

# Tuckahoe Happenings

February 3, 2023



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. AMY GOODMAN

Punxtawney Phil has prognosticated six more weeks of winter, so please remember that in the event of an emergency closing, we will communicate via robocall, text, and email, and we will post to our school website.

As we begin the month of February, we recognize a month-long celebration of Black history. While this is a time when we lift up these stories, the contributions of Black Americans are embedded in our curriculum and learning experiences. This coming month, there will be events at the Tuckahoe Public Library, and we encourage families to celebrate and support our students' study of Black history.

This week, we celebrated the unveiling of our MS/HS cafeteria. The bright, airy space with modern flourishes was received with excitement by our students. The new space includes bench seating, modern technology with built-in charging stations, and tables that offer areas for small groups to gather, eat, and study together.



Thank you to our community for their support of this project. In the coming weeks, we look forward to receiving the new furniture and cutting the ribbon to our new MS/HS library. Much

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like the impressive upgrades to our Cottle Field, the new MS/HS spaces catapult our spaces into the future!

Speaking of the future, we encourage everyone to check out our [capital project website](#), where we have information about our proposed bond and a communication timeline. On February 15th, the community will be asked to come out to the polls for a vote on a bond referendum to fund this work. This project includes a renovation and modernization of the Cottle Cafeteria; much-needed infrastructure repairs in the middle/high school building so that broken and deteriorated pipes and areas of the tunnel are fixed/replaced and partial roof replacements to ensure students/teachers have well-functioning heat and will no longer be assigned to classes because of leaks. New air conditioning and ventilation will be installed in all three schools to match the new wing air exchange systems for the health and wellness of the staff and students.

If you're interested, [click here for a podcast](#) detailing the full story of our recent facilities work and where the proposed capital project fits in. You can also [click here for a recording](#) of our recent virtual Town Hall with representatives from the Facilities Committee (including Board members, our business facilities manager, and contractors), where we took questions from our community members.

Remember, as you celebrate Valentine's Day with your loved ones, make a plan to come out and vote. Thank you for all your support so that Tuckahoe can continue to lead the way!

## Communication Timeline for Capital Project

December 12, 2023	<b><a href="#">Board of Education Meeting</a></b> <i>The Capital Project is presented and the proposal is adopted by the Board of Education.</i>
January 3, 2023	<b><a href="#">Board of Education Special Meeting and Workshop</a></b> <i>Dr. Goodman and Ms. Sparks provide a comprehensive facilities update and overview of the proposed Capital Project.</i>
January 6, 2023	<b><a href="#">Podcast: Laying the Groundwork for Success</a></b> <i>A podcast featuring Dr. Goodman's overview of the 2021 Capital Project and the proposed 2023 Capital Project.</i>
January 12, 2023	<b>Principal's Coffee: William E. Cottle Elementary School</b> <i>Dr. Goodman joins Principal's Coffees at 9:30 am in the Cottle Cafeteria and at 7:00 PM via Zoom.</i>
January 19, 2023	<b><a href="#">A TUFSD Town Hall on the Proposed Capital Project (Virtual)</a></b> <i>Representatives of the School Board and Facilities Committee will join Dr. Goodman and Ms. Sparks for a Town Hall on the Proposed Capital Project.</i>
January 25, 2023	<b>Principal's Coffee: Tuckahoe Middle and High School</b> <i>Dr. Goodman joins Principal's Coffees in-person and via zoom.</i>
February 7, 2023	<b>PTA Executive Counsel</b> <i>Dr. Goodman joins the PTA Executive Counsel to share details about the Proposed Capital Project.</i>
February 13, 2023	<b><a href="#">A TUFSD Town Hall on the Proposed Capital Project (In-Person)</a></b> <i>Representatives of the School Board and Facilities Committee will join Dr. Goodman and Ms. Sparks for a Town Hall on the Proposed Capital Project.</i>
February 15, 2023	<b>VOTE!</b>

### Additional Resources

[Virtual Town Hall Recording](#)

[Facilities Podcast](#)

[TUFSD Capital Project Presentation to the Board of Education 12.12.22](#)

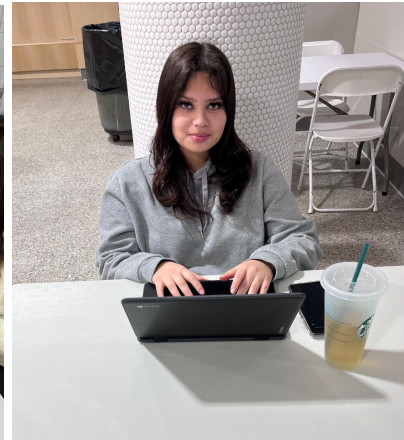
[Cost of Proposed Capital Project 2023](#)

