

# Tuckahoe Happenings

March 3, 2023



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. AMY GOODMAN

This week we placed the finishing touches on our MS/HS Library. We can barely contain our excitement! This week, our MS/HS staff visited the new facility. While we still await minor updates (permanent lighting and some decorative pieces), the library is a bold, progressive statement on teaching and learning. With its modern breakout rooms, spacious learning steps, and moveable furniture, the library represents the contemporary teaching and learning that underpins our District's strategic plan. Our students will see the space this Monday!

This week, Mr. Arthur came to visit MS/HS Staff. He met with teachers in our new cafeteria, introducing himself and answering questions. Unsurprisingly, he was impressed by the passion and commitment of our teachers. He shared his respect for Tuckahoe's reputation and his excitement for working in a small, successful school district.

On Monday, I presented a preliminary budget to the Board of Education. Ms. Sparks shared important financial information about the current economic climate. This was the first of many opportunities for discussion. In coming weeks, our leadership team will present on different initiatives and programming included in the proposal. As always, we appreciate the support and partnership of the Tuckahoe community, and the leadership of our Board of Education.

In this week's happenings, we celebrate athletic accomplishments, highlight improvements to our buildings, and spotlight special guests. Tuckahoe leads the way!

---

## Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!



Kindergarten students are celebrating Dr. Seuss this week. Today they dressed up as Thing 1 and Thing 2 and did a directed drawing of the characters for indoor recess. Please see pics below. Stay tuned for more pics of the upcoming fun!





---

## Congratulations All-County Singers!



On Wednesday afternoon, Tuckahoe students from THS, TMS and Cottle selected for the All County Chorus attended the Rehearsal at Sleepy Hollow HS. They are among the finest singers from across Westchester County. The students were preparing for their final concert on Saturday at White Plains High School. The singers represented our district beautifully, we are so proud of them. Congratulations!

Pictured from left to right are:

Tim Wournos, Uche Nwamumu, Kaydence Tingling, Maya Sarma, Olivia DeFabbia, Gabby Berkman, Pia Casazza, Austin Rivera, Violet Linn and Abigail Arana

## Middle School GO Supports New Families



Tuckahoe MS GO with advisor Ms. Benedetti hosted a successful donation drive for Bundles of Joy in Bronxville, NY, an organization that gives new parents and babies from low-income or homeless situations the essentials. The GO then went to their storefront to sort the items and assemble the bundles. Thank you to the GO and all those who donated for your time.





## Congratulations to our Basketball Teams!



Tigers win big! Congratulations to the Tuckahoe Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball teams on their big win at the County Center last night. They put on dominant showings at the Westchester County Center in the Section 1 Class C Semi-Finals. With the wins, both teams advance to the Section Championship Game this Saturday back at the Westchester County Center.

The girls will take on Alexander Hamilton at 10AM. Followed by the boys taking on Haldane at 12:15PM. Please come out and show your Tuckahoe Pride!

## Learning Math - One Step at a Time!



Thanks to 4th grade teacher Ms. JoAnne Pappas, Cottle students are now able to climb the stairs and increase their Math fluency with multiplication facts providing them with visual and proprioceptive feedback to enhance learning.

## Kindergarteners Learn about Dental Hygiene



Kindergartners hosted a local dentist to learn the importance of keeping your teeth clean. With props and puppets, our local expert shared valuable information with our respectful Cottle cubs.



