

# Tuckahoe Happenings

April 28, 2023



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. AMY GOODMAN

Our wonderful PTA brought a Taste of Tuckahoe to our MS and HS students this week. We were all reminded about the delicious, diverse foods located right here in our community. Thank you to PTA, who helped us to celebrate our community and local businesses.

There were additional celebrations this week. We took time to honor the work of our district's administrative assistants. They work tirelessly in our fast-paced offices to keep our district running smoothly. I am sure you would agree that when you call any of our offices, you are met by caring professionals. We are lucky to have them all!

Tonight, we hope to see many of you at the PTA Social. This marquee event is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with your community members and support the great work happening in our schools.

As we wrap up the month of April, I want to remind everyone about our Budget and Trustee vote coming on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Information can be found on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

## Varsity Team Media Day



Our Varsity Athletes had a great time at our first ever Spring 2023 Varsity Team Media Day and BBQ! Our student-athletes looked fantastic in their uniforms and we couldn't be more proud of them. We want to extend a huge thank you to Mr C, our incredible coaches, helpers, and custodial team for making this event possible. It's always amazing to see our school community come together to support our student-athletes.





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## MS Students Give Back!



It's always inspiring to see our students making a positive impact in their communities! Kudos to our amazing middle school GO, with their advisor Ms. Benedetti, for their dedication to volunteerism and helping others in need.

Last Friday, the TMS GO team went back to Bundles of Joy to continue their efforts in preparing bundles for local families. It's heartwarming to see these students giving back and making a difference in the lives of others in need in Westchester County.

Thank you, TMS GO, for your hard work and commitment to service. Your actions are a shining example of how we can all come together to make the world a better place. Keep up the great work!



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## Habitat Club Builds Hope



Let's shine a light on the incredible work being done by the Tuckahoe students of the Habitat Club. These students spent a rainy Sunday morning working tirelessly on a Fuller Center of Greater New York house in Chappaqua, dedicating their time and energy to making a difference in the lives of others. The Habitat Club has been working on this project since its early stages, and it has truly become a labor of love for them. They are proud to be a part of the final stages, putting the finishing touches on the home and preparing it for two deserving families.



A special shoutout to advisor Ms. Carroll for her time and dedication to this cause. Her passion and commitment have inspired these students to make a difference, and we are all grateful for her leadership. To the students of the Habitat Club, thank you for your selflessness, your hard work, and your unwavering commitment to helping others. You are a shining example of what it means to be a good neighbor and a responsible citizen, and you inspire us all. Once again Tuckahoe students lead the way!





## Taste of Tuckahoe Comes to TMS/THS!



The TMS and THS students enjoyed our incredible PTA's annual Taste of Tuckahoe event, which was a huge success! This signature PTA event brought together students to sample diverse dishes from Italian, Mexican, Chinese, and American cuisines, as well as some delicious desserts generously donated by parents. Our students had an absolute blast at the event, and we could feel the love and camaraderie in the air. Events like these truly showcase the inclusive culture of our schools, and we could not be more grateful to the PTA for making it all possible.

We want to take a moment to thank the PTA and all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. Your generosity, hard work, and dedication are truly appreciated, and we're so lucky to have the most awesome PTA in our school district. Here's to many more fun and inclusive events like this in the future! Below are some wonderful local eateries that participated.





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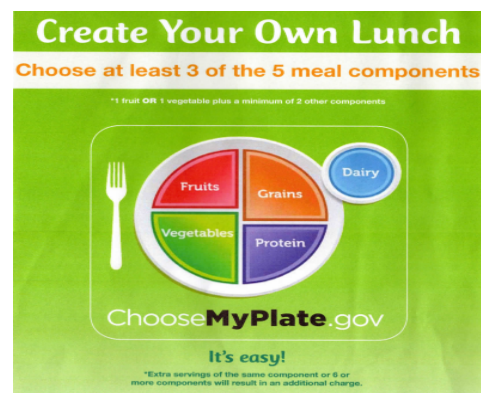
## Facilities and Finance

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.
- 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:

**Monday, May 8, 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](#).



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## Tuckahoe PTA

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

## May and June 2023

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIMES
Fri 4/28	Tuckahoe PTA Annual Spring Social	Bronxville Field Club	7pm - 11pm
Wed 5/3	BOE Trustee Candidates Forum	TMS/HS Auditorium	7pm - 9pm
Mon 5/8 - Fri 5/12	Cottle Building Bridges Week	Cottle School	8:30am - 3pm
Mon 5/8 - Fri 5/12	Cottle Spring Boutique	Cottle School	8:30am - 3pm
Tue 5/9	PTA Executive Board Meeting	TMS/HS Library	7:30pm - 9pm
Wed 5/10	TMS/THS/WEC Teacher Appreciation Luncheons	Auditoriums	Lunch Periods
Mon 5/15	PTA Dance Rehearsals	TMS/HS Auditorium	3pm - 9:30pm
Tue 5/16	PTA Dance Rehearsals	TMS/HS Auditorium	3pm - 9:30pm
Tue 5/16	TMS/HS Art Show	TMS/HS Library	4:30pm - 6:30pm
Thu 5/18	TMS/HS Art Show	TMS/HS Library	4:30pm - 6:30pm
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
Wed 5/30 - Fri 6/2	Cottle Scholastic Book Fair	Cottle School	8:30am - 3pm
Fri 6/2	Cottle Field Day (rain date 6/9)	Cottle Field	9am - 3pm
Fri 6/9	Cottle 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Luau (rain date 6/16)	Siwanoy Blvd/Cottle Field	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Wed 6/14	PTA Executive Board Meeting	TMS/HS Library	7:30pm - 9pm
Tue 6/20	Cottle Kindergarten Graduation Reception (rain date 6/21)	Cottle School	9:30am
Tue 6/20	TMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Color Wars (rain date 6/21)	TMS/HS Turf Field	12:30pm - 2:30pm
Tue 6/20	Cottle 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Reception (rain date 6/21)	Cottle School	1pm
Tue 6/20	Tuckahoe High School Graduation Reception (rain date 6/21)	THS	5:45pm
Thu 6/22	TMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Reception	TMS	6pm

