



Tolland Family Resource Center

Spring FRC Newsletter

Hurray, we made it! Spring is almost here! Although some days like today it does not feel like it, warmer days are on the way! As we celebrate Read Across America Day and National Reading Month in March it is a wonderful time to read every day with your children. If you read to them for just 20 minutes a day, they are exposed to 1,800,000 words per year. Children who are read 5 books to per day hear about 1.4 million words. Children who read only one book per day hear about 290,000 words by age 5. Make their lives rich with vocabulary. Use unusual words to describe everyday things at home. Talk to them in the car, talk to them everywhere you go! The more language they are exposed to the greater the vocabulary they have to bring to school with them. Take the 21 day reading challenge in the month of March to read to your child for 15 minutes a day. Go to <https://www.readaloud.org>. to register! HAPPY READING!

Now is the time to register for 2020-2021



Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is open and programs are filling up, so register soon!

Limited openings are still available in our before and after school program. We offer before and after school for children in grades K-6 at Birch Grove and TIS.

We offer Preschool Programs and playgroups for 2-5 year olds, 2-4 days a week , 2.5 - 6 hours a day.

We still have openings in all of our programs.

Visit our website: www.tolland.k12.ct.us/community/family_resource_center for registration information and forms or call Laurel Leibowitz (860) 870-6750 x 5



FRC Summer Camp registration begins March 16th for full weeks and April 1 for partial weeks. Summer camp will be held at Tolland Intermediate School.

Think SUMMER, think ADVENTURE, think EXPLORATION, think FRIENDSHIP, think FUN, think AWESOME, think

TOLLAND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER CAMP HAWK.

We offer full time and part week camp for children entering Kindergarten (age 5 by 7/1/2020) through age 12 at Camp Hawk.

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

If you have ideas or program desires, let us know! We offer a high-quality program. Our staff is experienced and well trained. All staff are certified in First Aid, CPR and are medically trained for emergencies to assure your child's safety.

Financial assistance is always available. Please speak to Carol Hiller for scholarship possibilities or to arrange payment plans.

If times are tough or you find yourself or your children struggling in any way, please let us know and we will see if we can help. Communicating with us when there are challenges that can affect the kids at school can only help.

Current Special Programs:

All Star Bowling is a program for special needs bowlers that meets on Thursdays at Spare Time in Vernon from 5:00-6:00 PM, now through March 19. Special needs bowlers of all ages are invited. The cost is \$5.00 per week for shoe rental and 1 hour of bowling. We love to have peer Buddies to cheer us on. Come down and check it out, it is great fun!

Challenger Baseball, a division of Tolland Little League for special needs players, will begin in April. Players can register today at www.tollandlittleleague.org. Buddies, please send me an email to let me know you are interested in participating! We meet two evenings a week from 6:00-7:00 PM. Buddies can be students or adults. Students earn community service hours for their volunteer time. However, the experience is much richer and much more rewarding than that.....all while having fun!



Spring and Special Events

Save the Dates:

March 4: Kindergarten Informational Night, 7:00 PM at BGP for Parents of Incoming Kindergarteners. Registration information and Kindergarten programming will be discussed. Just for Adults!

March 25: Raising a Kindergarten Star: 6:30-7:30 PM What is important for you to do at home to help your child and you prepare for Kindergarten? A great opportunity to get your questions answered! (snow date 4/1/20)



March 26: FRC Advocacy Day at the State Capital 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Old Judiciary Room
All families are invited for an old fashioned ice cream social. Come see our beautiful capital and show your support for our valuable FRCs. An invitation will be emailed soon!

Spring Playgroup Sessions to begin soon! Register today!

Playgroups *additional \$25 fee for out of town participants

Monday: Morning Fun all ages with Miss Karen and Miss Laurel free* 9:00-10:00 AM TIS
1/6, 1/13, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 6/1, 6/8

Tuesday: FRC/Library Playgroup preschoolers and siblings 1000 Books B4K 10:15-11:15AM
free
1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19,

Thursday: Artist in Me ages 3-6 1:30 - 3:00 PM \$75.00 per session

Spring: 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

Adelante Espanol grades K-5 3:20-4:30 PM \$80 per session K-5 BGP
TIS Students can be bussed to BGP

Spring: 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

Friday:

Babies, Toddlers, and Twos ages 0-3 9:00-10:30 AM \$40 session* \$5 drop in
3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29

Little Cooks at TIS ages 3-5 10:00-11:30 AM \$60
Call Mrs. Hiller for dates and registration (860) 870-6885 x 3

FRC Preschool News

March is a great time to set aside a few minutes to conference with your child's teacher. Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Mancini are setting up conferences now.

Our Grow with Me friends are having fun learning, playing, singing and having snack together!! It is such fun watching them move from parallel play to intentional play recognizing their friends and seeing them forming their first "school" friendships!!

Our 3 year old preschoolers will begin March with a celebration for Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Letter days and show and tell will begin for our three year olds.

Our 4 year old preschoolers will begin March with a Dr. Seuss celebration! They will continue with letter days and have a special VERY HUNGRY CATEPILLAR lunch bunch.

Families of PS 3's and 4's are invited to join us for Music Together Family Night 3/10 at 6:00 beginning with pizza in the BG Cafeteria.

