COTTLE WEEKLY

William E. Cottle Elementary School

Preparing Every Student for Excellence

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FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Dr. Rowe

Pink and flannel in the hallways today! Next week the whole district turns orange and black for Homecoming, with a parade, a bonfire, a Fun Run and Tuckahoe Day. Fair warning to our big Tigers: the loudest section at that parade is going to be about four feet tall.

FROM THE A.P.'S DESK

Mr. Kilgallen

I can hardly believe we are almost in October! Time certainly flies when we are working hard, learning, and having fun here at Cottle. Thank you to our students, teachers, staff and families for a wonderful start, and my full note is on page 2.

This Week at Cottle

1 Dolly Day Success

Pink, flannel and cowboy hats filled our halls today, and our Cubs learned about the Imagination Library along the way. Photos on page 4.

2 i-Ready Testing Complete

Our Cubs finished their fall i-Ready assessments this week, and they were great. Focused, patient, and giving their best from start to finish.

3 Successful Fire Drills

More drills this week, and every one went smoothly. Quiet lines, quick exits, and every Cub exactly where they needed to be.

Mark Your Calendar

SEP 25	**Room Rep application due** Today • Tuckahoe PTA
SEP 28	**Fire Department visit** Kindergarten
SEP 28	**Spirit Week begins** Dress-up days, see page 7
SEP 28	**After School Clubs begin** PTA + Your After School
SEP 30	**PAWS Assembly** Celebrating our Cubs
OCT 2	**Parade & Bonfire** 4:45 p.m. • Pleasant Ave
OCT 3	**Fun Run & Tuckahoe Day** 9:30 a.m. and 12–3 p.m.
OCT 15	**Coffee & Conversations** 6:30 p.m. • MS/HS Library

HEART OF A CUB • VALUE OF THE WEEK

Communication: we share our ideas clearly, listen to others, and speak and act with respect.
At home: let your Cub tell you the whole story of one thing that happened today, without interrupting.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sukkot begins at sundown tonight and runs through Friday, October 2. Chag Sameach to all who observe.
Hispanic Heritage Month runs through October 15.

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Go Cubs!

From the Assistant Principal's Desk

Mr. Kilgallen

I can hardly believe we are almost in October! Time certainly flies when we are working hard, learning, and having fun here at Cottle. We have had such a wonderful start to the school year, and I want to take a moment to thank our amazing students, dedicated teachers and staff, and supportive parents and families for helping make these first few weeks so successful. It truly takes a strong school community to create the positive environment we have here at Cottle, and we are grateful for everyone's continued partnership.

Mother Nature is beginning to turn the page to autumn, and we are starting to enjoy those cool, crisp mornings followed by beautiful, warmer afternoons. With the changing temperatures, please remember to send your child to school with a jacket, sweater, or windbreaker as needed. And, as always, please make sure those items are labeled with your child's name. Our Lost and Found is already beginning to pile up, so please remind your child to take a look in the cafeteria if they are missing a jacket, sweatshirt, water bottle, or other belongings.

Homecoming is also right around the corner. The full week is laid out on page 8, with the parade, bonfire, Fun Run and Tuckahoe Day. We encourage all of our Cottle Cubs to show their school spirit and help us celebrate with plenty of Tiger pride!

We are off to a fantastic beginning, and we look forward to all the learning, celebrations, and special moments still ahead. Let's keep the positive energy going and make it another pawsome week at Cottle!

TWO QUICK ASKS AS THE WEATHER TURNS

1. Send a jacket, sweater or windbreaker, and label it with your child's name.
2. Remind your Cub to check the Lost and Found in the cafeteria for anything missing.

Around Cottle This Week

Phonics, small groups, science, STEAM, and a hallway hug



A hallway hug



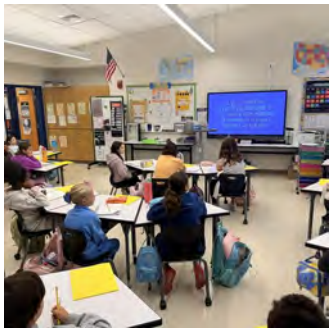
Letters and sounds



Figurative language



Small group work



Before we head outside



Welcome to STEAM



Prioritization practice



Red, yellow or green?



