	STEM FEMs! - Getting more girls into Science Technology Engineering and Math!
https://youtu.be/XgC0UWoTCVI	SPIRE - Check out the TPS Phonics Program!
https://youtu.be/KlqfWUJLB2M	REFLEX MATH! A TPS Math Program!
https://youtu.be/uZyXBDthWiM	Pi Day! The TPS make math FUN!
https://youtu.be/w6MYN8yob4A	A Culture of MUSIC in the Tolland Public Schools!
	Math Haka @ TIS

https://youtu.be/Y_cXdn7K-Ls	
https://youtu.be/L6ercj6dupM	TPS Business Academy
https://youtu.be/6TFQYiN4Utg	Tolland High School Madrigal Dinner
https://youtu.be/76P45CnN9Cg	Introducing the Tolland Public Schools <i>Foundations</i> Program! Getting a head start in Phonics!
https://youtu.be/c1UmCIHGHKE	BGP "adventure" backpacks for families!
https://youtu.be/ctTuHyDIb1I	BGP introduced to the DEWEY system!
https://youtu.be/iNM6coWkFzk	Stock Market Project - TPS Business Program
https://youtu.be/augmD6uciTI	TIS Honors Veterans
https://youtu.be/4SulaKlbtCA	TPS Honors Veterans
https://youtu.be/m7EI2w6VpbE	DECA Rules! - DECA & Business Program @ THS

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LAST BREAKFAST WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT



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

June 3, 2019

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BUDGET BLURB

BUDGET INFO ON THE WEB:



http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/board_of_education/budget

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Community Learning Workshops

Done for this year... See you next year 😊

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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_tt_s_page/c_o_n_t_a_c_t_m_e/

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Job Postings

HELP WANTED

Food & Nutrition Services has openings for substitutes for this school year and into next 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 or 860-870-6853, Ext 1.

SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED DISTRICT WIDE

We need teacher, paraprofessional, custodial and food service 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

Under District/Human Resources/Substitute Forms

Food service applications are under District/Human Resources/Employment Opportunities or feel free to call Kim Mecteau at 860-870-6850.

If you are not interested, do you know someone that might be such as a college student or retired family member. Please send them our way.

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Links

Eastern Basketball Camps

Manchester Community College K2- Science

Manchester Community College K-2 Literacy

Manchester Community College Stem K-2

Manchester Community College Excursions

Dan Hurley Basketball Camp

Egg Carton Animals

Paper plate flower craft

Eastern Soccer Camps

Do you like having fun? Do you like to play? Do you like to earn extra money?

Tolland Family Resource Center is looking for staff to join our fabulous team.

We offer before and after school care for children ages 5-12. This is a great opportunity for parents, high school and college students. Before school care is offered from 7:00-8:30 AM and afterschool care is offered from 3:15-6:00 PM at Birch Grove and Tolland Intermediate School. We offer quiet reading/homework time, gym play, craft time, snack and outdoor play time daily. We are looking for part time staff and substitutes. For more information contact Laurel Leibowitz (860) 870-6750 x 30215 or lleibowitz@tolland.k12.ct.us

C.E.R.T. Training Announced for May & June

You are invited to join your friends and neighbors as they participate in Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training classes. Tolland Emergency Management is pleased to announce the newest C.E.R.T. class-training schedule:

5* Thursday Classes: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
May 16th, May 23rd, May 30th, June 20th, June 27th
and
3* Saturday Classes: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
May 18th, June 8th, June 15th

***Please Note: Participants must attend all classes**

C.E.R.T. participants learn valuable skills such as: How to recognize hazards that are most likely to affect your home, workplace, and neighborhood, steps you can take to prepare for a disaster, identifying and reducing potential fire hazards in your home and what to do when disaster strikes.

C.E.R.T. participants also learn how to: Assist Emergency Management and First Responders in meeting the needs of the community during disasters and learn to be part of an important team serving the community.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity please email keuliano@tolland.org with your name, address and telephone number to reserve your seat. Class size is limited, be sure to reserve your seat by May 10th.

All classes will be held at the Tolland Fire Department Training Center located at 191 Merrow Road, Tolland, Connecticut.

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Mastery Learning Information

Check out the ML Plan for the Tolland Public Schools below:

http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/superintendent_s_corner/superintendent_willett_s_page/mastery_based_learning/

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Since February 2018, Tolland Public Schools began to use PowerSchool's Unified Classroom. Unified Classroom provides a comprehensive look at student growth and achievement, while providing a single sign-on opportunity for parents with multiple students in the district.

While the mobile app has not changed (Unified Classroom access does not change your mobile app access) and can still be used, the computer-based version of Unified Classroom provides a more detailed view, and we recommend that parents use both tools to gain knowledge about their student.

For directions on how to set up your Unified Classroom account, if you haven't already, you may always visit the Tolland Public School's website or any of the school websites and click PowerSchool in the upper right-hand corner.