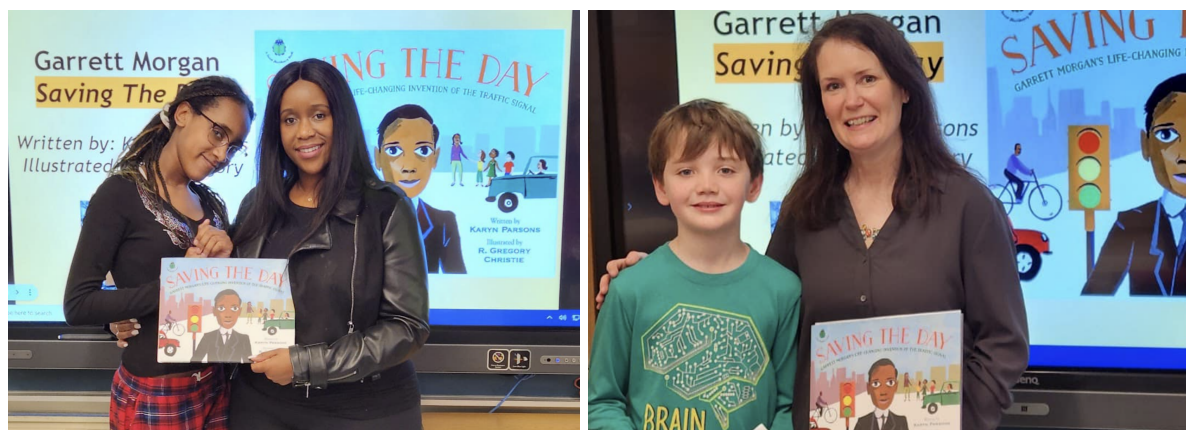
---

## Congrats to Varsity Cheer!



We are so proud of our THS Varsity Cheerleaders for their spectacular performance today. Our Cheer Team was named runners-up in the Section 1 Varsity Small School Championship this morning at Mahopac High School. We are so proud of all their great accomplishments this season, their dedication, hard work, collaboration and skill was apparent and we wish our seven seniors the absolute best as they complete their final season!

## Mystery Readers Celebrate Black History Month



In honor of Black History Month, Fourth grade teachers, Ms. Thomas-Hatcher, Ms. Merkel, and Ms. Quartaro have been using children's literature to teach about Black history and the Black experience as a great way to have discussions about these experiences and milestones. These books include important insights into Black history, culture, accomplishments, notable people. The mystery reader last week read "Saving the Day: Garrett Morgan's Life Changing Invention of the Traffic Signal". Students learned that Garrett Morgan, an African American inventor, not only invented the traffic signal in its early form, but a gas mask as well, which is still worn by firefighters today! After completing the read aloud, students put on their own thinking caps and created inventions of their own. They had to create something that they believed would lead to a positive impact in society and came up with interesting and worthwhile inventions. The presentations from the students in the Tuckahoe High School Entrepreneurial Class to 4th graders earlier in the week inspired our young inventors as well!



---

## Scholar Athlete John Benke Celebrated



Congratulations to Tuckahoe High School Senior, John Benke, for making the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Golden Dozen picks, an honor reserved for 12 of the region's top high school football scholar-athletes from the 2022 season! We are bursting with Tiger Pride! Way to go, John!

# CALLING ALL CUBS



## Autism Awareness Month Cottle Art Project

ALL COTTLE STUDENTS, with April right around the corner, you are invited to join our 2023 Cottle Art Project!

Create and submit a design with or without a quote or phrase that speaks to

AUTISM AWARENESS

Use pictures, drawings, words, in any media (crayon, pencil, paint, etc.)

[Submit your artwork to the WEC Main Office by](#)

[Monday, March 6, 2023!](#)

Some designs and/or phrases will be selected to celebrate autism awareness and will be printed on shirts/sweatshirts that can be purchased by ALL members of the TUFSD community!

All designs will be displayed at Cottle!





---

## Upcoming Athletic Events

Our Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball teams will be playing in the Championship Game of the Section 1 Class C Playoffs on:

**Saturday, March 4**

@

**Westchester County Center**

198 Central Ave. White Plains, NY 10606

### **Varsity Girls Basketball**

**#1 Tuckahoe vs #2 Alexander Hamilton**

**10:00 AM**

### **Varsity Boys Basketball**

**#1 Tuckahoe vs #2 Haldane**

**12:15 PM**

Please come out and show your **TUCKAHOE PRIDE! GO TIGERS!**

---

## Spring Sports Registration is OPEN for all Varsity, JV, and Modified Teams!

Dear Tuckahoe Families and Students:

Registration for Varsity, JV, and Modified spring sports is open. Registration will close on Friday, March 10th.

If your child is interested in participating in any of our Varsity, JV, or Modified spring sports, you will need to register on FamilyID. Directions for registering on FamilyID and a list of our spring sports offerings are attached.

As we approach opening day, please be sure that your child is fully cleared on FamilyID in order to participate in tryouts/practices. A review of our tryout policies and procedures is attached.

We officially begin tryouts/practices for our Varsity and JV Sports Teams on Monday, March 13th.

We officially begin tryouts/practices for our Modified Sports Teams on Monday, March 27th.

All tryout/practice schedules, game schedules, coaches contact information, and more will be posted on our athletics website: <https://tuckahoeathletics.org/>

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [colasuonnoa@tuckahoeschools.org](mailto:colasuonnoa@tuckahoeschools.org) or #914-337-5376 ext. 1244.

Go Tigers!

