



Tolt Middle School
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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Important Phone Numbers

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425-844-4600

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425-844-4606

Counseling Office:
425-844-4607

Office Hours
7:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Campus Opens for Students
8:00 a.m.

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Greetings!

Since summer is just a vague memory and we've been back at school for over a month, I'd say school year is going well and routines are becoming habit. For students, life around here has been active and it is great to see so much enthusiasm for the many programs offered around the campus. The sixth graders are still acclimating to middle school life and routines are becoming more concrete with each day that passes. Seventh graders are focusing even more on their responsibilities and are practicing those greater independent learner skills. The eighth graders are fully settled and taking school expectations and learning seriously as they look toward their future in high school. Your support of your student and the many programs offered is appreciated.

Thank you all for attending our annual Curriculum Night on September 15. It was wonderful to see so many parents/guardians walking through your student's daily schedule. Curriculum Night is a great opportunity to hear about classroom expectations, policies, and procedures while obtaining contact information and how you can help support your student.

One of the recent highlights this month was the 6th grade Tolt Dam Evacuation walk on September 28. Every other

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Check grades weekly with your student at:

tms.riverview.wednet.edu

Click: Online Grade Check

ACTIVITY BUS SCHEDULE!!!

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

Tues. bus leaves Tolt @

year Carnation Elementary, Tolt Middle School, the district office completes a partial staff and student evacuation where we all walk along the evacuation routes from our buildings up to the bottom of the site located on the hill to the east. Next year, everyone will go to the top. In case of a real dam breach, we all would hike up the hill where there are emergency supplies and a large area for students and staff to relocate until safe.

Upcoming this month will be our annual Tolt fundraising assembly on October 6. Funds from the magazine and music sales support our Associated Student Body (ASB). You might ask what does the money we earn from this fundraiser support? For the answer to this question, read on in the newsletter.

Tolt volleyball, cross country, and football seasons are in full swing with many success stories. Over 100 student athletes are participating in practices and competitive events. All of the athletes demonstrated strong commitment and dedication by giving the time to be involved. Upcoming sports include the beginning of girls' basketball and wrestling along with several after-school activities.

Lastly, it also won't be long before November and conferences will be here. Separate, more detailed information, will be sent to you via your student with the steps on how to sign up for conferences from your student's core team. Conferences are an opportunity to get to know teachers, find out more about expectations, get an update on student progress, and set goals. Once your student brings home information, follow the instructions on the paperwork and return it as soon as possible if necessary.

See you all at conferences.

Sincerely,

Janet L. Gavigan
Principal

CHS FOOTBALL GAMES

Tolt students listen up! We now have our own seating

4:15

1st stop
is Stillwater Church
2nd stop is CHS
3rd stop is 2nd &
Stevens

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

TMS CHOIR

Open to ALL
students...6th - 8th
Grades
No audition Required.
Starting
September 27, 2011
Every Tuesday
2:45 - 4:15pm

section at the Cedarcrest football games. The section will be located right next to the high school student section, so dress up in your school colors and come on out to help support the Red Wolves! All students will be expected to remain in the bleachers during the game in either the student section or with their parents.

Reminder to parents: Due to safety concerns, any students in middle school must be accompanied by their parent(s)/guardian(s) to and during any games and/or matches at Cedarcrest High School. Students who are at these events without their parent(s)/guardian(s) will be denied entry or removed. We do not believe that having one parent in charge of several kids is in the best interest of safety for kids.

The Tolt Magazine Drive!!!

The Tolt Magazine Drive will Start October 6!

The Tolt Magazine Drive is the annual fundraiser ran by the Associated Student Body with support from the PTSA to raise the dollars needed to support a variety of activities we want to provide for all students. These programs, activities, and events are not part of the basic education funding source yet there is no doubt the activities directly support students. For example, Tolt wants to continue providing activity bus transportation two days a week at 4:45 p.m. The money raised from this fundraiser supports the cost of the activity bus on Monday and Wednesday. The Tolt student recognition program that supports our *Tolt Bucks* incentives for positive behavior, our student of the month, our 5th to 6th grade transition activity are just a couple of other activities that the fundraiser allows us to continue. Additionally, the ASB offers two socials a year, speakers for assemblies, prizes and other events that directly benefit students. The fundraiser helps to offset some of the costs of these events. Lastly, we offer many athletic and other after-school experiences for students through the ASB so supplies, equipment, official fees, and uniform costs are among the many miscellaneous expenses that are supported through the Magazine Drive.

