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As part of the "One - for - Books" program, we are having a Change Wars Contest between the homerooms. The winning homeroom will get free books for the students and classroom. If you have any loose change, please send it in with your child that week. All money collected will benefit TMS, and Scholastic will match that dollar amount with book donations to children's' charities. Also, if you are interested in volunteering to help at the fair, please contact Karen Lester at kmlester@comcast.net.

The TMS PTO Scholastic book fair will be held Oct.31 - Nov. 4 in the library. The hours are:
 Mon, Thurs, Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Tuesday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
 Wednesday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Principal Willett in the process of reinstating the Principal's Advisory Groups that were started last year. Interested students will join me monthly during lunch to brainstorm ideas for making TMS the best place it can be. If your child is interested, please have them see Mrs. Gavin in the main office.

NEW PTO FUNDRAISER - A new and exciting fundraising program called 'scrip' is available at Tolland Middle School. Scrip refers to gift certificates or gift cards. Our school is able to purchase gift cards from hundreds of retailers nationwide at a discount, which you can then buy at face value. The difference is our profit. Students will be bringing home the information today - the fundraiser documents are also attached here for your convenience. To participate in this fundraiser, just return the order form with your check (made payable to the TMS PTO) by Friday, Nov. 4th. any questions can be directed to Cheryl Mathieu at tmspto.president@yahoo.com. Thank you for supporting your PTO!

Breakfast with the Principal will be held on Wednesday, November 2, from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Join Principal Willett for conversation, coffee and donuts.

TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS STRATEGIC PLANNING OPEN FORUM

What should Tolland students know, and be able to do? What are the educational values of our community? The Tolland School District is revising its Long-Range Strategic Plan.

We invite you to attend an Open Forum on Wednesday, November 16 in the Tolland High School auditorium from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Superintendent William D. Guzman will introduce a three person team from the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) who the Board of Education has hired to assist us in revising our Plan.

We hope you will attend and share your thoughts. If you are interested in the process but cannot attend the Open Forum on November 16, please leave your name, address and email address with the secretary

to the Superintendent of Schools. We will keep you informed of the process, and the dates of later meetings. We hope to involve as many interested stakeholders as possible.

Lifetouch pictures were distributed on Friday. Retake day has been set for Thursday, December 1st. If you purchased pictures, and would like to have your child's picture retaken, please return the entire packet to the photographer on retake day. Order forms will be available in the middle of November.

PTO - Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough! Yum!

*** Pick up date is Wed. Nov. 2 from 4:30 - 6:30 ***

At TMS in the cafe.

Questions, please call Maryellen Schubach @ 871-7741 or Joan Wolff @ 872-0653. Thank you!

TOLLAND JUNIOR WOMEN, INC. HOSTS
"MEET THE Candidates"

Tolland Junior Women, Inc. is hosting "Meet the Candidates" on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Tolland High School Auditorium. The purpose of this event is to provide the Tolland community with the opportunity to hear the views of individual candidates running for Town Council, Board of Education, Planning and Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals. Through a moderated forum the audience will have the opportunity to submit questions to the candidates.

Tolland Junior Women, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-partisan charter organization of Connecticut Junior Women. Our objectives are to provide service and promote civic, social, cultural and educational development to the community.

Please contact Linda Byam if you have any questions or special needs at 860-875-1446.

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