COTTLE WEEKLY

William E. Cottle Elementary School

Preparing Every Student for Excellence

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FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Dr. Rowe

Our first lockdown drill could not have gone better. Quiet lines, calm faces, and every Cub knowing exactly where to go. Cottle Cafe opened today too, and yes, my coffee arrived. I hope to see you Thursday, October 15 at 9:30 for my first Interim Principal's Coffee.

FROM THE A.P.'S DESK

Mr. Kilgallen

A three day weekend is ahead of us, and then a busy stretch: the Book Fair, Family Twilight and plenty more. Enjoy the time with your families. Go Cubs!

This Week at Cottle

1

A Successful Lockdown Drill

Every Cub knew the process, from our littlest Cubs right up to our fifth graders. Quiet lines and calm faces throughout the building.

2

Picture Day

Our Cubs brought their best smiles today.

3

Holding Frames Visits Grades 3 to 5

Our third, fourth and fifth graders painted frames carrying messages of care, and chose to send theirs to a children's hospital. Photos on page 3.

WHY WE ARE OFF ON MONDAY

Columbus Day marks Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas in 1492. For many Italian American families it is also a celebration of heritage, and many communities now observe Indigenous Peoples' Day on the same date.

Mark Your Calendar

OCT 12	**No School** Columbus Day
OCT 15	**Interim Principal's Coffee** 9:30 a.m., All Things Cottle
OCT 15	**Coffee & Conversations** 6:30 p.m., MS/HS Library
OCT 19	**Tuckahoe Family Twilight** No homework, see page 7
OCT 19	**Scholastic Book Fair** All week, volunteers needed
OCT 20	**JCK Parent Workshop** Fifth grade families
OCT 22	**Parents & Staff Night Out** Broken Bow Brewery
OCT 30	**Halloween Party** Plus pumpkin carving, page 8

HEART OF A CUB • VALUE OF THE WEEK

Responsibility: we take care of ourselves, each other and our school, and we do what we are supposed to do even when no one is watching.

At home: give your Cub one job this weekend that is theirs alone, and let them own it.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Hispanic Heritage Month runs through October 15.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: a month to think of the families in our community it touches.

National Bullying Prevention Month: at Cottle that means noticing, including, and speaking up.

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Go Cubs!

Learning Around Cottle

From the turf at recess to kindergarten's first big math test

A walk around the building this week turned up reading, writing, problem solving, a gym full of movement, and one very serious row of privacy folders.



Recess soccer, the main event of the day



Kindergarten's first big math test



Working a problem through together



Common nouns and proper nouns



Unlocking a new word: scent



Trace it, find it, write it



A game going in the gym



Heads down, pencils moving



Kindergarten is wrapped up in learning

The Holding Frames Came to Cottle

Grades 3 to 5, painting frames for a children's hospital

Our third, fourth and fifth graders spent time this week painting frames and writing messages of care for people they will never meet. Keep going. You are beautiful. You are so loved. When it came time to decide where the frames should go, our Cubs chose a children's hospital.