No 4's PS Friday, March 6, due to BGP half day/Parent teacher conferences

Lunch bunch March 20: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Preschool Enrichment friends have been learning and growing together. As the weather improves, we hope to get outside more, so on days over 20 degrees, send in the snow gear!

Important March dates to remember:

March 5th Early Release Day Pick up time is 12:00 PM for Preschool Enrichment.

March brings some special dates for all parents of children entering Kindergarten

March 4th is the Kindergarten Parents' Orientation Night at Birch Grove, 7:00 PM.

March 9th On-line Kindergarten Registration begins. www.tolland.k12.ct.us District>Register Student

Please join us for a special FRC parent night, Raising a "K" Star, March 25, 6:30-7:30 PM in the cafeteria. Come ask questions and talk about things that you can do at home to help prepare your child to shine in Kindergarten.

The Before and After School Programs:

Special emphasis has been placed on being kind and showing Kindness at BGP!!

Your children are busy crafting, building, playing, and having fun. Please remember we try to go outside with them EVERY DAY IT IS 20 DEGREES AND ABOVE, SO PLEASE HAVE THEM PREPARED TO GO OUTSIDE.

Full week registration for Camp Hawk begins March 16, 2020. Part time registration begins April 1, 2020. Camp Hawk will be at TIS.

There are still a few spots available in our School Age Program for the 2020-2021 school year at Birch Grove and Tolland Intermediate School.

April vacation registration forms will be out soon! Register today!

Delays and Cancellations are listed on WFSB. If Tolland Public Schools are closed, FRC is closed.

Please continue to call when your child will be absent or not staying for afternoon programs. Preschool: (860) 870-6750 x 5, BG SAC (860) 870-6750 x 6 or TIS (860) 870-6885 x 3

This newsletter is intended to highlight our programs and upcoming activities. Please visit our webpage frequently for updated information and registration for specific programs!

www.tolland.k12.ct.us/community/family_resource_center.

Feel free to email me with any questions! lleibowitz@tolland.k12.ct.us (860) 870-6750 x 5

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us. Their smiles brighten our days. As we turn the calendar to a new month we can see the children growing right in front of our eyes! We hope you will join us for upcoming events and spread the word to neighbors and friends about the amazing Tolland Family Resource Center!

Contact us with any questions or concerns! Compliments are always welcome too!

Laurel Leibowitz and the WONDERFUL FRC Team!



Remainder of the Year at a Glance:

March

March 2- Childcare Provider Training CANCELLED

Dr. Seuss Day- Dress as your Favorite book character

March 4- Kindergarten Information Parent Night BGP 7:00 PM BGP

March 5 -Early Release Day- Parent Teacher Conferences

-Afterschool Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Thursday afternoons (additional \$10.00 fee)

March 6- Early Release Day- Parent Teacher Conferences

-Afterschool Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Friday afternoons (additional \$10.00 fee)

March 10- Music Together Family Night 6:00-8:00 PM Birch Grove

March 12- Two Right Feet 10:15-10:45 AM

March 16 – Camp Hawk (Summer Camp) FULL Week Registration OPEN

March 18 - Early Release Day- Faculty In-Service- No Pre K 4's- PS E dismiss at 12:00 PM

-Afterschool Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Wednesday afternoons (additional \$10.00 fee)

March 20- Lunch Bunch Pre K 4's 11:00-3:00 PM

Rock your Socks Day- World Down Syndrome Day

March 25- Raising a Kindergarten Star Parent Night 6:30-7:30 PM BGP

March 26- FRC Advocacy Day Ice Cream Social at the State Capital 11:30-1:30 PM

April

April 1- Summer Camp registration begins for partial week campers.

April 2- Light It Up Blue Day- World Autism Day

April 6- Childcare Provider Training 6:00-8:00 PM BG Conference Room (alternate date 4/20)

April 10- Closed –No School / No FRC

April 13-17 – Spring Break- FRC Open – SAC advanced registration required (Must have 15 children registered to open)

April 22- Early Release Day- Faculty In-Service- No Pre K 4's- PS E dismiss at 12:00 PM

-Afterschool Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Wednesday afternoons (additional \$10.00 fee)

Tolland Spirit Day- Wear BGP or Tolland jersey or shirt

TERAC Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM BG Main Office conference room (alternate date 4/29)

April 23- Two Right Feet 10:25-10:45 AM

April 24- Lunch Bunch Pre K 4's 11:00-3:00 PM

May

May 4- Make up Childcare Provider Training- 6:00-8:00 PM BG Cafeteria

May 6- Early Release Day- Faculty In-Service- No Pre K 4's- PS E dismiss at 12:00 PM

-Afterschool Program opens at the end of school for those children enrolled on Wednesday afternoons (additional \$10.00 fee)

May 8- Lunch Bunch Pre K 4's 11:00-3:00 PM

May 13- Laurel LPC 12:30-1:30 PM

May 14 – Preschool Field Trip to UCONN

May 22- Red, White and Blue Day

May 25- Closed - Memorial Day

***May 27 Last Day GWM**

***May 28 Last Day 3's/PS E**

***May 29 Last Day 4's and last day of playgroups!**

June

*** subject to snow days**

June 3- Tropical Day

June 16-Last day for FRC*

June 17- Last day of school*

The School Age Care Program will be closed the last day of school.