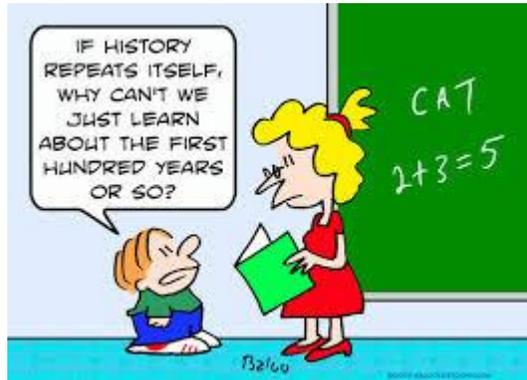


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JUMP TO SCHOOL UPDATES:

[Birch Grove](#)

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SUPERINTENDENT' NOTES FOR THE WEEK

- A message to Tolland Families: around this time of year, as the ground thaws and life abounds, the calendar holds many “recognition” days. This time of year contains a recognition day or week for Administrative Assistants, Principals, School Nurses, and Teachers. Also vital to the operation of schools and deserving recognition are the Custodians, Paraprofessionals, and Volunteers. This coming week the Tolland Public Schools celebrate an all staff appreciation week. Whether it is an inspirational Coach, a Secretary who went above and beyond, a Principal or Assistant Principal who made a difference, a Paraprofessional who lent a critical helping hand, a Custodian who helped make our environment clean and safe, or a Teacher who helped inspire your child – I encourage you to send a quick note or e-mail to let them know. Being an educator has many rewards; serving your children and the country through Public Education is a privilege and a calling that needs no adulation, but recognition by you or the children can be more powerful than any “thank you” I can provide. Please take a moment to let our staff know how much you appreciate them in this coming month. As they work to inspire the children of Tolland, your recognition will inspire us! Thank you!

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- The Tolland Public Schools, thanks to our Director of Curriculum, have received the PEGPETIA Grant. This grant will allow the district access to video streaming technology that will open up possibilities for distance learning, and information distribution. If you want more information, give me ring – 860-335-2455.
- **Mrs. Moynihan's first grade class planted a small garden last week for Earth and Arbor Days**



- See the below pictures of Mr. Damon Collins, who donated two trees to Birch Grove and came to plant them on Friday April 24. Each class joined him for the plantings in celebration of Arbor Day!



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INFO TO KNOW:

[Community Voice Channel's Open House and Farmers' Market](#)

[CPTV Invites You-The Raising of America](#)

[A special historical art gallery in celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Tolland.
Click the link below for more information:](#)

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- We wanted to take a quick moment to share some fun & exciting news that may be of interest to you, your faculty, and your students! A “Falcon Cam” has been set up so that we can watch the peregrine falcons that are nesting on a ledge outside Monarch Place in Springfield, MA. There are currently 4 eggs that have been laid and that we will be watching for the next couple of months. (Hatching typically begins in early May and flight begins approximately 42-45 days later.)

Here is the link where you can check in on the falcons: <http://www.westernmassnews.com/category/217766/cbs3springfield-now-livestream> . This link will work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until the last chick takes flight.

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THS Music Department News

Congratulations to the THS Music Department on their successful trip to Chicago April 22-26, participating in the Festivals of Music adjudication. The Madrigal Singers, Women's Chorus, and Concert Band received a rating of Excellent for their performances, while the Jazz Band received a rating of Superior. Tolland High also swept the Judge's Choice Awards. Aaron Wilson received the Outstanding Soloist Award in a choral ensemble, Eric Gottier received the Outstanding Soloist Award in an instrumental ensemble, and the rhythm section of Ryan Mahoney, Andrew Meagher, Jack Murphy, Griffin Kopsick, and Owen Raccagni received the award for Outstanding Jazz Section. Congratulations to all our participating musicians for a job well done!

In other news, two THS choral students participated in the All-State Music Festival from April 30-May 2 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. Travis Tran and Felicity Roche made it into the Eastern Region Music Festival earlier this year and then had the opportunity to audition for All-State. Travis is a member of the THS Madrigal Singers and Mixed Chorus, and Felicity is a member of the Women's Chorus and Mixed Chorus. Both are also members of the THS Band.



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IMPORTANT DATES

May 4 – Community Advisory Council – 7:30 a.m.

May 13 – Half Day Session In-Service

May 15 – Prom 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

May 18 – LAST Booster Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Main Office Conference Room

May 25 – Memorial Day – No School

May 27 – Half Day Session In-Service

THS BRACELETS

Back by popular demand. The THS Booster Club will be selling THS bracelets. These are silver plated bracelets that fit nicely with the popular Alex & Ani collectible bracelets.

Bracelets are available in the office at THS and can be purchased for \$25 each. Orders can be placed with Karen Lester in the main office. If your purchase is a secret, you can call or email Karen Lester at klester@tolland.k12.ct.us (860-870-6818) to arrange for purchase and pick up.

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

The last Community Advisory Council meeting of the year is scheduled for Monday, May 4th at 7:30 a.m. in the THS main office conference room. If you are interested in attending, please email Dominique Fox at dfox@tolland.k12.ct.us.

Tolland High School is fortunate to have a dedicated and enthusiastic group of parents and local community members who support our school and many of the programs within it. In light of that, we are committed to increasing parent and community engagement in our school. A few years ago, a Community Advisory Council was established as a means to encourage parents and community members to become active partners in educating our children. Through this council, both groups of stakeholders are able to maintain an organized voice at Tolland High School, become involved in the decision making processes and procedures, where appropriate, voice their concerns, communicate their needs, and ask questions. To date, it has provided a forum for parents to discuss school-related issues such as leveling, grade weighting, teen drug and alcohol use, and safety concerns, among others.

PROM

Reminder: Prom is an official school function and all school rules apply. Students are expected to be in school for the entire day on the day of the prom. This should leave adequate time after 1:45 for appointments. Any use or evidence of alcohol or illegal substances will result in serious consequences. We will be conducting a breathalyzer test for alcohol at the entry to the prom site this year. Any students or guests who test positive for the presence of alcohol on their breath will not be admitted to the prom. We are taking this added step of precaution to assure that all students will have a safe, healthy and happy prom. The prom will begin at 6:00 P.M. No one will be admitted after 6:45 P.M., unless prior arrangements have been approved by the school administrators.

Please be careful after the prom whether it be driving home, spending the next day at the beach, or meeting with friends. We hope you all have an enjoyable experience.

BOOSTER CLUB

The LAST meeting of the year is scheduled for May 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the THS main office conference room. Please join us to learn about what we do and how you can help in raising funds for our students at THS.