

# Tuckahoe Happenings

April 14, 2023



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

**DR. AMY GOODMAN**

This week started with an informative meeting of the Board of Education. I presented our proposed budget while Mr. Morash, Mr. Kilgallen, Dr. Keogh, and Dr. Sweeney highlighted the areas in which the budget supports the great work happening at William E. Cottle elementary school. The meeting can be watched by clicking [here](#).

Next Thursday, the PTA will host Hidden in Plain Sight. As your child grows up, it's important to stay informed about the latest trends in substance abuse. This event is open to all parents and will take place on Thursday, April 20, at the Tuckahoe Middle/High School Auditorium from 7:30 to 8:30 (doors will open at 7:00 to walk through a "bedroom"). During the workshop, speakers will discuss the latest trends in substance abuse among adolescents, including vaping, marijuana, and prescription drugs. They will also educate parents on signs that their child may be using drugs or alcohol. You'll get familiar with the ways kids are hiding paraphernalia right in front of you.

This week we promoted Autism Awareness with our "Light it Up Blue Day." With designs from our elementary school contest winners emblazoned on our blue shirts, students, staff, and community members promoted awareness, sensitivity, and understanding of the vast spectrum of neurodiversity.

I wish you all a wonderful, warm weekend!

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## Juniors Visit Iona University's Health Science Center



We had a wonderful trip to Iona University's Health Science Center. A group of junior students learned about their nursing, social work, OT, PT, and Speech pathology program and their Biology program, which can then lead to their medical pathway. Iona University partners with New York Presbyterian providing them with invaluable hands-on experience. We saw their new state-of-the-art clinical lab rooms, which mimic a real hospital setting. Our counseling department was happy to be a part of their college visit experience, and we hope to keep this partnership with our neighbors going forward.



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## A Message from the Superintendent



Dear Tuckahoe Families:

As we end a very mild winter, it appears that this year may conclude without a school closing. If there is no need for a school closing by the end of May, we will be closed on Tuesday, May 30, as a give-back day. This will extend our Memorial Day weekend by another day.

We continue to hope for mild and safe weather conditions and wanted to share this possibility in advance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Goodman

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## Varsity Baseball Celebrates Victory



Our Varsity Baseball team had a huge come-from-behind victory yesterday, defeating Yonkers HS 14-4! The team sported their new uniforms yesterday for the first time and did not disappoint, demonstrating skill, tenacity, and a never-quit attitude. The boys record now stands at 3-1 on the season. Our Varsity Baseball team next plays on Thursday versus Haldane at Parkway Oval. Great players and coaches! Go Tigers!



## Executive Functioning Workshop for MS/HS Faculty



Teachers in the MS/HS participated in a workshop led by our consultants from IDE. Teacher participants identified what they wanted for the special children in their lives when they graduated. They wanted their children to have a love of learning, an ability to think critically, and a sense of self-sufficiency. The workshop presenters highlighted work being done by teachers in the building to promote these characteristics of a high school graduate and provided some strategies to promote executive functioning.





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# Tuckahoe High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Dear Tuckahoe Community:

Each year, we look to you, for nominations of individual(s) into the Tuckahoe High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tuckahoe High School has a great sports tradition and many great athletes and coaches have achieved great success here playing on our teams. We honor those who have had a significant positive impact and who have given their all for Tuckahoe High School athletics by inducting those individuals into our athletic hall of fame. Hall of Fame inductees serve as role models for the future athletes of Tuckahoe High School.

This year, we have digitized our Hall of Fame Nomination Application. We hope this makes the process of nominating an individual more accessible and user friendly. All nominations should be received no later than Friday, April 21. Prior to nominating, please be sure to review the eligibility and criteria.

Applications are accessible on the Athletics Section of the Tuckahoe Schools Website:

[https://www.tuckahoeschools.org/athletic\\_dept](https://www.tuckahoeschools.org/athletic_dept)

or by using the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8N\\_aZRjJQuwJ44j7qVPQSFwHfPNuui2SdndQ7KQscjq\\_UnA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8N_aZRjJQuwJ44j7qVPQSFwHfPNuui2SdndQ7KQscjq_UnA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at [colasuonnoa@tuckahoeschools.org](mailto:colasuonnoa@tuckahoeschools.org) or 914-337-5376 x. 1244.