Making a vision board



Ready to play



Keeping the beat



Music class

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING IN STEAM

In the STEAM room this month our Cubs are learning to organize their space, prioritize their tasks and set goals for themselves. **At home:** ask yours what red, yellow and green mean, and which one tonight's homework is.

Dolly Parton Day

Pink, flannel, cowboy hats, and a whole lot of Tiger spirit

Why Dolly? Her Imagination Library mails free books to children around the world every month. Today we celebrated reading, and the woman who has given so many children their very first book.



Ready for the day



Hat on, off to class



Boots at the front door



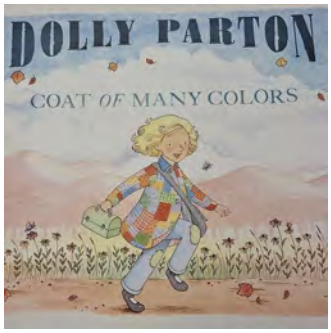
Walking the halls in style



Our teachers got into it too



Our Sunshine Club



Coat of Many Colors



Welcome to Dolly's Library



We love Dolly!



Pink from front row to back



Room 41, all in



The Imagination Library

Ice Cream Social Success!

I scream, you scream, we all scream for Cottle!



A full blacktop on a perfect evening



The line for the ice cream truck



Chalk, and plenty of Tiger pride



Balloons at the welcome table

THANK YOU, TUCKAHOE PTA

Thank you to the PTA for a wonderful Friday evening. Ice cream, play, laughs and fun, and a packed blacktop to prove it.

Shadow Measurements in Science

Taking the lesson outside, with chalk, rulers and a whole lot of noticing

Our scientists started at the smartboard with a question: how do shadows change over the course of a day? Then they took their clipboards out to the blacktop, traced their shadows in chalk, and measured the length and direction, returning to the same spot as the sun moved.



Marking where the shadow falls



Clipboards out on the blacktop



Measuring, and writing it down

TRY IT AT HOME

Stand your Cub in the same spot in the driveway in the morning, then again after dinner, and trace the shadow both times. Ask what changed, and why.



COTTLE SPIRIT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 2

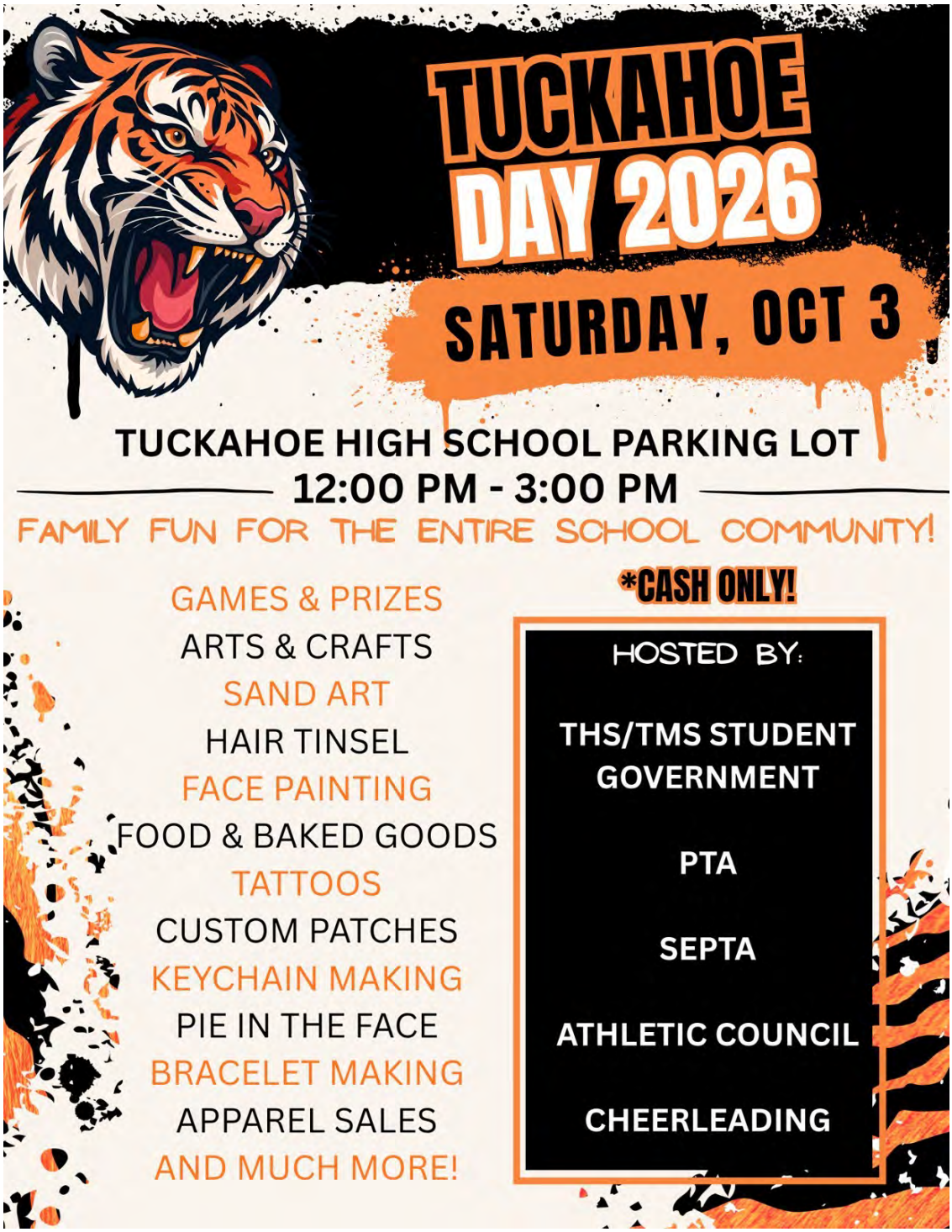
Mon pajamas • Tue jungle • Wed throwback • Thu grade colors • Fri Tiger gear