*\* Dates and times subject to change*



All Community Members Are Invited to . . .

## ***Board of Education Candidates Forum***

Hosted by the Tuckahoe PTA

**Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**7pm**

**TMS/HS Auditorium**

There are two (2) open seats for the Board of Education and the candidates are:

Scott Bogetti

Peter Casson

Giulia Frasca Leto

Lori Gerald

The community is invited to submit questions to be posed to the candidates.

Some or all the questions may be used.

***Deadline for submission of questions is Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm***

Send to Tuckahoe PTA Vice President [Allison Halloran \(alihalloran@me.com\)](mailto:alihalloran@me.com)

Candidates Forum will be live-streamed and replayed on cable, Fios and YouTube at a later date.

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The Tuckahoe Union Free School District Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election for two (2) seats on the Board of Education will be held on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 6am to 9pm.**

Tuckahoe Community Center  
71 Columbus Avenue, Tuckahoe  
for those residing in Election District A  
(west of Midland Ave)

William E. Cottle Elementary School  
2 Siwanoy Boulevard, Eastchester  
for those residing in Election District B  
(east of Midland Ave)





## ***Teacher Appreciation Luncheons***

**Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

The PTA Community & School Relations Committee will recognize our fabulous Tuckahoe faculty on behalf of the entire school community during Teacher Appreciation Week.

On **Wednesday 5/10**, the PTA will host catered luncheons for THS, TMS, and WEC teachers. In lieu of requests for food or drink donations, the PTA is kindly asking each Tuckahoe family donate **\$5.00** (total; even if students in multiple schools).

**Please send donations in an envelope marked:**

Teacher Appreciation  
Attn: PTA

***Kindly return to TMS/THS Main Office or WEC classroom teacher by Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>***

Please feel welcome and encouraged to also recognize teachers in your own special way during this week.

Thank you for your support!





## ***Join the Tuckahoe PTA Executive Board!*** **2023-2025**

If you are a parent, grandparent, or guardian interested in volunteering to plan programs that enhance the TUFSD experience for grades pre-K through 12, then consider applying to join the TUFSD PTA Executive Board!

The PTA is comprised of numerous committees, all of which have two co-chairs to share the responsibilities. Positions are two-year terms. Board members attend monthly PTA meetings, typically held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the TMS/HS Library.

The available positions are listed below and number needed in parentheses.

Questions? Email [tuckahoeptanom@gmail.com](mailto:tuckahoeptanom@gmail.com).

To find out more and apply, please visit [www.tuckahoePTA.com](http://www.tuckahoePTA.com) or scan the QR code.

***Responses are due by Friday, May 12.***



### **Executive Officers**

Recording Secretary (1)

### **Committees**

Communications (2)  
Community and School Relations (2)  
Community Service (1)  
Cottle Committee (2)  
Dance (1)  
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (1)  
High School (1)  
Membership (2)  
Middle School (1)  
Pick a Reading Partner/PARP (1)  
Programs (2)  
Scholarship (2)  
STEAM (1)  
Student Support/SEPTA (1)  
Welcoming (1)

### **Subcommittees**

Student Support – Building Bridges (1)  
Ways & Means Boutiques (2)  
Ways & Means Yearbooks (1)  
Ways & Means Fall Fundraising (2)  
Ways & Means School Pictures (1)  
Ways & Means Spring Social (2)  
Ways & Means Spirit Clothing (1)



# Cottle Volunteer Opportunities



## *Cottle Spring Boutique*

**Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

There will be fabulous gifts available for purchase for everyone on your student's gift list!

Volunteers are needed.

Please visit [www.tuckahoepta.com](http://www.tuckahoepta.com) to sign-up.



## *Building Bridges*

**Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Tuckahoe PTA is pleased to present Building Bridges and we are seeking parent volunteers! This is an amazing opportunity to become involved with one of Cottle's most powerful and meaningful events!

Volunteers are needed.

Please visit [www.tuckahoepta.com](http://www.tuckahoepta.com) to sign-up.



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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.

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**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

Tuckahoe Public Library  
celebrates

**JAPANESE CHILDREN'S  
DAY  
MAY 5TH, 2023  
11:30- 2:30PM**



**JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF ORIGAMI, CALLIGRAPHY,  
CHILDREN'S KIMONO COSTUMES, SUSHI,  
STORYTELLING, AND MORE!**

Children's Day is annually celebrated on May 5th. This national holiday used to be known as Boys' Day. In 1948, the Japanese government changed the official name and made it for all children. Girl's Day on March 3rd is not a public holiday. Therefore, most Children's Day customs retain traces of Boy's Day traditions.



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