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Here for you 860-335-2455



## UPDATE FOR 1/23/2017

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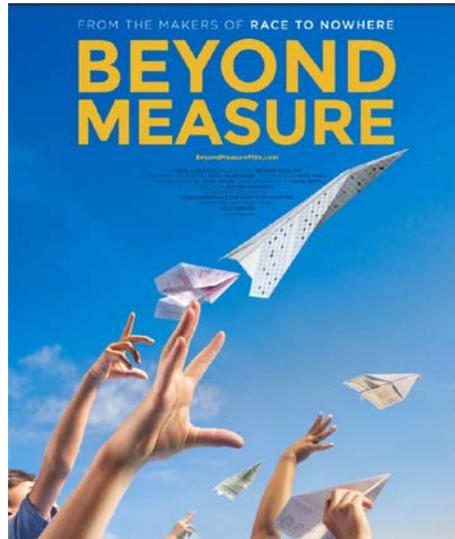
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See this educational review in [Edutopia](#) as well as from [The New York Times review](#).

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The movie will be followed by a short discussion about the topic of testing, innovation, magnets/charters, and public school practices. Food and beverages will be provided.

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## Opioid Epidemic Workshop

**Our Communities, Our Concern' Forum, Feb. 8, 2017-  
Tolland High School**

Please see the flyer:

[The Opioid Epidemic. Our Communities, Our Concern](#)

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Mark them in your calendar!

## **Breakfast with the Superintendent 2016-2017:**

February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5. Breakfast is at 9:00 am at the Board of Education Office.

I hope to see you there!

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### Positions Available

*2 part time secretaries needed*



The Board of Education is seeking **2 part time secretaries**; one at BGP and one at TIS. For more information and/or to apply, visit the Tolland Website [www.tolland.k12.ct.us](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us) under District/Human Resources/Employment Opportunities

Application deadline is January 27, 2017

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### **January 31 Meeting**

#### **Demographics, Housing Needs and Future Planning**

The Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Education are holding a joint meeting on January 31 to learn about trends in housing and demographics and begin discussing approaches for updating the town's long-range land use plan.

Katy Shafer from the Partnership for Strong Communities will provide an overview of who lives in Tolland today and how state and national trends may influence our future demographics and housing demand. Town staff will then provide an overview on the purpose of a "Plan of Conservation and Development". The plan, required by the state, charts the course for both development and conservation

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efforts in town. The current plan was adopted in 2009 and will be due for an update in the next two years. The meeting is intended to bring local officials and residents up to speed on what the plan is for and to have a general discussion of how to engage the community when it is updated. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held Tuesday, January 31 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Training Center at 191 Merrow Road. The snow date is the following Tuesday. For more information about this meeting, contact the Department of Planning and Development at 860-871-3601.

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**CHECK OUT THIS AWESOME COMMUNITY EVENT!**  
**TOWN OF TOLLAND EAGLE FREEZE**

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## **2017 KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING**

Birch Grove Primary School in Tolland, CT will host the 2017-2018 Kindergarten Parent Meeting on March 9, 2017. This informational meeting is for parents of students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2017, and will be held at 7:00 pm in the Birch Grove Primary School gymnasium. **The meeting is for parents only.**

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The 2017-2018 Kindergarten registration process will begin the week of March 13 - March 17, 2017. Packets may be dropped off in the Birch Grove Primary School main office each day from 9:30 am -2:30 pm. In addition, the front office will be open for registration from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2017. Families who return their registration packet during this week, will receive a “Class of 2030” Birch Grove Primary School t-shirt for their child

**Preschool Learning Center  
Birch Grove Primary School  
Application Process Timeline**

Please adhere to the following:

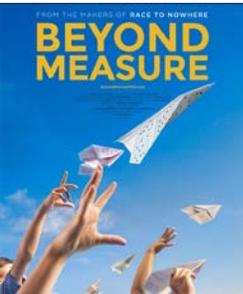
1. Pick up an application and sign up for a screening date between January 10, 2017 and March 10, 2017 in the Birch Grove Primary School office.
2. Complete the application.
3. Return completed application to the Birch Grove Primary School office. The application must be returned to us by March 10, 2017. Forms received after March 10, 2017 will not be accepted.
4. Attend the screening session you signed up for. Screening dates are: March 17 and March 24, 2017.
5. You will be notified by mail regarding the screening results.

**Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the  
Parent Information Night  
Thursday, February 23, 2017  
5:00-6:00 p.m.  
Parents only  
Preschool Classroom A5  
Birch Grove Primary School  
Please come in through the front entrance of the building**

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## COMMUNITY AND BUDGET WORKSHOPS

BUDGET WORKSHOPS-THS Library – 7:00 PM	COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS
<p>February 15, 2017-7:00 pm THS Library</p> <p>Come see the final BOE budget submitted to the Town</p>	<p><b><u>BEYOND MEASURE FILM</u></b></p> <p>February 1, 2017</p> <p>7:00 pm – Tolland High School</p>  <p><a href="https://youtu.be/m4LTV8jat2o">https://youtu.be/m4LTV8jat2o</a></p> <p>In Race to Nowhere, director Vicki Abeles unveiled the dark side of America’s achievement culture. In her follow up documentary, Beyond Measure, Abeles travels to public schools across the country as they embark on a journey to transcend the limits of our outmoded, test-driven education system and create a more equitable, empowering, student-centered education culture from the ground up. By putting research and innovative models into practice, groundbreaking school communities are transforming how and what they teach. In chorus with experts including Sir Ken Robinson, Linda Darling-Hammond, Yong Zhao, Alison Gopnik, Jo Boaler and Daniel Pink, the change makers in Beyond Measure prove that both a new vision and a higher purpose are within reach for American education.</p>



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- How do school systems and DDS work together?
- How to we plan at age 21?
- Who are the adult service agencies in your area?
- How is DMR funding established for your son or daughter?
- How Does DDS and the Department of Rehabilitation Services work together?

PLEASE RSVP to: Patti Hess, Director of Pupil Services  
860.870.6818x6

## Early Identification and Treatment of Childhood Anxiety Disorders



April 5, 2017 – 7:00 pm- THS Library.

Dr. Elizabeth Davis is a licensed clinical psychologist at the Anxiety Disorders Center at the Institute of Living. Dr. Davis specializes in working with children and adolescents with anxiety disorders. She has particular expertise in incorporating elements of mindfulness and acceptance-based treatments into Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy. Dr. Davis has presented at numerous professional conferences, schools, and academic medical settings on the topic of childhood anxiety disorders.

Talk title: “Early Identification and Treatment of Childhood Anxiety Disorders”.

Learning objectives:

- Identifying early warning signs of childhood anxiety disorders
- Understanding evidence-based, gold-standard treatments that are available
- Discussing strategies families can use at home to effectively address anxiety symptoms

Collaborating with school system to address symptoms across environments

Topic to be Announced!

- June 7, 2017 –7:00 pm-

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## TOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar:

February 9, 2017 – 6:30 pm

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## LINKS AND OTHER ARTICLES OF POTENTIAL INTEREST

1. [Report of the Task Force on Trafficking of Women and Girls](#) [PDF]  
The report, developed by the Task Force on Trafficking of Women and Girls, is a review including definitions, nature, prevalence, psychological, physical and social effects.  
*Task Force Report (January 2014)*
2. [Report of the APA Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls](#)  
This task force found that the proliferation of sexualized images of girls and young women in advertising, merchandising and media is harmful to girls' self-image and healthy development. Recommendations for what parents and girls can do to teach girls to value themselves for who they are, rather than how they look, media literacy resources and more.  
*Task Force Report (February 2008)*