

Tuckahoe Happenings

March 31, 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. AMY GOODMAN

This week, we learned of another tragic active shooting incident that took the lives of nine-year-olds and educators and visited unforgettable trauma and horror upon the Nashville community. Please know that counseling staff is always available to meet with students experiencing any form of duress or anxiety related to these acts of senseless violence.

Nearby, school districts received disturbing notifications of danger. Ultimately, these proved to be false. Still, many school districts, such as ours, enhanced safety protocols and procedures while we assessed the situation. These are unwary times for our young people. At times like this, experts suggest limiting media exposure. Prolonged exposure to graphic images and details is harmful to all children. Information presented or shared without context or a developmentally appropriate filter can cause anxiety and confusion. The National Association of School Psychologists provides further tips for speaking to children about violence in the document [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents & Teachers](#).

We continue to review our current practices and protocols with local law enforcement agencies and security consultants to ensure they are consistent with current industry standards. At Tuckahoe, we take safety very seriously. Fortunately, we have a School Resource Officer, responsive local police departments, well-regarded security consultants, and an Emergency Response Team that upholds vigilant safety protocols. Lastly, we embrace our critical partnership with families, united in keeping our children safe.

On Monday, we begin our Spring Break. I hope all our families enjoy some time together to enjoy the longer and warmer days. A special thank you to our hardworking teachers and staff for their dedication year-round to our students. Tuckahoe leads the way!

Cottle Dance Show



Ramzi El-Edlibi is an educator, dancer, choreographer, and musician who has been with Arts Horizons for over 16 years +. With a long and rich experience of teaching and performing dance around the world, Ramzi has presented programs at the world's top universities such as NYU and Columbia, and K-12 schools all over the United States and internationally. Ramzi promotes the joy of bringing dance and music to young audiences. Arts Horizons is a non profit organization founded in 1978 that believes arts and culture are fundamental to enrich education and provide meaningful interactions for communities to reflect on shared human experiences



Congratulations, Track and Field!



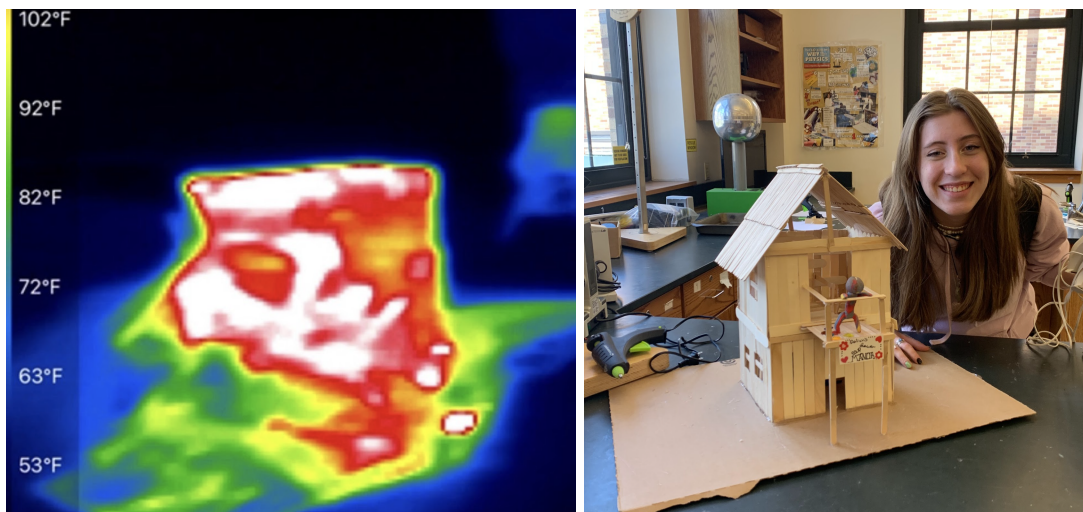
Our Varsity Track & Field team opened their season on Monday with a successful meet at Bronxville HS. Our team performed extremely well in the competitions. Congratulations to the team and Coach Marissa Frusciante and Coach Jason Pappas. We are ecstatic to have over 40 enthusiastic and hard working students participating on our varsity team this spring! Go Tuckahoe!



Forensics Class Investigate Arson at THS



On Wednesday, Ms. Burke's Forensic Science class was assisted by the Eastchester Fire Department (EFD) in their arson investigation project. The students were learning to investigate burn patterns to determine if a fire was accidental or intentionally set. The students constructed two-story homes with furniture and inhabitants as part of their laboratory analysis. The EFD assisted in setting the homes on fire in a controlled environment and extinguishing the flames with enough structure intact for the students to investigate. The students were excited to use our new infrared camera to take thermal images, which visualized where the flames were the hottest in the burning structure. They could also try on the fire fighting gear and handle some of the equipment. A big thank you to Mr. John Debitetto and the EFD!

