



TOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Developing an inclusive community of critical and creative thinkers who practice resiliency, show empathy, and take initiative for learning.

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Dear 5th Grade Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Tolt Middle School! Our staff is starting to prepare for your student to be a 6th grader with us next year, and we want to do everything we can to help them have a smooth transition into middle school. It is a privilege to partner with you to help your student to be successful at Tolt. Here is some important information as we all start to plan for next year.

Elementary School Visits: Tolt counselors will visit 5th grade classrooms in the Riverview School District on the following dates to share information about Tolt, give students registration information, and answer questions. Parents are welcome to attend and should check with their student's teacher to find out the time of the visit.

- Carnation Elementary: Tuesday, March 5th
- Cherry Valley Elementary: Monday, March 4th
- Eagle Rock Multi-Age: Friday, March 1st
- Stillwater Elementary: Thursday, February 28th

5th Grade Parent Night: Our 5th Grade Parent Night will be on Thursday, March 7th from 6-7:30 pm at Tolt in the gym. This is an opportunity for parents to learn more about Tolt and meet staff members. This evening is intended for parents only.

Tolt Multi-Age Program Information Night: Parents interested in our Multi-Age program can attend this presentation immediately following our 5th Grade Parent Night on Thursday, March 7th in rooms E505 and E515 at Tolt. Multi-Age applications are available on our website at <http://tms.rsd407.org/programs/ma-info/multiage-program.aspx> and in our main office. Applications are due Monday, March 18th in our main office or via email to Jeff Cornish at cornishj@rsd407.org; late applications will not be considered.

Language Arts and Math Placement: Placement into 6th grade language arts and math classes are based on MAP and Smarter Balanced Assessment test scores. Criteria information is available on our website at <http://tms.rsd407.org/programs/pre-honors.aspx>. Placement letters will be mailed after mid-winter break in February. Pre-honors appeals applications will be due Friday, May 31st.

5th Grade Transition Event: This special event on Thursday, June 6th is an opportunity for all 5th grade students to go on an interactive tour of Tolt, meet some teachers, and ask lots of questions. Students will be bussed to Tolt by 2:45 pm, and parents (or carpools) are required to pick students up at Tolt beginning at 5:30 pm. More details will be sent closer to the event.

Orientation Day: Students and parents are invited to Tolt on Monday, August 26th from 8-11 am, and 12-3 pm to take care of back-to-school business. This includes paying fees, picking up PE uniforms, getting bus information, giving medications to our nurse, and more. Class schedules will be available, and our campus will be open for students to find their classrooms.

First Day of School: On Tuesday, September 3rd, only 6th graders and 8th grade WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) leaders will attend in the morning; all students will attend in the afternoon. Our WEB program helps 6th grade students to get connected to school through community-building activities led by 8th grade student leaders. More details will be in our August newsletter.

Curriculum Night: Parents will be able to meet their student's teachers on Thursday, September 12th starting at 6:15 pm.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your student! Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is ever anything we can do to help your student have positive experiences at Tolt.

Warmly,

Amie Karkainen, Principal