Sincerely,

Andrew Colasuonno  
Assistant Principal for Students Services & Athletics



---

# SPRING SPORTS OFFERINGS

## **VARSITY**

- Baseball
- Softball
- Golf
- Girls Lacrosse
- Track & Field

## **JV**

- Baseball
- Boys Lacrosse

## **Modified**

- Baseball
- Softball
- Girls Lacrosse
- Track & Field



---

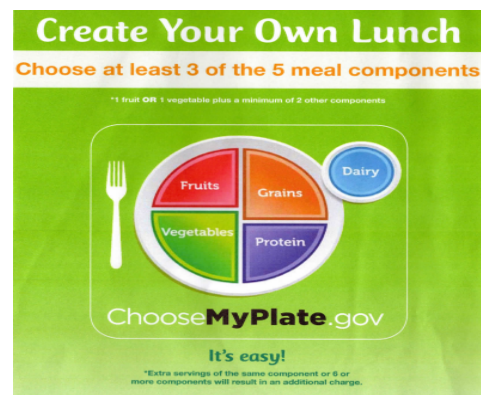
## Facilities

For information on our proposed capital project, please visit our website at:

[https://www.tuckahoeschools.org/2023\\_capital\\_project](https://www.tuckahoeschools.org/2023_capital_project)

## Food Service

Children need healthy meals to learn. Tuckahoe Union Free School District offers healthy meals every school day. Your children may qualify for free meals. Please visit [https://www.tuckahoeschools.org/food\\_service](https://www.tuckahoeschools.org/food_service) for more information. Gluten Free, Kosher and Halal options are available upon request. Please contact our Food Service Director at [Quatrochi-Jacquelyn@aramark.com](mailto:Quatrochi-Jacquelyn@aramark.com) or at 914-337-6600 x 1232.





---

## Board of Education Meeting Update

The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on:

**Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:30 PM in the MS/HS Auditorium**

To access the meeting via live stream, please click on the link below:

[www.tuckahoeschools.org](http://www.tuckahoeschools.org)

Board of Education agendas, policies, and other related documents are available in [BoardDocs](#).

# PTA UPCOMING EVENTS JAN - MARCH

Date of Event	Event Title	Location	Start Time	End Time
1/10/2023	PTA Executive Board Meeting	THS Auditorium	7:30pm	9:00pm
2/9/2023	PTA Handbag Bingo	Generoso Pope Building	7:00 PM	10:30 PM
2/15/2023	PTA Executive Board Meeting	THS Auditorium	7:30pm	9:00pm
02/15/2023	Cottle Family Literacy Night	TBD	6:00 PM	8:00 PM
2/16/2023	PTA Bingo	Cottle Cafe	5:30 PM	7:00 PM
3/3/2023	K & 5th Grade Graduation Picture Day			
3/14/2023	PTA Executive Board Meeting	THS Auditorium	7:30pm	9:00pm
3/16/2023	Principal PJ Read-Aloud	Zoom	7:00 PM	8:30 PM

2023

## ANSWERING ALL QUESTIONS OPWDD:

Community-Based Resources  
for Students with Disabilities



---

**MONDAY, MARCH 6 | 6:00PM-7:00PM**

**LOCATION: COTTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

---

Are you aware that your student can receive multiple services at reduced or no cost by being approved by the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)? Do you have questions about how to apply, how to access, and how to utilize these supports?

Please join us on Monday March 6th! We will be joined by Aysha Peterson and Mary Ann Shelton, community relations managers for LIFEPlan CCO, as we discuss and answer questions about the application process, how to access services, and anything else families wish to ask about how to get assistance for their children in the community!

**Children are welcome to attend, and light refreshments will be served!**

If you plan to attend, please RSVP, and direct any questions to:

Dr. Catherine Sweeney, Director of Special Education and Student Services  
at [sweeneyc@tuckahoeschools.org](mailto:sweeneyc@tuckahoeschools.org)

**Event Sponsored By:**



## ***Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety***

**Monday, March 6th at 7:00pm | The Picture House, 64 Kraft Ave., Bronxville**



**Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe high school students and their parents are invited to join the Youth Community Fund for a special free screening of the documentary, *Angst*.** On top of academic and social stress, uncertainty from the pandemic has brought all of us a lot more anxiety than before. *Angst* helps break this down, explaining what's going on and what we can do about it to help both ourselves and others. The film features World Champion Swimmer Michael Phelps, experts in the field, parents, and teens. Includes a post-film virtual panel discussion and Q&A. Real talk and real people dealing with real anxiety.

As it turns out, talking is the best thing for anxiety. We hope to see you there!

Film plus discussion will last 1 hour, 30 minutes.