Sincerely,

Andrew Colasuonno  
Assistant Principal of Student Services & Athletics

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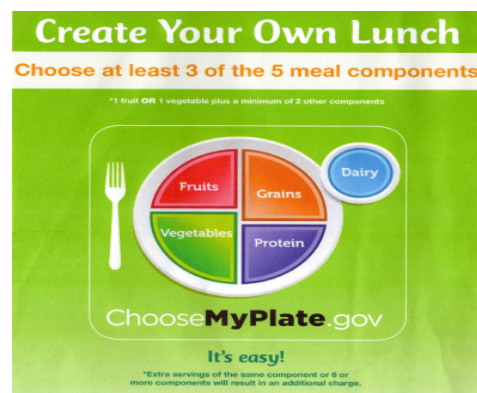
## Facilities and Finance

The 2023-24 state budget includes language requiring each school district to receive federal ARP-ESSER funding and an increase of more than 10% in Foundation Aid to seek public comment on the use of these funds. The ARP funds are set to expire on September 30, 2024; therefore, the school district must prioritize spending on non-recurring expenses (expenses that can end when the federal money expires). Before we finalize our plan, the district is seeking public comment. Please complete the survey below.

### [Foundation Aid and American Rescue Plan Survey - 2023-24](#)

## 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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## Cottle Turf Field

*We are all committed to providing high-quality and safe playing surfaces for our multi-use athletic facilities and playgrounds, but we need the help and consideration of the community and all user groups in protecting the community's investment.*

The Cottle turf field is prohibited from public use while school is in session or during school-related events.



### TURF FIELD RULES

- NO BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS OR ROLLERBLADES PERMITTED ON TRACK OR TURF FIELD.
- NO PETS PERMITTED.
- NO METAL CLEATS, HIGH-HEELED SHOES OR BARE FEET.
- NO DRIVING STAKES.
- NO USE OF ANY GAS-POWERED VEHICLES, BIKES, OR ATV'S.
- NO REMOTE CONTROLLED RECREATIONAL OR HOBBY TOYS OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING DRONES.
- NO GOLFING, GOLF PRACTICE OR CHIPPING.
- NO SMOKING, VAPING, OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
- NO LOITERING.
- NO FOOD OF ANY KIND, SUNFLOWER SEEDS OR GUM.
- WATER IS THE ONLY BEVERAGE ALLOWED ON THE TURF FIELD. ALL OTHER BEVERAGES INCLUDING GATORADE AND OTHER SPORTS DRINKS ARE PROHIBITED. ALL DRINKS MUST BE IN NON-BREAKABLE BOTTLES ONLY.
- NO CANDLES OR OPEN FLAMES.
- APPROVED ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT ONLY.
- NO ENGAGING IN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, VENDING, OR ORGANIZED SPORTS EXCEPT BY PERMIT.
- ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED. PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Help keep our grounds clean. Appropriate litter and recycling receptacles are placed at the field and must be used at all times. No littering or dumping of debris.

Anyone caught trespassing or vandalizing these premises could be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.



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## Cottle Playground

The Cottle playground is prohibited from public use while school is in session or during school-related events.

### **PLAYGROUND AND BASKETBALL COURT RULES**

- DO NOT USE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INAPPROPRIATELY.
- DO NOT USE EQUIPMENT WHEN WET.
- NO RUNNING, PUSHING OR SHOVING.
- NO BARE FEET. WEAR PROPER FOOTWEAR.
- NO BIKES SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARD, SKATES OR SIMILAR ITEMS ALLOWED WITHIN PLAY AREA.
- NO PETS IN PLAY AREAS.
- COURT IS FOR BASKETBALL ONLY.
- NO FOOD OF ANY KIND OR GLASS CONTAINERS IN THE PLAY AREA.
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## Board of Education Meeting Update

