



Tolt Middle School
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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

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Campus Opens for Students
8:00 a.m.

Greetings!

The best to all of you in 2012. Happy New Year from the Tolt staff!

As we change out the calendar to reflect 2012, it is a reminder that the months of January and February mean the half way point of the school year. Time may be flying by but remember it also means increased expectations regarding the meeting of due dates, greater emphasis on independence and self-monitoring, more sophisticated classroom projects, and the anticipation of state-wide assessments for your student. Your constant support and monitoring will help your students be more successful. The utilization of calendars both at home and school, tracking assignments through grades online, and accessing the various school-related websites, will help you work with the teachers and your student to stay on track.

I would like to take another opportunity to recognize all the parents who continue to stop by the school and give support to the teachers, the library, and the various PTSA activities around campus. December was a busy month with athletic events and our Student of the Month program but having parents participating in these and others events is always a pleasure. The PTSA Reflections program this year was a great event as well and very successful for many students. Thank you PTSA for all your volunteerism. Upcoming PTSA events are detailed later in the newsletter. Please mark your calendars for PTSA BINGO February 9, 2012.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The east field gate for Swiftwater student access is now open.

Quick Links

[Register Now](#)

[Family Access](#)

[Tolt Middle School Website](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Check grades weekly with your student at:

tms.riverview.wednet.edu

In this newsletter you will find several items of interest regarding the happenings around Tolt. We continue to refine our teaching techniques and enhance the curriculum by revising many curricular units. Matching the curriculum and major units of instruction to the state standards and grade level expectations through collegiality is just one way the Riverview School District continues to focus on student achievement. Your ongoing support of half day collaborative time is appreciated. Other student activities around campus include the beginning of the next sport season for boys' basketball and girls' soccer, our morning jazz band and orchestra programs are very popular, and don't forget our after-school clubs. These opportunities along with our weekly after-school homework club are just a few of the ways we support student learning in all venues. Lastly, it won't be long before this year's 8th graders will start planning for high school. Believe it or not, it isn't all that far away!

If you are interested in getting more involved in your student's classroom, contact one of your student's core teachers. Don't forget to stay informed by utilizing our website at: tms.riverview.wednet.edu.

Sincerely,

Janet L. Gavigan
Principal

Calendars

Links to the complete **2011-2012 RSD Calendar** are now posted on the front page of the district website (in green text) under the **Student and Parent Resources** section.

The 2 links are:

1. [2011-2012 District Calendar Pages by Month](#) (all **months** in a single .pdf file)
2. [2011-2012 District Info Calendar Pages](#) (all calendar **info pages** in a single .pdf file)

Opening and printing **both** links will give you this year's complete **RSD Calendar**.

This replaces the process of printing of the **RSD Calendar** by the district that was done in the past and was eliminated due to budget cuts.

[Click: Online Grade Check](#)

TMS is collecting GM Boxtops and Campbells Soup Labels.
Help our school earn extra \$\$\$
Turn them into your 6th period teacher.
Thank you!!!

ACTIVITY BUS **SCHEDULE!!!**

Mon. & Wed. bus leaves Tolt @ 4:45

Tues. bus leaves Tolt @ 4:15

1st stop is Stillwater Church

2nd stop is CHS

3rd stop is 2nd & Stevens_

Tolt Middle School ASB Delivers 90 Cans of SPAM to Hopelink

The Tolt Middle School annual magazine drive was a huge success for the Associated Student Body (ASB) and students were able to raise a portion of the funds needed to support the many ASB activities and events the fundraiser supports. As part of selling magazines to raise dollars, students earn some simple prizes along the way as incentives to help reach the overall school goal. The Tolt PTSA is invaluable as helpers in collecting, processing, and verifying orders. Throughout the drive, students earned cute ducks on lanyards so they could play games at lunch, spin the money wheel, attend a limousine luncheon, and attend a school-wide assembly. In addition, for every five magazine orders sold by a student, a can of SPAM was generated as a donation to the local food bank, Hopelink, in Carnation.