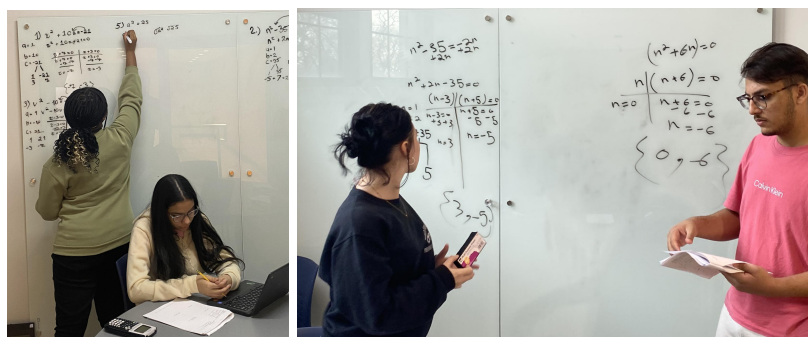


Vertical Learning in the Thinking Classroom



An approach to teaching that encourages students to develop their problem-solving skills through collaboration and discussion, vertical learning is used in Dr. Peter Lijedahl's "Thinking Classroom." In this model, students work in groups on vertical, non-permanent surfaces, like our new library's writable walls. Groups share a single writing tool and must pass it among themselves and explain their thinking to one another. If they are stuck on an algorithm or procedure, they can simply look around at their classmates and see their thinking made visible on their writing structures.

HS Math teacher Ms. Colleen Joyce received training in this approach and brought it to her Tuckahoe classroom. After making some changes to her classroom setup and installing several whiteboards, students now take problems on in this more visible and engaging approach. Ms. Joyce has begun turnkeying some of these skills to her colleagues. This past week, Ms. Joyce was making great use of our new library space as students worked diligently on math challenges in our breakout rooms complete with collaboration space, technology access, and writable walls!



JV Boys Lacrosse Celebrate Victory!



Our newly formed JV Boys Lacrosse team begins the season with two big wins! Yesterday, the boys defeated cross-town rival Eastchester 11-2. Today, they followed up with a 14-0 shutout of Port Chester. We are so impressed with the talented play and coaching by our athletes and Coach Mitchell. Way to start the season! Go Tigers!



AP Spanish Gives Back



We are excited to share that Ms. Montiel's AP Spanish class recently visited HOPE Community Services and had a fantastic experience! Our students were given the opportunity to practice their Spanish skills in real-life situations while also making a positive impact on the community.

The staff and board of trustees at HOPE were extremely impressed with the students' ability to converse in Spanish, their exceptional work ethic, and their kindness towards those in need. We cannot express enough how proud we are of our students and their accomplishments during this trip.

We believe that experiences like this help our students to develop confidence in their language skills and inspire them to become engaged, compassionate members of our community. Thank you to Ms. Montiel and her class for representing Tuckahoe so well



April is Autism Awareness Month

Teachers and students have been working hard to get ready to celebrate April as Autism Awareness Month. One part of the celebration will be a door decorating contest, check out the classrooms that have gotten an early start!



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

or by using the following 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 or 914-337-5376 x. 1244.

Sincerely,

Andrew Colasuonno
Assistant Principal of Student Services & Athletics

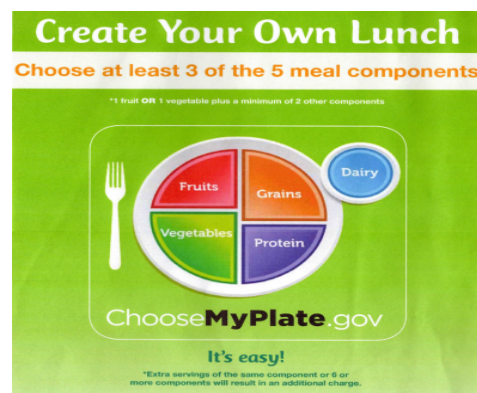
Facilities and Finance

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 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.



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.

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.
- ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED FOR USE. PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK.

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Board of Education Meeting Update

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

Tuesday, April 11, 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

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
Fri 3/31	Cottle Dance Around the World Assembly	Cottle Auditorium	TBD
Wed 4/12	PTA Executive Board Meeting	TMS/HS Auditorium	7:30pm – 9pm
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 5th Grade Luau
TMS 8th Grade Color Wars
Cottle/TMS/THS Graduation Receptions



The Annual PTA Spring Social is back for the first time since 2019!

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

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 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/

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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<https://tuckahoelibrary.libcal.com>
Contact: tukreference@wlsmail.org/914-961-2121

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The Advisory Board of The Maxwell Institute 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