**Reserve Tickets:**



**Presented By:**







Please join the cast, crew, and orchestra for this year's TMS/THS musical production of Beauty and the Beast. We are thrilled to once again be performing in person and look forward to showing off all our hard work!

Performance dates are March 9, 10, 11, at 7:30 pm as well as a matinee on Saturday March 11 at 2 pm. We are using the same online platform we used last year, so some of you may be familiar with it. Please click on the link below to take you to the spring musical website and the link to ShowTix4U.

[Tickets for Beauty and the Beast](#)

<https://tinyurl.com/TMSTHSBeautyBeast2023>

Tickets will also be available at the door. If you have ANY questions or concerns, please send an email to: [gmoserc@tuckahoeschools.org](mailto:gmoserc@tuckahoeschools.org).

---

The Tuckahoe Public Library Presents

# **ESOL CLASS**

(English for Speakers of Other Languages)



**Wednesdays at 11 am**

Do you want to practice listening, speaking, reading and writing English, and make new friends with others who want to do the same? If your answer is yes, then this class is for you. Join instructor Linda Stephenson for a 90 minute weekly class for English language learners.

*All levels welcome!*

*Registration required--Space is limited!*

**\*Registration is Required\***  
Please Register Online  
<https://tuckahoelibrary.libcal.com>  
Contact: [tukreference@wlsmail.org](mailto:tukreference@wlsmail.org)/914-961-2121

Sponsored By



TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

# Turn of the Century Tuckahoe

With *Village Historian  
Nick Zanzano*



## Hybrid Program

Wednesday, March 1 st at 6 pm

Join us in person or online for a tour of  
Turn of the Century Tuckahoe with  
Village Historian Nicholas Zanzano.

**\*Registration is Required\***

Please Register Online <https://tuckahoelibrary.libcal.com>

Contact: [tukreference@wlsmail.org](mailto:tukreference@wlsmail.org) / 914-961-2121

Tuckahoe Public Library Presents

# IN PERSON: UKULELE BASICS FOR KIDS

WITH GINGER  
AGES 6+

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD  
AND 24TH  
@ 4:15 PM



Led by Ginger Kokoszka, children learn basics of ukulele playing .  
Ukulele's available for checkout at the library. Space is limited!  
If you already own a ukulele and want to join the program, be  
sure to specify in the signup.

Sponsored By



**\*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED\***

Please Register Online

<https://tuckahoelibrary.libcal.com>

Contact: [tukreference@wlsmail.org](mailto:tukreference@wlsmail.org) / 914-961-2121

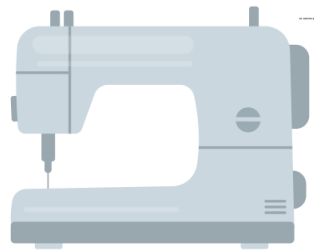
Tuckahoe Public Library Presents

# Fun & Easy Beginner Sewing

with Melissa  
Monday, March 6th  
at 6 pm  
Ages 11- Adult



Learn how to make St. Patty's Gnomes.



For information about sewing machines please visit  
our registration page.

**Sponsored by  
The Westchester County  
Board of Legislators**

**\*Registration is Required\***

Please Register Online

<https://tuckahoelibrary.libcal.com>

Contact: [tukreference@wlsmail.org](mailto:tukreference@wlsmail.org)/914-961-2121

TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

# COMICS STUDIO

**Monday, March 20th at 3:30 pm**

**Teens, Ages 11-17**

Learn how to bring your own characters and stories to life through comics. Topics will include character design, single and multipanel comics, drawing, inking, and coloring. We'll also have a chance to talk about our favorite reads! Welcome to existing fans of comics, as well as the comics-curious.

Sponsored By



**\*Registration is Required\***

Please Register Online <https://tuckahoelibrary.libcal.com>

Contact: [tukreference@wlsmail.org](mailto:tukreference@wlsmail.org) / 914-961-2121





TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PRESENTS

# GOLDINGS SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

All Ages Welcome!  
In the Tuckahoe Community Center  
Monday, March 27th  
at 5 pm

ENJOY A SELECTION  
OF IRISH DANCES,  
SONGS PLAYED BY  
IRISH MUSICIANS,  
AND A CELEBRATION  
OF IRISH HERITAGE  
AND CULTURE!

Sponsored By



**\*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED\***

Please Register Online <https://tuckahoelibrary.libcal.com>

Contact: [tukreference@wlsmail.org](mailto:tukreference@wlsmail.org) 914-961-2121