## Referendum Date

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**  
**(The Day after Valentine's!)**



## TMS/THS Cafeteria Grand Opening



The grand opening of the Tuckahoe Middle School and Tuckahoe High School was celebrated on Thursday. The beautifully renovated and much-improved cafeteria was made possible with the funding from the 2021 Bond. We are so happy that our students now get to enjoy all the new amenities in this bright, welcoming, and modern cafeteria. The students were amazed! Tuckahoe Leads the Way!





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## Congrats to All-County Chorus Members!



Congratulations to Tuckahoes All County Chorus Members who attended their first rehearsal for the All County Chorus Concert being held on March 4th at Sleepy Hollow High School. This is the first All County Chorus performance since 2020, and we are so proud of our students. They represented our District beautifully and performed well amongst the best singers from across the county. This is an invaluable experience for our students to learn and grow by rehearsing and performing with other talented singers in Westchester. Thank you to Ms. Reidy and Ms. Kim for all your support! Tuckahoe Proud!

Congratulations to:

THS 9th Grade- Kaydence Tingling, Uche Nwamumu

TMS Intermediate ACC Grade 7 & 8- Maya Sarma, Gabby Berkman, Tim Wuornos, Olivia DeFabbia

TMS Elementary ACC 6th grade- Violet Linn, Abigail Arana

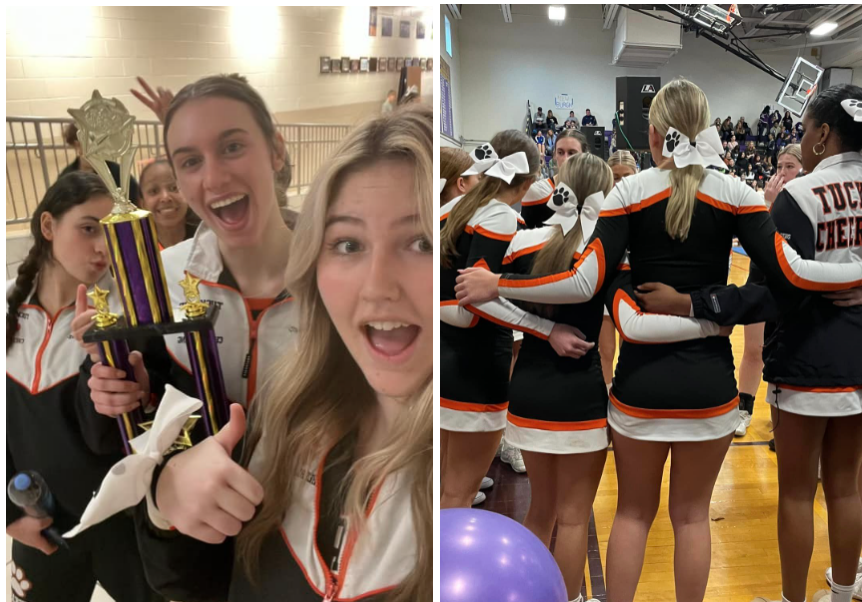
Cottle Elementary ACC 5th Grade - Pia Casazza and Austin Rivera

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## Varsity Girls Cheer Place First!



Congratulations to our Varsity Girls Cheer team on their first-place finish on Saturday at the Warwick Competition! The girls are hitting their stride at the right time, with Nationals 10 days away! Go Tigers!



