

TPS SUPERINTENDENT BULLETIN



UPDATE FOR 10/19/2015

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SUPERINTENDENT' NOTES FOR THE WEEK

The fall is certainly upon us, and the temperatures are dropping. I am always surprised about how resilient some of our students are in the face of the changing weather dynamic. Although I tell the students that I see around the schools in T-Shirts that I admire their defiance of the Cold Miser, things happen, and having layers in winter is always a great way to go. My middle daughter this morning (21 degrees at the time) did not want to wear her coat as she did not like the way it “looked.” These father-daughter moments over oatmeal will never be the stuff of a Hallmark card, but could help at the bus stop☺.

Last week, thanks to Diane Clokey, Karen Moran, and many others – Tolland had a wonderful Community Conversation on Raising Resilient Kids! It was well attended, and left all participants looking for more! A deep and sincere thanks to them for setting it up!

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This week, for the first time in Tolland, we will be streaming a meeting to the community. This will occur during the Pizza with the Superintendent meeting this week. I am hoping to test the technology on that evening, for future use. If you are interested in *streaming* in and asking questions through an e-mail I will provide that evening, please see the information below in the “upcoming” section.

This fall, or early spring, I am hoping to do a **Community Workshop on Assessments (and stream it)**. An Assessment committee has just begun and will review a CREC study on assessments, and our assessment practices in the district. This workshop will allow the community to engage in the conversation! Please keep an eye out for that event.

Speaking of committees, we are interested in recruiting community members for the TPS Grant Committee. If you have some time, and would like to participate, please call let Jen Palumbo know at jpalumbo@tolland.k12.ct.us with the subject “Grant Committee” and let us know you’d like to be part of the team! Thank you!

Finally, as I was going about my business I encountered a link for an Atlantic Monthly article on school funding (please see below). On a different (but related) note - I like to share, and I am always open to what is shared. Please send items along that you feel strongly about so I can get *your* perspective on matters in education, and/or the world!

LINKS:

[The Data are Damning: How Race Influences School Funding](#)

Upcoming “happenings” with the Superintendent!

Pizza with the Superintendent – October 21 at 6:30 pm, Board of Education Office. Two options for parents and community members, **come in person** OR **stream it live into your home**. If you are interested in *streaming the meeting LIVE at 6:30 PM please go to:*

<http://streaming.tolland.k12.ct.us/show-videos?g=332d61aa&page=1>

An e-mail address will provided for those tuning in from home so that you can send in questions, or comments. I will do my best to address them during the dinner. This is a test of the technology I would like to use for other events and meetings as well. *If coming in person, please email Jen Palumbo at jpalumbo@tolland.k12.ct.us (so we know how much Pizza to get).* **STUDENTS WELCOME.**

Community Learning Workshop – November 9, 6:30 pm, -An Evening on Autism – Please mark this date in your calendars. More information to come!

Budget Community Workshop – November 4, 2015 – Tolland high School – 7:00 pm. Please come and learn how the budget fulfills the vision and goals of the district, and community – and help set the direction for the future. These meetings are specifically for parents, guardians, students, and other community members

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IMPORTANT-ATHLETICS REMINDER

This is a reminder that the deadline to register your child and to turn in up to date physical forms for winter sports at Tolland Middle School and Tolland High School is Monday, November 2, 2015.

To register your child and to find the proper medical forms please visit the athletics page of the Tolland High School or Tolland Middle School websites and click on the "Athletic Participation Registration and Forms" tab. Upon successful submission of your registration you will receive a confirmation email from FamilyID notifying you that your child has been registered.

To turn in updated physical forms to the nurse's office at each school you have several options. You may attach a PDF version of the completed form when you register your child online. You can deliver a hard copy to the school's main office. You may also fax or email the forms directly to the respective school.

Please note that the online registration database will not be accessible after November 2nd and late registrations will not be accepted. Should you have any questions about the registration process please call me at (860) 870-6827.

Respectfully, Patrick Cox, Director of Athletics