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

**Tuesday, April 18, 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](#).



## Tuckahoe PTA

# \*\*\* Upcoming Events \*\*\*

### April and May 2023

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIMES
Sun 4/16	Batter Up! PTA NY Yankee Game	Yankee Stadium	1:35pm
Mon 4/17	PTA Blood Drive	TMS/HS Gym	1pm – 7pm
Thu 4/20	PTA General Meeting (all invited!)	TMS/HS Auditorium	7:30pm - 8:30pm
Wed 4/26	TMS Taste of Tuckahoe Luncheon	TMS/HS Gym	5th Period
Wed 4/26	THS Taste of Tuckahoe Luncheon	TMS/HS Gym	6th Period
Fri 4/28	Kindergarten & 5th Grade Pictures Graduation Retakes/Absentee/Clubs	Cottle School	TBD
Fri 4/28	Tuckahoe PTA Annual Spring Social	Bronxville Field Club	7pm – 11pm
Fri 5/5	Cottle Walk-a-Thon	Cottle Track	TBD
Mon 5/8 - Fri 5/12	Cottle Building Bridges Week	Cottle School	All day
Mon 5/8 - Fri 5/12	Cottle Spring Boutique	Cottle Auditorium Hallway	All day
Tue 5/9	PTA Executive Board Meeting	TMS/HS Library	7:30pm - 9pm
Wed 5/10	TMS/THS/WEC Teacher Appreciation Luncheons	Auditoriums	TBD
Mon 5/15	PTA Dance Rehearsals	TMS/HS Auditorium	3pm - 9:30pm
Mon 5/15	TMS/THS Art (and Chorus) Show	TMS/HS Library and Field	5:30pm
Tue 5/16	PTA Dance Rehearsals	TMS/HS Auditorium	3pm - 9:30pm
Tue 5/18	TMS/THS Art and Band Show	Library & Auditorium	6pm
Fri 5/19	PTA Dance Rehearsals	TMS/HS Auditorium	3pm - 9:30pm
Sun 5/21	PTA Dance Recital	TMS/HS Auditorium	11am - 6pm
Wed 5/24	Cottle Dance Recital (in-school)	Cottle Auditorium	9am - 12pm
Wed 5/24	PTA Volunteer Recognition Night	Generoso Pope Foundation	TBD

*\* Dates and times subject to change*

### June Events . . . Stay Tuned!

Cottle Scholastic Book Fair  
Cottle Field Day  
Cottle 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Luau  
TMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Color Wars  
Cottle/TMS/THS Graduation Receptions