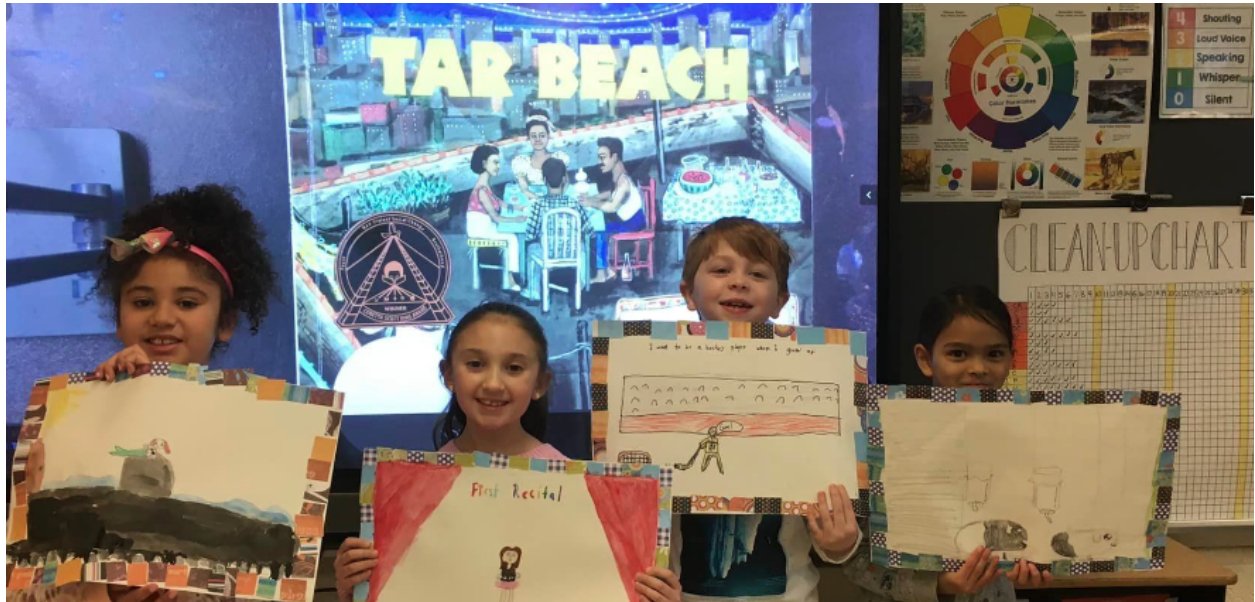
## Holocaust Remembrance Day



Last week, students in Mrs. D'Angelis' 7th Grade Class acknowledged the Day of Remembrance by watching two short videos about two sisters who survived the Holocaust. The day remembers the killing of six million Jews, two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population, and millions of others. The students then created their own wishes for a future of respect, tolerance, and friendship.



## Recognizing Black History Month



As part of Black History Month, the 2nd Grade students in Ms. DePouli's art class, listened to Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold and discussed the message of hope and equality in the story quilt. The students then thought of their own story to tell through their art, either of something they dream to accomplish one day or of a special moment they have experienced in their lives. This idea of dreams and memories was made by creating a painted image, surrounded by a "quilted" collage border.

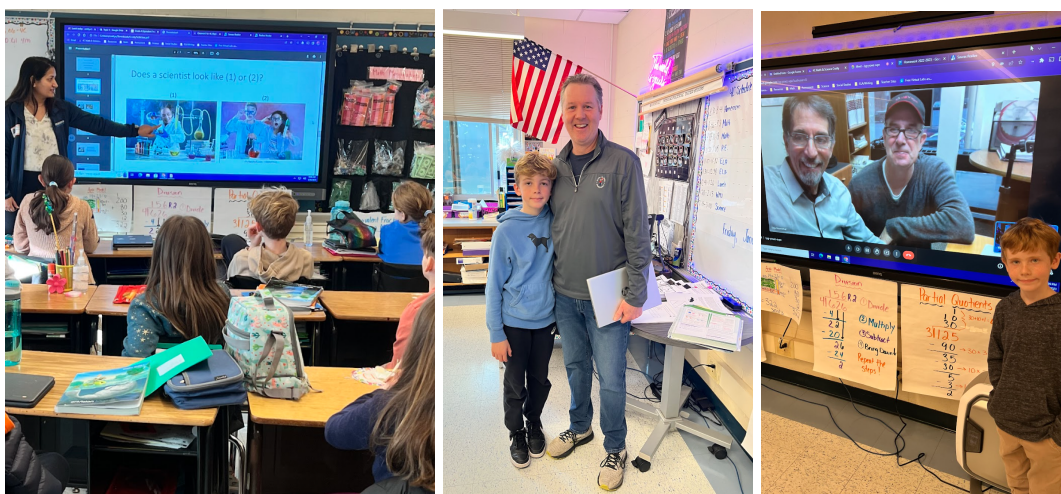




## Math in the Real World



Math in the Real World continued this week with parents visiting 4th grade math classes. The parents of Ms. Crotty, Mrs. Pappas and Mrs. Quartararo came in to share how they use math in their jobs and daily life. Thank you to Ms. Baran, Mrs. Pawaria, Dr. Rosenthal, and Mr. Carney for your wonderful presentations.