Students who participate will earn incentives through some prizes and be able to play a few fun games at lunch

based on how many orders are processed on "Turn In Days." Ducks are a big hit with students as several have been collecting them throughout the years or will want to start. This year we are appealing to "giving back" to the community by donating to the local food bank. For every five orders, the local food bank will receive "can of Spam" as a donation. We hope our students will want to not only support the school but support the needs of the local community. There are several other incentives as usual and top classes can earn class awards such as a pizza party.

Please support the Tolt fundraiser this year. It will be over by late October so it is a pretty quick fundraiser and so easy to do, especially online. Students can earn prizes through orders from QSP or through cash donations. Every \$10 dollars of donation will be the equivalent of one order.

Every student at Tolt received the materials needed to be involved in the magazine drive. We work with QSP. Reader's Digest on this fundraiser. Magazines can be purchased through the student and/or through the website link found on the Tolt main website at tms.riverview.wednet.edu. Additionally, if you have any subscription renewals from last year's drive or other magazines you have, save those renewals and order through your student. You might pay just a little more by ordering renewals through our fundraiser but Tolt will get the credit and that is what a fundraiser is all about!

Students Arriving Early to School

Our campus opens at 8 a.m. for student arrival. We do not have supervision before that time.

FALL SOCIAL!!!

Our Fall social will be held on Friday October 28th from 2:50-4:30. The theme for our first social this year is *Red Carpet*. Students must have a signed

permission slip to attend this event. The charge for this event is \$5.00 if students have an ASB card and \$6.00 without an ASB card. Permission slips will be available online and in the office after October 14th. Permission slips may only be turned in on October 25, 26, and 27. No permission slips are accepted on the day of the social. No exceptions. Students may want to bring some spending money for food, and snacks at the social. Please contact Nancy Timson if you have any questions about school event.
425.844.4637

FAMILY ACCESS INFORMATION

Parent/Guardians:

Please be sure to check your "Family Access" information, if there are any updates for emergency contacts, phone numbers or addresses. Please let our registrar know so she can up date it for you! Remember you can update, add or remove e-mail addresses yourself at any time. Please remind your students **NOT** to place parent or guardian email addresses in their "student profile" when they log in as a student. Parent and/or Guardian email addresses are **ONLY** to be entered by the Parent and/or Guardian under their own log in. You can email Candy Garl at garlca@riverview.wednet.edu or call her on 425-844-4607 if you have any questions.

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.

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

If you are in the need of information on the free and reduced lunch program
or if you need an application it can be found on the district website under,
Site Content/For Parents/Forms

<http://www.riverview.wednet.edu/parent.htm>

NEWS FROM THE LRC

Pizza and Pages meets again in the LRC on October 11th from 2:50 until 4:00 pm. *Read Good Books. Eat Good Food. Make God Friends!!* This month we will discuss the Percy Jackson books including the new *Lost Hero* series. Students can be picked up by 4:00 or take an activity bus at 4:15. Students may sign up now in the LRC to attend this fun event. Students must be signed up by October 10th to attend this event.

Open Mic will be back this year in the LRC. It is an opportunity for Tolt students to sing, play an instrument, perform skits, read poetry, tell jokes and share various talents right here in our school. Our first *Open Mic* is scheduled for November 9th. You can encourage your child to share their talents during lunch time in the LRC. The sign up sheet will be available after Nov. 1st in the LRC. Call Mrs. Timson if you have more questions about this event.

Is your child visiting the school library to check out books and read? Please encourage them to come before/after school or during their lunch time to check out books.

COUNSELING CENTER

Guiding Good Choices:

a class for parents to learn proven strategies for helping middle school students avoid risky behaviors.

Five Tuesdays in October/November at Chief Kanim Middle School.

Register at

<http://www.friendsofyouth.org/parentingRegistration.aspx>
or email phoebe@friendsofyouth.org

Art of Family Communication:

Build family connections and relationships through creativity and art-making!

Six Wednesdays in October/November at Friends of Youth in Duvall

Call 425-844-9669 ext 105

NURSES NOTES

With the new school year in full swing, we have already had a number of students missing school because of illness. As a reminder, please assist us in minimizing the spread of illness by keeping your student home when he or she is sick.

