

Tuckahoe Happenings

February 10, 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. AMY GOODMAN

Over the past few weeks, I, along with members of my leadership team and the District's Facilities Committee, presented our proposed capital project. One element of that presentation that resonates is the idea of before and after. When we see the new field at Cottle, I am reminded of the "before." We shared renderings of a new field and play space, and the reality was even better! The cafeteria at the MS/HS opened last week. While we await the delivery of our new, modern furniture, the space is stunning and speaks to the potential of our community's investment.



Before...



After!

In the before and after photos below, you see the Cottle cafeteria as it is now, and what it can be. Please remember, the renderings are only predictions and are subject to change. However, we

have seen the renderings of the past capital project blossom into modern, exciting learning and communal spaces.



Before...

After!

We encourage everyone to check out our [capital project website](#), where we have information about our proposed bond. On February 15th, we ask the community to come out to the polls for a vote on a bond referendum to fund this work. This MondayOur final meeting will take place on Monday night at 7:00 pm. [Click here](#) to join!

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	Board of Education Meeting <i>The Capital Project is presented and the proposal is adopted by the Board of Education.</i>
January 3, 2023	Board of Education Special Meeting and Workshop <i>Dr. Goodman and Ms. Sparks provide a comprehensive facilities update and overview of the proposed Capital Project.</i>
January 6, 2023	Podcast: Laying the Groundwork for Success <i>A podcast featuring Dr. Goodman's overview of the 2021 Capital Project and the proposed 2023 Capital Project.</i>
January 12, 2023	Principal's Coffee: William E. Cottle Elementary School <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	A TUFSD Town Hall on the Proposed Capital Project (Virtual) <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	Principal's Coffee: Tuckahoe Middle and High School <i>Dr. Goodman joins Principal's Coffees in-person and via zoom.</i>
February 7, 2023	PTA Executive Counsel <i>Dr. Goodman joins the PTA Executive Counsel to share details about the Proposed Capital Project.</i>
February 13, 2023	A TUFSD Town Hall on the Proposed Capital Project (Virtual) <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	VOTE!

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](#)



Welcome, Rodney Arthur!



This week, after an exhaustive and intensive search process, the Board of Education appointed Mr. Rodney Arthur to the position of MS/HS Principal, effective July 1.

Our search committee had very high standards, and they were highly impressed with Mr. Arthur's philosophy and dedication. In conversations with Mr. Arthur, he cites initiatives and improvement efforts fluently with rich content and substance. He does not just talk the talk; he walks the walk.

His references spoke to his unwavering work ethic and the high standards he holds of students, staff, and, most importantly, himself. Mr. Arthur has worked in large, diverse districts and led change in complex systems. He has sought out our small district for its sense of community and academic prestige. He knows with this staff, board, and administration, we can lead the district to higher levels.

His experience with the International Baccalaureate program is particularly exciting. A worldwide pre-college program founded to provide students the opportunity to receive a rigorous, connected education, IB courses are intended to develop students' intellectual, emotional, personal, and social skills. In his presentation to the search committee, he scaffolded teachers' use of divergent questioning through the use of question starters and discussion protocols. Within the framework of IB, he shared command terms like analyze, clarify, and interpret to ensure students are pushing the depths of concepts learned in their classrooms.

Over the next few weeks, Mr. Arthur will take time to get to know the leaders, staff, students, and families of TMS/THS. We are developing a schedule to ensure he hits the ground running. He has a bold vision, and his respect for our Tuckahoe scholars and their potential is apparent.

[Click here](#) to watch a video of his appointment and his first remarks as our incoming MS/HS principal.

Scenes from the Snow Ball

On Friday evening, our High School G.O. hosted a Winter SnowBall Dance. Over 80 high school students were in attendance to enjoy hit music, show off their dance moves, and eat some delicious food. Thank you to our HS G.O. and Grade Level Advisors for putting this all together. The students had a blast!