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## Upcoming Athletic Events

### Monday, February 6

- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Salesian - 4:30PM
- Modified Boys Basketball @ Port Chester - 4:00PM
- JV Girls Basketball @ Irvington - 6:15PM
- Varsity Cheerleading - **Nationals Showcase & Senior Recognition** - THS Gym - 6:30PM

### Tuesday, February 7

- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Children's Village - THS Gym - 4:30PM
- JV Boys Basketball vs Children's Village - THS Gym - 6:15PM
- JV Girls Basketball @ Valhalla - 4:30PM
- Modified Girls Basketball @ Woodlands - 4:30PM

### Wednesday, February 8

- Modified Boys Basketball @ Eastchester - 4:30PM
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Rye Neck - THS Gym - 4:30PM

### Thursday, February 9

- JV Boys Basketball @ Hastings - 4:30PM
- Modified Boys Basketball @ Hamilton - 4:30PM
- Modified Girls Basketball vs Hamilton - THS Gym - 4:30PM

### Friday, February 10

- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Cardinal Spellman - THS Gym - 4:30PM - **Senior Day**
- Modified Girls Basketball @ Eastchester - 4:30PM

### Saturday, February 11

- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Pawling - 1:00PM
- Modified Cheerleading @ Putnam Valley Competition



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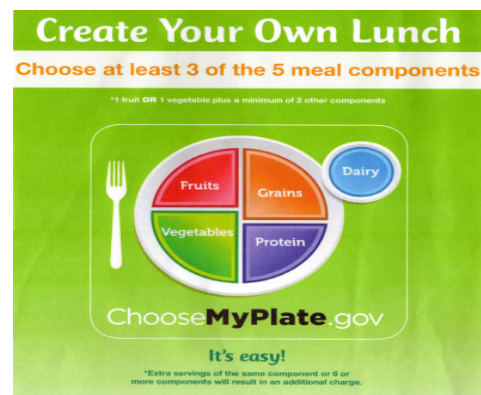
## Facilities

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.



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## Board of Education Meeting Update

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

**Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:15 PM Proposed Executive Session**

**Public meeting begins 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

Tuckahoe High School

# ★ SNOW BALL ★



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**FEB 3**  
**7-9pm**

Doors close at 7:30!

**THS GYM**

Semi-formal event.  
NO HEELS ALLOWED!

*No outside guests*

Featuring:

*dj Bio*

Catering by:

*Tuck'd Away*

tickets can be purchased from  
Mrs. Pinto in the main office



Cost of entry covers food, entertainment, and decorations

**TICKETS: \$15**

**MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCED  
Cash only!**



## **WINTER DRIVE SPONSORED BY COTTLE SCHOOL G.O.**

Dear Cottle Families,

With the winter weather here and so many families struggling during these difficult times, the Cottle School G.O. would like to make a difference. With Ms. Vicario's help, we contacted the soup kitchen in Mt. Vernon to see if there are any items needed at the moment.

### **Hats and gloves for adults and children are needed at this time.**

As a result, the Cottle School G.O. is asking for donations of:

- Hats and/or gloves

OR a combination of both

The hats and gloves can be gently used or new.

(The items above can be labeled in a bag with your child's name and class)

As an incentive for participating, your child will be given a coupon for wearing PJ's on the day of their choice by a G.O. member. **HINT: You can receive more than one coupon.**

If you would like to participate, please send your donation in by Wednesday , February 8, 2023. G.O. members will collect these items from your child's classroom.

Thank you

Ms. Vicario and Cottle School G.O.



The Tuckahoe Public Library Presents

# KIDS CRAFT

Wind-up Dino Valentine

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH  
AT 4 PM**

Ages 4-10



**JOIN MISS JOYCE  
FOR A FUN  
VALENTINES DAY  
CRAFT!**

**\*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED\***

Please Register Online

<https://tuckahoelibrary.libcal.com>

Contact: [tukreference@wlsmail.org](mailto:tukreference@wlsmail.org)

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William E. Cottle Elementary School  
Presents

# Reading Under the Stars



**Wednesday, February 15**  
**6:00 – 7:00 pm | Cottle Cafeteria**

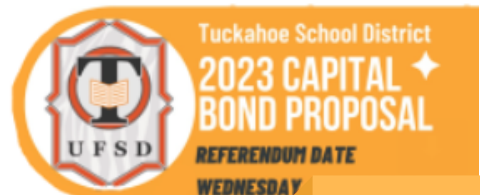
Join Cottle's teachers and staff for a fun-filled evening of reading activities!