Fundraisers and incentives with prizes are commonplace in our schools these days but the ASB at Tolt wanted to also figure out a way to give back to the community. Built into the structure this year was to earn a can of SPAM for donation. After wrapping up all the sales, prizes, and orders, 90 cans of SPAM found their way to the middle school. The timing couldn't be better as 7th grader Keelee Reid and Tayla Weaver delivered all 90 cans to the food bank the week before winter break along with the ASB advisor, Mr. Richert.

Giving back and earning the dollars needed to support ASB activities is a great achievement by Tolt students. Our Tolt pride has been demonstrated through a successful fundraiser and needed food contributions during these trying economic times. Ordering magazines and receiving the profit back to the school is now available all year long. As a reminder, the money earned goes to support ASB activities such as the student recognition program called Tolt Bucks, student of the month breakfast, activity buses two days a week, expenses for athletic competitions such as official fees, offsetting of costs for after-school socials, uniform replacement, and many other student-centered activities. You can renew subscriptions and order new ones at any time by visiting the Tolt website at tms.riverview.wednet.edu and click on the QSP link. Regardless of when you order, the Tolt ASB will receive the 40 percent profit from each sale.

A big THANK YOU to all who participated!

Thanks.

Janet L. Gavigan, Principal

Tolt Middle School

"Go Thunderbirds"

Love and Logic Classes Starts TODAY!!!

Are you looking for easy to use techniques that will help you raise responsible kids who are fun to be around? Then you may want to learn more about the Love and Logic approach. Following are some tips on "Turning Your Words Into Gold" by using enforceable statements.

Ineffective Technique

Love and Logic Technique

Get to work on your homework right now!
homework.

Enjoy your free time as soon as you've finished your

Do your chores on time or you'll be grounded!

I'll be happy to let you go with your friends as soon as your chores are finished.

Don't talk to me in that tone of voice!
of voice!

I'll listen as soon as your as calm as mine.

I'm not picking up any of your clothes
dirty clothes!
room.

I'll be glad to wash the that are put in the laundry room.

I'm not loaning you any
more money!

I lend money to those who
have collateral.

LOVE AND LOGIC CLASS FOR PARENTS

Dates: Wednesdays January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and
February 1st, 8th, 22nd.

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: Cedarcrest High School Library

Cost: \$10.00 for workbook

Contact Joan Zoet @ 425-844-4608

zoetj@riverview.wednet.edu

NJHS Important Information

The Tolt Middle School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will be accepting applications after the second quarter ends. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 may elect to turn in a completed application to the advisor, Mr. Klune before March 2, 2012. This will be the only time during this school year that applications are accepted.

Students with excellent grades, outstanding citizenship, and a desire to volunteer in the community should consider applying for membership in this active group. More information will be made available in the February newsletter. The TMS NJHS webpage also has information about the application process: [click here](#).

Mark Klune

Multi-Age Teacher: [webpage](#)

Building Technology Coordinator

Technology Student Association Advisor: [webpage](#)

National Junior Honor Society Advisor: [webpage](#)

TMS NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE

The Tolt Middle School National Geographic Bee was held on Thursday, December 15th in the Tolt Multi-Purpose Room. Students from all three grades competed in classroom bees during November and December to determine who would move on to the school-wide competition. The seven cartography-astute students who won the opportunity to compete were Jennifer Gard, Lexi

Jarvis, Maxwell Kyle, Catherine Nelson, Amberlyn Nemeth, Casey Spurr, and Ben Wones.

After several challenging rounds, only Ben Wones and Jennifer Gard remained. In the end, Jennifer Gard emerged victorious. In addition to a really cool medal, Jennifer has earned the right to complete a written test to qualify for the state-level bee. The winner of the national bee will be awarded a family trip to the Galapagos Islands and a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Highly Capable Student Resources

Are you interested in learning about opportunities designed to support the unique needs of your highly capable student? The University of Washington Robinson Center for Young Scholars is hosting an Educational Forum for Highly Capable Students and their Families later this month. The forum will offer presentations and discussions covering a range of pertinent educational issues as well as an exhibit hall that will showcase various local and national resources. This free event is on Sunday, January 22nd, 2012 from 10-4 pm at the UW. To learn more and to pre-register, visit www.scholarsearchassoc.com or contact Patsy Kumekawa at (860) 664-3856.