Black History Month Showcase with Varsity Boys Basketball



On Saturday our Varsity Boys Basketball team participated in a Black History Month Showcase. We had the pleasure of honoring Ernie Morris during a pre-game ceremony. Ernie graduated from Tuckahoe HS Class of '74, was inducted into the athletic hall of fame in 2000, and has been coaching football at the school and in the community for many years. We thank Ernie for his dedication to Tuckahoe. Our boys unfortunately fell to much larger Nyack HS by a score of 50-41! We are very proud of our players, coaches, and honoree.



HS Science Olympiad



Our High School Science Olympiad Team achieved six individuals medals in Saturday's competition!!! Medal recipients were Jerry Connolly, Joanne Arana, Renee Arana, Nico Tortorella, and Audriana Handy! Thanks to advisors Jason Pappas and Rob Trahey. Congratulations to our fantastic team! Go Tigers!



Cheer National's Showcase and Senior Recognition



On Monday evening, we hosted a National's Showcase and Senior Recognition for our Varsity Cheer team. We celebrated our seven seniors and their families for their commitment and dedication to our cheer program. Wednesday morning, we wished our cheer team well with a student and staff clap-out in their honor. Our cheer families were out front to assist with the send-off. We wish our coaches and athletes the best of luck in Disney.



Coaches: Jaylynn Torres and Angie Alvira

Athletes: Skyler Brice, Isabella Iommazzo, Ava Lee, Reilly Dowd, Emma Goldberg, Nicolette Pian, Morgan Seminara, Gianna Gildard, Gianna Martuge, Quinn Kilgallen, Bianca Pian, Briana Rogliano, Briana Pezzo

Wishing our talented Cheer team the best of luck in the National's! Sending all our good vibes and support to you! Go Tuckahoe Tigers!!!!



Tuckahoe Investors Learn from the Best!



Tuckahoe's investment club led by advisor Jason Pappas, has students learn about investing money, the stock market, and pursuing careers in finance. Our guest speaker helped students gain some insights into the industry. Thanks to today's guest speaker Mr. Alexander Haugh, Director of Derivatives Sales at Societe Generale, and Tuckahoe parent, students learned how equities derivatives such as options work and provided valuable strategies for students to employ as they continue to learn about investing in various Equities Markets. We thank Mr. Haugh who gave students exposure to what the real world of finances and investing is like by talking about his work and life experiences in the investment world.

Greenburgh Nature Visits



On Thursday, February 2, the first grade had a visit from the Greenburgh Nature Center to kick off our animal unit. We were able to meet Stella the Ferret, Tulip the Ball Python, and Creamsicle the Guinea Pig. So much fun!



Cottle Celebrates 100!



Our Cottle cub Kindergarteners celebrated the 100th day of school today! Many students dressed as if they were 100 years old! Fun was had by all as students used their math skills to complete counting activities!



The Celebration 100 Days in the Making



Cottle's first graders had the opportunity to show their fashion sense and creativity for the 100th Day of School. They were asked to make T-shirts that had to be decorated with 100 items of their choice. These items represented something special and unique. Students strutted across the stage to showcase their T-shirt creations.



Upcoming Athletic Events



Saturday, February 11

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

Monday, February 13

- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Leffell - THS Gym - 4:30PM ***Senior Game***
- JV Boys Basketball vs Leffell - THS Gym - 6:15PM
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ Leffell - 4:30PM
- JV Girls Basketball @ Leffell - 6:15PM

Thursday, February 16

- Varsity Girls Basketball Scrimmage vs Edgemont - THS Gym - 5:00PM

Saturday, February 18

- Varsity Boys Basketball Scrimmage @ JFK - 9:00AM

SAVE THE DATE

Varsity Basketball Playoffs!

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

Tuesday, February 28

Westchester County Center

Times: TBD

Spring Sports Registration

Dear Tuckahoe Families and Students:

We are excited to announce that registration for Varsity and Junior Varsity spring sports will open on Monday, February 13th. Registration for Modified spring sports will open on Monday, February 27th.