If you have already created your Unified Classroom account and can successfully log in at classroom.powerschool.com, you do not need to do anything further. If at any time you need to reset your password, you may do this yourself using the Forgot Password option on the sign in page.

New to Unified Classroom or PowerSchool

If you have created a PowerSchool account but have not created your Unified Classroom account OR are new to PowerSchool:

1. Instructions to [Create Parent PowerSchool and Unified Classroom ID](#)
2. Link to the begin creating your account: [Tolland Student and Parent Portal](#)

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

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Social Media Connections and Links

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:



www.facebook.com/tollandpublicschools

FOLLOW SUPERINTENDENT WILLETT ON TWITTER:



Search for:

[TPS_Sup_Willett](#)

Or

[Superint. Willett](#)

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Volunteer Information

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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Snow Delays and Cancellations

Dear Parent or Guardian:

I want to take this opportunity to inform you of the District's procedures regarding school closings, delays, and early dismissals.

The decision to change school schedules is made after careful review of information collected from the local police, highway and school maintenance departments as well as a local weather service. Road conditions, sidewalk status, precipitation, temperatures and forecasts are considered when making a determination to delay or close schools. In some circumstances, a delay may be upgraded to a school closing. Information related to delayed openings and school closures is broadcasted on television and radio stations typically by 5:45 a.m. The safety of our children is the priority factor in all decision making.

BLACKBOARD CONNECT 5

The *Blackboard Connect 5* communication system is a telephone messaging service that the district uses which enables us to personally communicate with parents and staff regarding emergency situations, school closings and delays, school events and other important issues impacting you and your children. It is imperative that you keep a current emergency telephone number listed at your child's school building. In the event of an early dismissal or delay, a Blackboard message will be broadcast to all families by 5:45 a.m. During an emergency or weather related incident, calls will be made through the emergency mode to all student numbers in the Blackboard system.

DELAYED OPENINGS

- This year we will utilize a two (2) hour delay.
- There is no morning (am) Birch Grove preschool classes on delayed openings.
- Buses will arrive at stops approximately two (2) hours later than the usual time.

EARLY DISMISSAL

- An announcement will be made on the radio and television stations, generally prior to 11:00 a.m.
- The high school is released at approximately 10:45 a.m. Tolland Middle School is released at 11:45 am and Tolland Intermediate and Birch Grove Primary School are released at 12:45 pm. (Please note that unusual circumstances may dictate an earlier dismissal.)
- There are no p.m. Birch Grove pre-school classes on early dismissal days.

In the event of school closings or early dismissals, all sporting events and student activities will be cancelled.

TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

Students in grades PreK-5 will be returned to school in the event an adult is not present at the bus stop to meet them unless you have signed the bus stop release form.

ALL STORM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements will be made on the following TV Stations:

WTNH
WFSB
WVIT
WTIC

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to monitor weather related delays, closings, and early dismissals and to cooperate with school personnel as we work to ensure student safety.

TOLLAND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER'S INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

If the Tolland Public School is closed due to inclement weather then the Tolland Family Resource Center is closed.

Weather delays and early closings

FRC School Age Care

The Before School Program will follow the School System for delays:

* 2 hour delay the FRC opens at 9:00 a.m. for children registered in the before school program for that day. (This is to allow enough time for the parking lot and sidewalks to be treated)

Early Dismissal

When there is an early dismissal due to inclement weather the FRC will close at 3:45 p.m. However, if Birch Grove and Tolland Intermediate School closes before 1:20 p.m. then FRC will close 2 hours after the end of school; example if Birch Grove/TIS close at 11:00 a.m. then FRC will close at 1:00 p.m.

Late fee pick up fees apply on early dismissals. Please call if you are delayed for any reason.

FRC Preschool

If Tolland Public Schools has a **delayed opening** due to weather, FRC morning preschool will open at 11:00 a.m. and will run until 12:00 p.m. Four Year Old FRC afternoon Preschool will start at 12:00 p.m.

If Tolland Schools has an **early dismissal**, the afternoon Four-Year-Old FRC Preschool will be cancelled.

FRC Preschool Enrichment

If Tolland Public Schools has a **delayed opening** due to weather, FRC Preschool Enrichment will open at 11:00 a.m. and will run until 1:30 p.m. If school **closes early** Preschool Enrichment will close at 12:00 P.M.

FRC Play groups are cancelled on delays or early closings.

Finally, I want to assure you, once again, that our primary concern in calling a school delay, early dismissal or closure is always the safety of our children. If parents feel conditions are unsafe, they should use their discretion and keep their children at home. Here's hoping for a warm and uneventful winter!

Other Information

CHECK OUT THE DAVID E. GOLDEN DISCOVERY LAB!

A bus will take you there! Check with your school for the afternoon library bus!



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



There is something *incredibly cool* happening at the **Tolland Public Library**. *The David E. Golden Discovery Center*. 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. Call the library in advance or stop by to sign up for using this lab!

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