Grades Online / Family Access

Attention Parents and Guardians: Are you using "Family Access" to check your students Grades on Line? This is a great tool! If you don't have a log in name and password, please email our Registrar Candy Garl at garlca@riverview.wednet.edu and she will get yours mailed out right away.

LRC NEWS

The LRC webpage has changed to a web log. There is a new link from the Tolt HomePage called: [LRC Web Log Page](#) All resources are still available online...just in a new place.

Pizza and Pages meets January 10th where they will be discussing the Book *Skeleton Creek* by Patrick Carman. Sign up in the LRC now.

Calling the Poet Boys, all band and choir people and any one who wants to, to sign up now for **Open Mic** in the LRC on January 19th during all 3 lunches.

<http://www.kcls.org/carnation/>

<http://www.kcls.org/duvall/>

KCLS Study Zone Tutoring Schedule: January 2012 - June 2012

With the arrival of the new year, King County Library (KCLS) has updated their tutoring dates/times/locations. In addition to the TMS Homework Club that is offered every Tuesday after school from 2:50-4:00pm in the K Lab, there are free tutoring opportunities that your child may benefit from.

[Carnation Library](#)

Monday & Wednesday 6-8pm, Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm and Thursday 3-5pm

[Fall City Library](#)

Tuesday 3-5pm and Thursday 5-7pm

[North Bend Library](#)

Monday & Tuesday 3-5pm, Wednesday 7-9pm and Thursday 4-6pm

[Redmond Library](#)

Monday through Thursday 6-8pm and Sunday 4-6pm

[Snoqualmie Library](#)

Tuesdays 3-5pm

In addition to tutoring at the different KCLS locations, don't forget there is:

[Study Zone Online](#)

Monday - Thursday 3-8pm and Sunday 1-6pm

SPORTS NEWS

Girl's Soccer and Boy's Basketball Practices will begin on Monday January 23, 2012.

Please make sure your student has all the necessary paperwork in to the office **by Friday, January 20, 2012** if they want to participate. All forms can be found online at the Tolt website. [Sports Information](#)

BAND NEWS

Tolt Band students will be participating in a Solo/Ensemble festival on Jan 21, 2012.

Tolt band will be joining CHS bands for a CHS basketball game on Jan 20, 2012.

TOLT PTSA NEWS

Tolt PTSA Board Elections -

On February 9th, we will be holding our annual elections for PTSA board positions. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in learning more about serving on the Tolt PTSA for the upcoming 2012/2013 school year please contact Maryanne Coward, (Nominating Committee Chairperson) via email by Wednesday January 20th. The board positions open for nominations are:

- *President*
- *Vice-President*
- *Secretary*
- *Treasurer*

*Tolt PTSA Nominating Committee
c/o Maryanne Coward
mccoward@hotmail.com*

After-School Enrichment:

The After-School Enrichment program is having a very successful year, with the Winter mini-session about to get underway as you read this.

Our next session will begin in early March, and will include **Creative with Writing, Graphic Arts, Japanese**, and I am pleased to announce, a bonus session of **Super Safe Sitters**, in case you missed the first session due to a sports conflict. All classes are open to both new and returning students. Flyers will come out in early February and be available in the office.

We are looking for parent volunteers who would like to receive a discount on tuition in exchange or signing kids in and out of classes. Easy and fun work!

Your feedback is important to us!
Pamela Parks
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Calendar of Events

1/13 - Early Release K-12
1/16 - NO SCHOOL MLK Jr Day
1/23 - Girls' Soccer & Boys' Basketball Practice Begins
1/26 - Student of the Month Celebration
1/27 - Early Release K-12
2/2 - End of Term 2 and 1st semester
2/3 - No School for Students / Teacher Work Day

For any information about Tolt Sporting events please refer to our website at:

[Sports Calendar](#)
