

Tuckahoe Happenings

December 2, 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. AMY GOODMAN

Our students and staff returned from our holiday break ready for a rigor of learning experiences leading up to Winter Recess. I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday and had time to relax, restore, and recharge. This edition of Tuckahoe Happenings highlights some of our Thanksgiving celebrations.

Our students dove into exciting learning experiences. This included book clubs and literary device analysis. Our staff also seized learning opportunities, learning how to support teacher growth and success with a consultant. We also hosted another local district inquiring about our departmental models at the elementary school. The visit reminded us how proud we are of the work we have done as a District to lead the way in innovative educational practices.

Looking ahead to next week, we need your help! Please get the word out to any neighbors with children that are approaching Pre-Kindergarten age. Next Wednesday night we will host a virtual open house, followed by in-person tours for interested families. Read more about it in the pages that follow!

Rolling Out Free UPK 2023-24!

Our team of educational leaders is excited to get the word out about all the great things happening at Cornerstone Children's Center and Tuckahoe's UPK Program. Tuckahoe School District parents who have a child turning 4 by December 1, 2023, are eligible to participate at no cost via a lottery.

Learn more about our FREE Tuckahoe UPK program at our upcoming virtual Open House event. Join Dr. Kate Sweeney, Ms. Marion Anderson, Dr. Christopher Keogh, and Ms. Faith Sparks to learn about the program, curriculum, logistics, and lottery. The event will take place virtually on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM. In-person tours for interested families to follow!

A graphic for the Tuckahoe UPK Program Open House. At the top, the Tuckahoe Union Free School District logo is centered, with 'TUCKAHOE' in a large serif font and 'UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT' in a smaller sans-serif font below it. To the left and right of the logo are several small, tilted photographs of children in a classroom setting. Below the logo, the letters 'U', 'P', and 'K' are displayed in large, colorful, rounded fonts. A dashed horizontal line separates the top section from the bottom. The bottom section is a green rounded rectangle containing white text. The text reads: 'If you have a child that will be turning 4 by December 1, 2023, come learn more about the Tuckahoe UPK program that is available at no cost to our District residents! We will be hosting a virtual event with Ms. Marion Anderson, Director of Cornerstone, Dr. Christopher Keogh, Director of Curriculum, Ms. Faith Sparks, District Business Manager, and Dr. Kate Sweeney, Director of Special Education and Student Services.' Below this text is a smaller green rounded rectangle containing the text 'Webinar Link' and the URL 'https://lhric-org.zoom.us/j/98173588401'.

[Click here for the webinar link!](https://lhric-org.zoom.us/j/98173588401)

Kindergarten Friendship Day



Kindergarten Friendship Day is a tradition at Cottle where our kinders learn songs to celebrate the meaning of friendship to share with our families. To top it off, Kinders then exchanged necklaces they had made as an act of sharing and friendship.



Third Graders Host Balloon Parade



Macy's doesn't have anything on us (but don't tell Ms. Connolly). Our Third Graders ushered in the Thanksgiving break with a festive Balloon Festival. Balloons demonstrated our students' creativity and hard work. The William E. Cottle community cheered them on as they paraded around the new turf field.



Did you spot our Balloon Handler?



Speaking of Balloon Parades, did you spot Ms. Connolly marching down Sixth Avenue on Thanksgiving morning? Ms. Connolly has been working with the Macy's Day Parade for a few years now and has shared her experiences with our third graders. Thanks, Ms. Connolly.

Spreading Friendship Cheer at Cottle

The best way to spread Friendship Cheer is by working together to understand how we are special in all of our unique ways! Check out this amazing mural made by our Kindergarten students during Friendship Week!



Books and Bites at Cottle



This month, our Cottle Cubs celebrated Parents as Reading Partners with a series of celebrations. Last week, we highlighted the Pajama Read-Aloud. This week, we highlight the Books and Bites lunch book clubs. The fifth-grade meetings were hosted by Mr. Morash and Dr. Keogh. They read *Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly, the Newbery Award-winning novel about unexpected friendships. Cottle Cubs are readers, and the holiday season is a great time to add to their home libraries!