When to keep your child home or when your child might be sent home:

- Students with a fever (100 or higher) should stay home for at least 24 hours and not attend school or go into the community except to seek medical care. Students may return to school when they are fever-free for 24 hours, without use of fever-reducing medications.
- Students with a cough or sore throat, especially with a fever, should stay home from school until at least 24 hours after flu-like symptoms have resolved.
- Vomiting or diarrhea, until symptom free for 24 hours
- Pink eye, with or without drainage, until

treated

- Lice, Nits (lice eggs) or scabies until treated and nit/lice free
- Body rash, especially with a fever

Please be sure to notify the school if your child will be absent. If you have a question or concern about your student's health, feel free to contact the school nurse.

Laura Collinwood RN, BSN
District Nurse-Riverview School District
collinwoodl@riverview.wednet.edu
Phone: 425-844-4662

Attendance Affects What We Learn

We know at Tolt that attendance affects what we learn in our classes. It is essential to attend school regularly and to be on time to every class. If late to school, students must report to the Attendance Office for an admit slip before going to class. Only authorized absences per the Riverview School District policy will be considered excused. Unfortunately missing the bus, finishing homework, slept in or had a late night are not considered excused. Written requests for early dismissals are handled before school and at lunch in the Attendance Office. When picking up a student early from school, please remember staff may need a few minutes to contact the student and get them to the front office.

Attendance Office
Tolt Middle School
Coleen McDermott

SPORTS

Tolt Volleyball is in full swing this fall with over 90 girls participating in this exciting sport.

Have you been to a volleyball game? There are many matches coming up in the Thunderdome, so don't miss out on the action.

Grab a schedule in the main office or online and make plans to see a match. Come see the players bump, set and spike up that volleyball for your entertainment. GO Thunderbirds!

TOLT PTSA NEWS

After-School Enrichment

The fall session is off to a great start! There is still time to register for the Super Sitters course, where you will receive training and certification in babysitting skills. Class will be October 18 and 19 from 2:50-6:30. Registration forms are available in the office.

Our next class will be a CPR/First aid class, held on Jan 18 and 19 from 2:45-6:30. Students who have taken Super Sitters will get a \$10 discount. Other classes, including Graphic Design and Japanese, will begin again on March 6.

For more information, please call or e-mail:
pamela@studio-nemo.com
425-844-9471

Reflections 2011: "Diversity Means..."

Calling all artists! The PTSA Reflections contest is continuing this year, with the theme "Diversity Means."

Entries are due October 31. No late entries will be accepted. The categories are Literature, Photography, Music Composition, Dance Choreography,, Visual Arts and Film/Video Production. Students may submit up to two entries per category.

Rules, entry forms and parent consent forms (for others appearing in a piece of art), are available in the Main Office. There are some additional, new requirements in every category, so students must carefully review the rules for the category he/she wishes to enter. These very specific rules in each category must be followed, or art work will be disqualified. This is a contest, and rules will be enforced.

The most commonly missed rules include the following examples. Artists statements are required. Visual arts and photography entries must be mounted, must comply with size limites, can be no thicker than 3/8", and should be enclosed in a protective cellophane sleeve; the sleeves can be puchased ot Ben Franklin or art supply stores. Music, film and dance entries must be saved as a file, and multiple copies of the CD/DVD must be submitted. Literature should not be illustrated and may not be mounted; submit the original PLUS two copies. Students must also submit a parental consent form for each person who appears in a piece of art, whether the appearance is by a picture or by sound. Parents and students must both sign the student's entry form. This list is not exhaustive, so please review the rules thoroughly.

If there are questions or concerns, please ask! I hate to disqualify entries, but we cannot forward entries on to Council or to State if they do not comply with the rules.

For more information, contact Sharon Abraham, 425-788-1189 or abraham@dashem.com

Calendar of Events

10-05 Multi-age to Northwest Trek 8:15-4:15
10-07 NO SCHOOL/ Teacher Work Day
10-10 School Bus Ridership Week
10-14 K-12 Early Release
10/21 NO SCHOOL/ Teacher Professional Day
10/27 Picture Retakes
10/28 Social 2:50-4:30pm

For any information about Tolt Sporting events please refer to our website at [Sports Calendar](#)