- ★ Storytelling
- ★ Make & Take Activities
- ★ Reading Games
- ★ Prizes
- ★ Refreshments & Snacks
- ★ Meet Cody the Cub!

Free event for all families in grades K -5



**Don't forget to vote for the 2023 capital  
bond proposal while you're there!**



**The Tuckahoe Public Library Presents**

# *Virtual Workshop: Spark Joy With Karin Socci*



*Wednesday, February 15th at 7 pm*

Tidying up has never been so much fun!

Join instructor, Karin Socci on Zoom as she guides us the world-renowned decluttering KonMari method which uses gratitude and appreciation in its approach. Each person should have a T-shirt available and one other item to learn how to fold.

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Please Register Online

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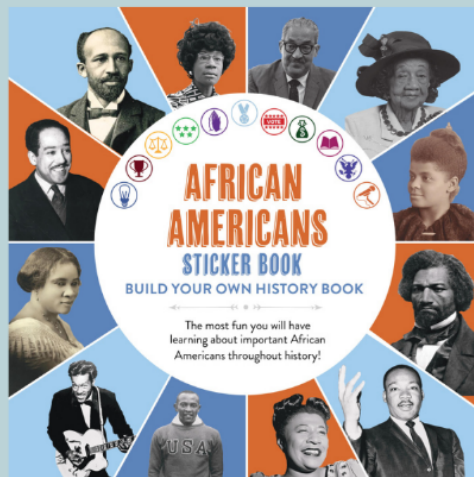
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TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

# Celebrate Black History Month

## African American History Sticker Book



**Grades 3-8**  
**Wednesday**  
**February**  
**15th**  
**@ 4 pm**

**Learn all about some of the most famous African American historical figures by building your very own sticker book! A keepsake you will be sure to treasure!**

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**Space is limited to 15**

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TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

# *Wire Wrapped pendants*



Teens and Adults 11+

Monday, February 13th @ 3:30 pm

Join Miss Lisa and learn the basics of wire-wrapped pendants. Then let your imagination take over, as you design your own unique piece of jewelry to complement your personal style or give as a gift.

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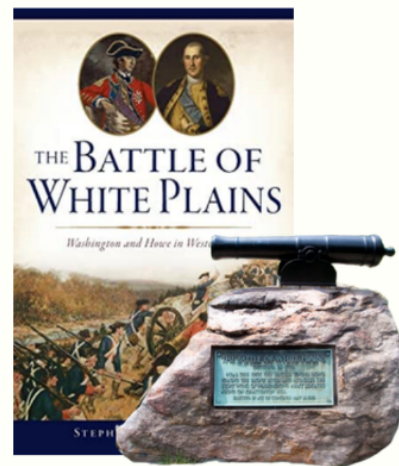


TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

# **HYBRID AUTHOR TALK WITH STEPHEN PAUL DEVILLO**



**STEPHEN PAUL  
DEVILLO**  
Author



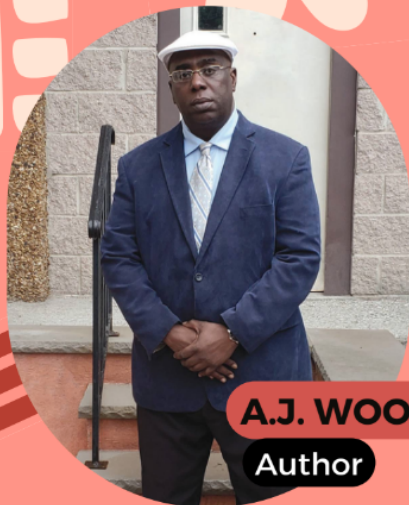
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND AT 6:30 PM**

**Join us in person or online on George Washington's birthday to discuss the new book "The Battle of White Plains: Washington and Howe in Westchester." Stephen Paul DeVillo will offer a fresh, in-depth look at the battle of White Plains and the campaign that led up to it.**

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**A.J. WOODSON**

**Author**



TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

# ***AN AUTHOR TALK***

## **WITH A.J. WOODSON**

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD AT 4 PM**

**Black Westchester Magazine founder and editor A.J. Woodson will come in person to discuss his new book, Black Westchester Celebrates Black Women of Westchester. Learn about the incredible and influential women in your community!**

**\*Registration is Required\***

**Please Register Online**

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