This Week in Athletics

Saturday, December 3

- Varsity Girls Basketball @ Eastchester HS - 3PM *Holiday Tournament Championship*
- JV Boys Basketball @ Pawling HS - 5PM *JV Tournament Championship*

Monday, December 5

- Varsity Bowling @ Bowlerland - 4:30 PM

Tuesday, December 6

- JV Girls Basketball @ Westlake HS - 4:30PM
- Pioneer Team @ Pleasantville HS - 4:30PM

Wednesday, December 7

- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Haldane - THS Gym - 4:30PM
- JV Boys Basketball vs Haldane - THS Gym - 6:15PM
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ Westlake HS - 4:30PM
- Varsity Bowling @ Bowlerland - 4:30 PM

Friday, December 9

- Varsity Girls Basketball @ Blind Brook HS - 6:15PM
- JV Girls Basketball @ Blind Brook HS - 4:30PM

Sunday, December 11

- Varsity Cheerleading @ LIU Post - *Regional Competition*



- JV Boys Basketball opens the season with a hard-fought win over Dover!
- Varsity Girls Basketball begins their title defense with a big win over Preston HS in the Eastchester Holiday Tournament!

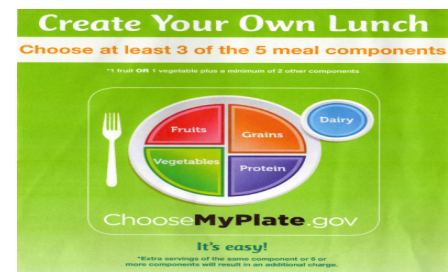


Facilities



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. Field is open from Dawn to Dusk.



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 is open from Dawn to Dusk.

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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Transportation Reminders!

As a reminder to families, please see the bus stop safety information below and share it with your children:

Before the Bus Arrives

Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street. Remind your child that the bus stop is not a place to run or play. Please stay off of private property when waiting for the bus and wait at the designated official bus stop.




Getting On and Off Safely

When the school bus arrives, your child should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay to get on or off. Your child should use the handrails to avoid falling.

Always Use Caution Around the Bus

Your child should never walk behind a school bus. If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, tell them to walk on a sidewalk or along the side of the street to a place at least five giant steps (10 feet) in front of the bus before crossing. Your child should also make eye contact with the bus driver before crossing to make sure the driver can see that they're crossing to avoid the danger zone. If your child drops something near the school bus, like a phone or book, the safest thing is for your child to tell the bus driver right away. Your child should not try to pick up the item, because the driver might not be able to see them.





TUCKAHOE

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



UPK



Are you ready?

We are pleased to provide an opportunity for Tuckahoe families to enter a lottery for our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program (UPK), a partnership with the Cornerstone Children's Center, located at 65 Main Street. The program will run five days per week from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and will follow the school district calendar. Eligible children must be four years old by December 1, 2023. Transportation is not provided.

More Information!

Visit our website tuckahoeschools.org/UPK



Important Notes!

- Publicly funded at no added cost to the family
- Stimulates creativity and self-expression through creative play
- Develops critical thinking skills and social awareness essential for school success
- Offers a caring and safe environment to learn and play in
- Resources, materials, and staff training aligned with Tuckahoe K-12 program



**TUCKAHOE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNOUNCES
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Registration for Kindergarten students for the 2023-2024 school year will be held on **Wednesday, January 25, 2023** and **Thursday, January 26, 2024**. Children who will be five years of age by December 1, 2023 are eligible to attend Kindergarten.

Parents/Legal Guardians are urged to register children according to the following schedule, utilizing the first letter of the child's last name:

Wednesday, January 25, 2023	9:00AM – 11:00AM	A – L
Thursday, January 26, 2023	9:00AM – 11:00AM	M – Z

Registration takes place at the William E. Cottle Elementary School, 2 Siwanoy Boulevard, Eastchester, New York in the Auditorium. At the time of registration, parents/legal guardians must bring the required registration forms, which can be found on the District's website (www.tuckahoeschools.org), filled out and notarized along with the following documents:

Three (3) Proofs of Residence

Parents/Legal Guardians **must** bring originals and copies of the following documents:

1. **Property tax bill, deed, co-op shares, OR a signed current lease**
(valid through June 2024)

AND

2. **Con Edison bill, cable bill, phone bill, OR current income tax return**

AND

3. **NYS Driver's License, NYS Registration OR NYS Insurance Card with your current address**

AND _

- **Your Child's Proof of Age**
(i.e., birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, etc.)
- **Your Child's Immunization Record including date of last physical exam**
- **If you are divorced or separated, please bring a copy of your Custody Agreement.**

If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten Registration, please contact Karen Barros at 914-337-6600 x1262.