If your child is interested in registering for any of our spring sports, you will need to register on FamilyID. As we approach opening day, please be sure that your child is fully cleared on FamilyID in order to participate in practices/tryouts.

We officially begin practices/tryouts for our Varsity and Junior Varsity spring sports teams on Monday, March 13th. Our Modified practices/tryouts will begin on Monday, March 27th. All practice schedules, game schedules, coaches contact information, and more will be posted on our Athletics Website: www.tuckahoeathletics.org within the next few weeks.

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

Go Tigers!

Sincerely,

Andrew Colasuonno
Assistant Principal of Student Services & Athletics



SPRING SPORTS OFFERINGS

VARSITY

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

JV

- Baseball
- Boys Lacrosse

Modified

- Baseball
- Softball
- Girls Lacrosse
- Track & Field



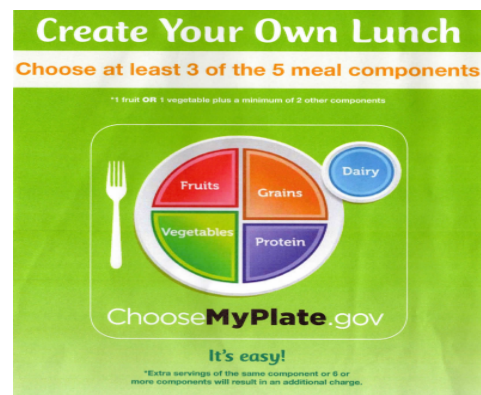
Facilities

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

https://www.tuckahoeschools.org/2023_capital_project

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 for more information. Gluten Free, Kosher and Halal options are available upon request. Please contact our Food Service Director at Quatrochi-Jacquelyn@aramark.com or at 914-337-6600 x 1232.



Board of Education Meeting Update

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

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 7:30 PM in the MS/HS Auditorium

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

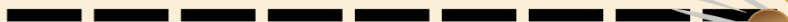
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Board of Education agendas, policies, and other related documents are available in [BoardDocs](#).

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



William E. Cottle Elementary School
Presents

Reading Under the Stars



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

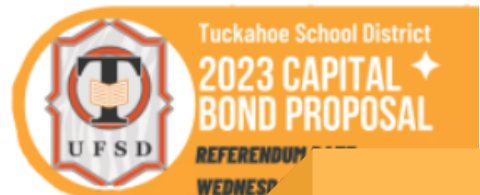
Join Cottle's teachers and staff for a fun-filled evening of reading activities!

- ★ 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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REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Please Register Online

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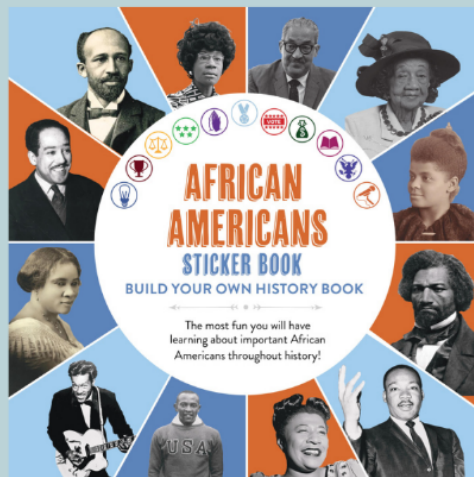
Contact: tukreference@wlsmail.org / 914-961-2121



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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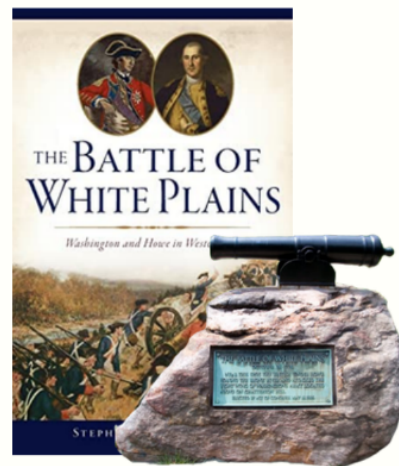
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TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

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.

Registration is Required

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