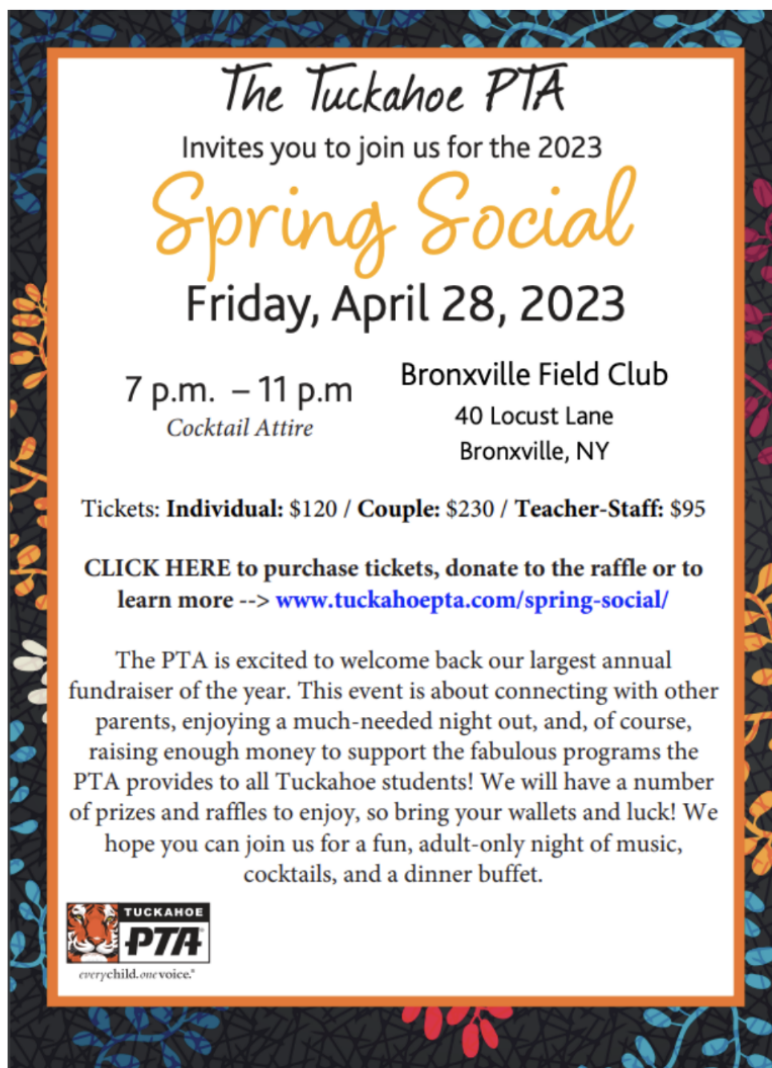


## ***The Annual PTA Spring Social is only two weeks away!***

*All staff members, teachers, parents, and supporters of the Tuckahoe PTA are cordially invited to attend on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please join us to celebrate our children and support Tuckahoe PTA programs and initiatives. It will be a fantastic event with amazing prizes, food and cheer!*

*Follow the link below for event information, ticket purchases, donation/sponsorship opportunities . . . and more!*

The flyer is set against a dark background with a pattern of colorful leaves and branches in shades of blue, green, and red. The text is centered and uses a mix of fonts: a script font for the title, a sans-serif font for the date and location, and a bold sans-serif font for the ticket prices. The PTA logo is at the bottom left of the flyer.


*The Tuckahoe PTA*  
Invites you to join us for the 2023  
**Spring Social**  
Friday, April 28, 2023

7 p.m. – 11 p.m.      Bronxville Field Club  
*Cocktail Attire*      40 Locust Lane  
   Bronxville, NY

Tickets: **Individual:** \$120 / **Couple:** \$230 / **Teacher-Staff:** \$95

CLICK HERE to purchase tickets, donate to the raffle or to learn more --> [www.tuckahoepta.com/spring-social/](http://www.tuckahoepta.com/spring-social/)

The PTA is excited to welcome back our largest annual fundraiser of the year. This event is about connecting with other parents, enjoying a much-needed night out, and, of course, raising enough money to support the fabulous programs the PTA provides to all Tuckahoe students! We will have a number of prizes and raffles to enjoy, so bring your wallets and luck! We hope you can join us for a fun, adult-only night of music, cocktails, and a dinner buffet.

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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!*

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

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The Auxiliary of Saint Joseph's Medical Center invites you to attend "Hidden in Plain Sight", hosted by Tuckahoe PTA

All community members are invited to join us for this interactive program presented by

Lillian Neuman, CASAC, Director of Outreach and Prevention Education for The Maxwell Institute of Saint Joseph's Medical Center

*Can you find the hidden references and paraphernalia that could indicate your child's drug or alcohol use? A replica of a teen's bedroom will test your knowledge and strengthen your observational skills. Listen to a discussion about the new drug crisis we have in Westchester.*

**Thursday, April 20, 2023, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
(doors open at 7:00 to walk through the "bedroom")  
**at Tuckahoe Middle/HS Auditorium**  
**General Meeting of the PTA will be held immediately following presentation**

Maxwell Institute, 92 Yonkers Avenue in Tuckahoe, offers outpatient addiction treatment for adults and adolescents and community education programs.  
Learn more at <https://www.saintjosephs.org/specialties-services/mental-and-addiction-services/maxwell-institute>



**Saint Joseph's Medical Center**



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"HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT"

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- \* Familiarize yourself with innovative ways kids are hiding paraphernalia right in front of you.
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South East Consortium & TUFSD and The  
Community Fund Present:  
Making and Moving!



For Students in Kindergarten–2nd Grade  
Join the South East Consortium for some after-school  
fun! Create a different instrument with us each  
week, followed by a movement activity!

**Session 2 Program Dates: 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23**

**Location: Cottle Elementary School, 3:00pm–4:00pm**

Questions may be directed to Erin McGuinness, SEC Program  
Supervisor at [emcguinness@secrec.org](mailto:emcguinness@secrec.org) or by calling (914)–698–5232