Board of Education Meeting Update

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

Monday, December 5, 2022, 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](#).

Other Local Events

PTA UPCOMING EVENTS NOV/DEC 22

Date of Event	Event Title	Location	Start Time	End Time
11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30	Cottle 3-5 Books and Bite Book Clubs			
11/18/2022	6th Grade Friday Fun Night	TMS Gym		
11/18/2022	WEC Picture Retake/Absentee/Sibling/Club Day			
11/29/2022	Have You Started Saving for College?	Generoso Pope Foundation	7:15 PM	8:45 PM
12/1/2022	Lola Shopping Event			
12/5/2022 - 12/9/2022	Cottle Holiday Boutique	WEC Auditorium Hallway	8:30 AM	3:00 PM



bronxville
NOT FOR SALE ballet

Saturday, December 3
First Special Needs

HOLIDAY PARTY

for middle school, high school,
and recent HS graduate special
needs residents of Bronxville,
Tuckahoe and Eastchester

5:00–6:30PM

Bronxville Women's Club
135 Midland Avenue

Pizza, Soft Drinks, Dessert

Dancing and Activities
for Everyone

No Fee

RSVP to info@bronxvilleballet.com

*Volunteers will be attending the holiday
party to assist our special needs friends.*



Tuckahoe Public Library Presents

Gingerbread Cookie Cocoa Mug Ornament

Monday, December 5th at 4 pm
Ages 4-10

Join Miss Joyce in creating this
sweet ornament for the holidays!

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Please Register Online <https://tuckahoelibrary.libcal.com>

Contact: tukreference@wlsmail.org

914-961-2121

Tuckahoe Public Library Presents

Fun & Easy

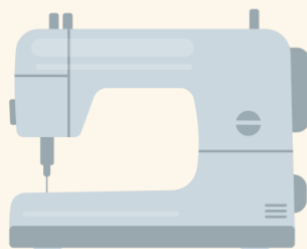
Beginner Sewing

with Melissa

Monday, December 5th
at 6pm

Ages 11- Adult

Learn how to make a reusable Holiday Stocking.



For information about sewing machines please visit
our registration page.

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The Westchester County
Board of Legislators

Registration is Required

Please Register Online

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Contact: tukreference@wlsmail.org/914-961-2

Tuckahoe Public Library Presents

BABYTIME



Ages 0-2

Tuesday, December 6th @ 11 am
in the Community Center


Join Miss Elaine in the Community
Center for stories and song favorites.

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Tuckahoe Public Library Presents

Making Hanukkah Latkes WITH MISS MIRIAM

Tuesday, December 6th @ 4 pm
Ages 10 - Adult

Join us in person to learn how to
make the signature dish of
Hanukkah, fried potato and onion
pancakes! Latkes are traditionally
eaten with sour cream or
applesauce topping.

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The Tuckahoe Public Library Presents



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Linoleum Block Print Card Making

**Wednesday, December 7th at 3:30 pm
Ages 14-Adult**

Put your creative stamp on the holidays! Miss Lisa will teach the technique of block printing and you'll come away with a set of colorful cards for any occasion.

Supplies are included but limited!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS



Feliz Navidad Storytime with Miss Ines

**Friday, Dec. 9th @ 11 am
Ages 2-5**

**Join Miss Ines and Miss Elaine for a special Feliz Navidad
bilingual storytime and songs.**

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TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

TEEN D&D

AGES 11+

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
AT 3:30 PM



Join Miss Miriam for a session of Dungeons and Dragons Fifth Edition. D&D is a interactive tabletop role-playing game in which you create and embody a character, join a team of heroes, and go on exciting adventures. The only limit is your imagination! (And the luck of the dice.)

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The Tuckahoe Public Library Presents

Legos at the Library

Ages 4-10

Friday, December 9th
at 4 pm

Legos are back!

Join the Lego Club at the library and use
your imagination to build great things we
will put on display!

Space is limited!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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