Getting started with Ms. Leavey



Every frame carries a message



One finished and ready to travel



Proud of the work



The collective piece coming together



Hope, love and smile, over and over

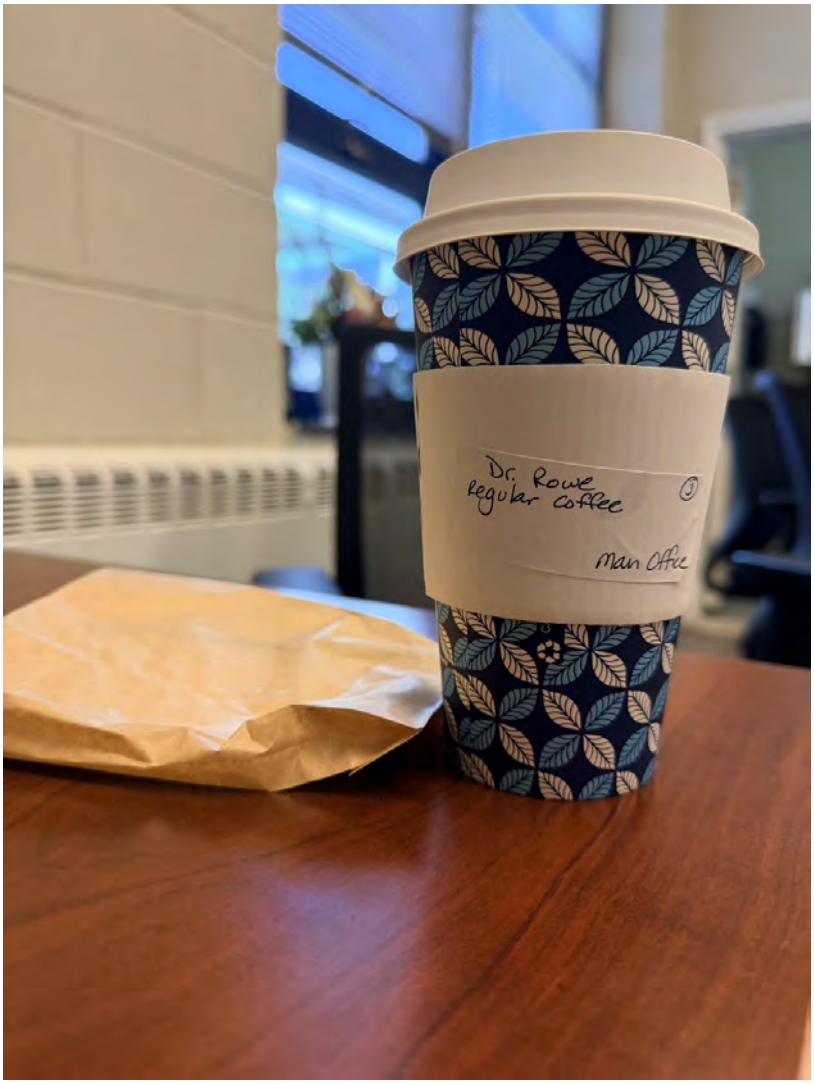
ABOUT THE HOLDING FRAMES

The Holding Frames is a healing arts project built on the belief that art holds space and connection heals. At each event participants paint a frame and write a message of care: one frame joins a collective piece, and one is gifted forward to another community. Thank you to **Ms. Leavey**, who co-founded the project and came to Cottle to lead our Cubs through it. What a beautiful morning. **theholdingframes.org**

Cottle Cafe Is Open for Business

Staff place the orders, our Cubs make the deliveries

Cottle Cafe opened today. Staff put in their orders and our Cubs took it from there, loading the cart, finding the right room, and handing the right cup to the right person.



Dr. Rowe, regular coffee, Main Office

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Every delivery is practice at something real: reading an order, greeting an adult, following directions through a busy building, and seeing a job through to the end. Thank you to the staff who ordered, and to the Cubs who made it happen.

What Will the Cottle Play Be?

Our annual production is getting under way

The Cottle Theater Club is back, and this wall in our hallway is your first clue. Take a good look, Cubs, and start guessing.



Clue number one, now hanging outside our classrooms



Our Theater Club directors, ready for auditions

Sign-Ups Coming Soon

Watch this space for details on auditions and sign-ups. Casting is limited, so keep an eye out for the information when it comes home.

The Lost and Found Is Winning

Please send your Cub to come and look

It gets a little taller every day. If your Cub has come home missing a sweatshirt, a jacket, a water bottle or a hat, there is a very good chance it is sitting on this bench right now, waiting patiently to be claimed.



Today's collection, and it was shorter yesterday

Send Them to Look

A quick stop before or after lunch is usually all it takes.

Label Everything

A first name inside the collar reunites a sweatshirt with its owner in seconds.

Come Look Yourself

Families are welcome to stop in and have a dig through the pile too.

THE HONEST TRUTH

Your Cub will look at this pile and tell you, with total confidence, that none of it belongs to them. Send them anyway, and tell them to check the sleeves.

Tuckahoe Family Twilight

Monday, October 19

Once a month, students across the district come home without homework. Tuckahoe Family Twilight is time given back to your family: a chance to slow down, be together, and let the school day end at the school door. Our next one is Monday, October 19.

Take a Leaf Walk

Everyone brings back their best one. Press it in a heavy book.

Cook One Thing

Let your Cub do the measuring and the stirring, mess included.

Interview a Grown-Up

Your Cub asks you five questions about when you were their age.

Build a Blanket Fort

Couch cushions, a flashlight, and a book to read inside it.

Have a Dance Party

Everyone picks one song. No one is allowed to sit out.

Write Someone a Note

A grandparent, a neighbor, a teacher. Put a stamp on it and walk it to the mailbox.

WHY WE DO IT

Family Twilight gives our Cubs an evening to rest and reconnect, and it gives families an evening that belongs to them. No assignments, no packets, nothing to turn in Tuesday morning. Just time.

PTA Events at a Glance

10/12 (Mon)	Teacher Grant Applications Due	**10/13 (Tue)**	Community Conversations, virtual
10/19 to 23	Scholastic Book Fair	**10/20 (Tue)**	JCK Mental Health Workshop
10/22 (Thu)	Parents, Teachers & Staff Night Out	**10/30 (Fri)**	Cottle Halloween Party
10/30 (Fri)	Cottle Pumpkin Carving Contest	**Ongoing**	DeCicco's School Rebate Program

PTA Event Details

Teacher Grant Applications Due 10/12

The PTA Grants Committee supports innovative projects, programs and experiences that enhance student learning. Applications are due October 12, and awards will be announced in mid November. Teachers can find the application here.

Community Conversations, 10/13

Have a question, an idea, or just want to stay connected? Join PTA President Deirdre Callahan for a 30 minute Zoom on Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Meeting link. Meeting ID 880 5121 2723, passcode 813808.

Scholastic Book Fair, 10/19 to 10/23

The Book Fair runs all week, and volunteers are needed to help it happen. Sign up here.

JCK Mental Health Workshop, 10/20

Fifth grade parents, join the Tuckahoe PTA and the JCK Foundation for a mental health workshop for teens and tweens. Learn more.

Parents, Teachers & Staff Night Out

Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 22 at the newly renovated Broken Bow Brewery. Get tickets.

Cottle Halloween Party, 10/30

Bring your Cottle Cubs to the Cottle Halloween Party. Purchase tickets and sign up to volunteer.

Pumpkin Carving Contest, 10/30

Drop your pumpkin at the Main Entrance before or immediately after school on Friday, October 30. Trophies will be awarded in the top three categories.

DeCicco's School Rebate Program

Sign up for a DeCicco Card and DeCicco & Sons donates 1% of your total to the school you choose, automatically. Sign up or convert your card.



COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Library with Mrs. Hofbauer, our Director of Special Education. Hosted by Tuckahoe SEPTA and the Tuckahoe PTA, and open to any family who would like to come.



GIVING RETRIEVER IS COMING TO TUCKAHOE

A canine-integrated enrichment program arriving districtwide beginning this month, funded together by Tuckahoe SEPTA, the Tuckahoe PTA and the district. Learn more at **givingretriever.com**.