

Tuckahoe Happenings

January 27, 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. AMY GOODMAN

As we wrap up January, we encourage everyone to check out our [capital project website](#), where we have information about our proposed bond and a communication timeline. On February 15th, the community will be asked to come out to the polls for a vote on a bond referendum to fund this work. This project includes a renovation and modernization of the Cottle Cafeteria; much-needed infrastructure repairs in the middle/high school building so that broken and deteriorated pipes and areas of the tunnel are fixed/replaced and partial roof replacements to ensure students/teachers have well-functioning heat and will no longer be assigned to classes because of leaks. New air conditioning and ventilation will be installed in all three schools to match the new wing air exchange systems for the health and wellness of the staff and students.

If you're interested, [click here for a podcast](#) detailing the full story of our recent facilities work and where the proposed capital project fits in. You can also [click here for a recording](#) of our recent virtual Town Hall with representatives from the Facilities Committee (including Board members, our business facilities manager, and contractors), where we took questions from our community members.

This week you should have received a mailer with highlights, financial information, and voting details. 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 (In-Person) <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](#)

Referendum Date

Wednesday, February 15, 2023
(The Day after Valentine's!)



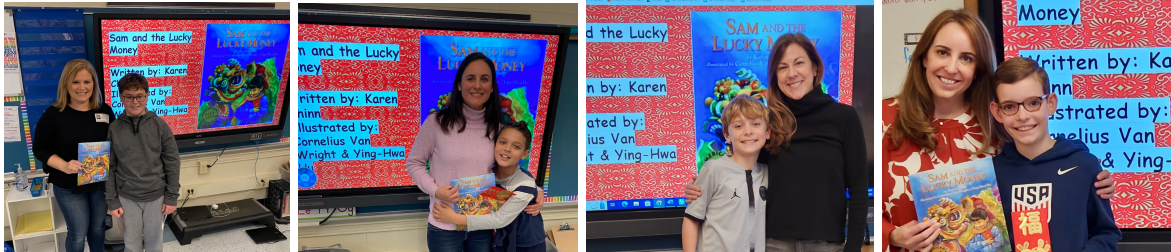
TMS Hosts Debate Tournament



Tuckahoe hosted its first middle school debate on Saturday, January 21, with 155 debaters from 11 private and public schools. The following debaters took home 5 top speaker awards: Stella Sheldon, Elizabeth Gjelij, Victoria Gjelij, Ella Donovan, and Esther Linn. The team would like to thank the following teachers and students who volunteered to judge: Ms. Musca, Ms. Richter, Ms. Conway, Ms. Chanin, and Ms. Sheldon. We couldn't have hosted without support from our custodians, support staff, and security. Thank you to Ms. Mosa and Mr. O'Connell for their leadership!



Lunar New Year Celebration



In honor of the Lunar New Year (which begins this weekend), the 4th grade team (Mrs. Pappas, Mrs. Quartararo, Ms. Crotty, Mrs. Merkel, and Mrs. Hatcher) created engaging lessons in both ELA and Math centered around the holiday. In ELA, we read the story “Sam and the Lucky Money” by Karen Chinn. In addition, the students learned about the many traditions and festivals associated with Lunar New Year. In groups, they identified possible themes of the book and provided evidence to support the themes they chose.

In Math, fourth-grade classes learned about Tangram Art and created their own puzzles using a variety of geometric shapes. Our art teacher, Mrs. Depouli, also had students create beautiful lanterns. The lantern festival is a traditional festival that marks the end of the Lunar New Year (on the 15th day). At the end of the event, each child received a lai-see/lei-see/hang bao (red envelope) with ELA and Math homework passes inside! We discussed with the students that red in Chinese culture symbolizes good fortune, luck, and happiness.



A trip to the NY Philharmonic




On Wednesday led by Mr. duChateau, our MS String players along with music students from Ms. Gordon's class took a trip to NYC to take in a Young People's Concert performed by the New York Philharmonic. The trip was a resounding success on many levels. The children were well-dressed, well-behaved, and seemed to really take in the entire experience in a meaningful way. Friendships were made, or deepened, and there was lots of orchestral bonding throughout the student's day together.

The Young People's Concert was engaging, entertaining and thought-provoking. All participating teachers were provided with wonderful teaching materials leading up to the concert. We are fortunate to live so close to such an inspiring organization like the NY Phil and it is wonderful that they open their doors to broaden the minds of our young people! While waiting for the concert to start students were given an impromptu tour of the Lincoln Center campus by Mr. D (who has had the honor of perform there many times). The students were introduced to the NYC Ballet, the Metropolitan Opera, Juilliard, and of course the NY Phil.

Click on the following link for a slide show of this amazing trip:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JMLr3W3SbM>

Bullying Webinar with Student Assistance Services



**Bullying: What Parents Need To Know
How to Best Support ALL of our Kids**

Kara Santucci, MS, CCTP
Student Assistance Services Corp.
Adolescent Counseling and Bullying Prevention Resource Center

Kara Santucci of Student Assistance Services joined Mr. DeBellis, Dr. Linehan, Mr. Colasuonno, and Mr. Kilgallen for an important webinar for our TUFSD families. Ms. Santucci presented on important skills and strategies, and shared valuable insights and definitions for our parents. As always, please contact your building administration with any questions or concerns.

[Click here to View a Recording of the Webinar](#)

Upcoming Athletic Events

Monday, January 30

- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Hamilton - THS Gym - 4:30PM
- JV Boys Basketball vs Hamilton - THS Gym - 6:15PM
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ Hamilton - 4:30PM
- JV Girls Basketball @ Hamilton - 6:15PM
- Modified Girls Basketball @ Irvington - 4:30PM

Tuesday, January 31

- Modified Boys Basketball vs Barack Obama School - THS Gym - 4:30PM
- Modified Girls Basketball vs Barack Obama School - THS Gym - 6:00PM

Wednesday, February 1

- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Keio - 4:30PM
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Keio - THS Gym - 4:30PM

Friday, February 3

- Modified Boys Basketball @ Rye Neck - 4:30PM
- Modified Girls Basketball vs Rye Neck - 4:30PM

Saturday, February 4

- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Peekskill (vs Nyack) - 2:00PM
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ Keio - 11:00AM



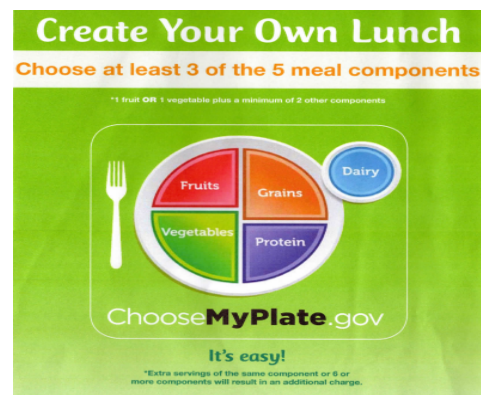
Facilities

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 & Workshop will be held on:

Monday, January 30, 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](#).

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

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Tuckahoe High School

★ SNOW BALL ★



FEB 3
7-9pm

Doors close at 7:30!

THS GYM

Semi-formal event.
NO HEELS ALLOWED!

No outside guests

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Featuring:

dj Bio

Catering by:

Tuck'd Away

tickets can be purchased from
Mrs. Pinto in the main office



Cost of entry covers food, entertainment, and decorations

TICKETS: \$15

**MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCED
Cash only!**