Thursday colors: Pre-K blue • K yellow • 1st green • 2nd purple • 3rd pink • 4th red • 5th tie-dye



TUCKAHOE ATHLETIC COUNCIL, THREE WAYS TO JOIN IN

TAC Membership	tuckahoeathleticcouncil.givebacks.com/shop
Homecoming T-Shirts	Open the order form
Concession Sign-Up	Volunteer at the concession stand



TUCKAHOE DAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

12:00–3:00 p.m. in the THS parking lot. Games, crafts, face painting, food and much more, with family fun for the whole school community. **Cash only.**



FAMILY FUN RUN, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

One mile, 9:30 a.m. sharp from the THS front entrance on Siwanoy. All ages welcome, bibs provided, prizes for the top three. $5 registration, with day-of sign-ups open at 9:00 a.m., cash only. Rain or shine.

PTA Events at a Glance

9/25 (Fri)	Room Rep Application Deadline	10/2 (Fri)	PTA Dance Registration Deadline
10/3 (Sat)	Halloween Costume Swap	10/3 (Sat)	Spirit Wear at Tuckahoe Day
10/22 (Thu)	Parents, Teachers & Staff Night Out	Ongoing	PTA Membership Drive
Ongoing	DeCicco's School Rebate Program		

PTA Event Details

Room Rep Applications Due Today

Room Reps (a.k.a. Class Parents) are chosen from submitted applications by lottery, and become an important resource for your child's teacher and every family in the class. Apply here.

PTA Dance, register by 10/2

The PTA Dance Program is open to grades K–12, and classes start October 16. We are excited to welcome Miss Green, who will be assisting with some classes this year.
Learn more and register.

3rd Annual Halloween Costume Swap

The PTA Environment and Sustainability Committee is collecting costumes in good condition to pass along at no cost this Halloween. Drop-off and pick-up details.

Spirit Wear Is Going Fast

Shop the PTA table at Tuckahoe Day on Saturday, October 3.
See what we have.

Parents, Teachers & Staff Night Out

Mark your calendar for October 22 at the newly renovated Broken Bow Brewery. Tickets coming soon. Learn more.

Support the PTA

We are getting close to our goal of 570 members, so help us get there. Membership dues fund PTA programs and events all year, and no volunteer hours are required. Join here.

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.

Ask the PTA

Got a question and not sure where to find the answer? Ask, and they will help.
tuck.president@gmail.com Tuckahoe PTA, 65 Siwanoy Boulevard, Eastchester



TUCKAHOE SEPTA, CUSTOM PATCH CO. AT TUCKAHOE DAY

Saturday, October 3, 12:00–3:00 p.m. Pick your item, a tote bag, string bag, pencil case or bandana, choose up to five patches, and SEPTA will iron them on.



COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Library, with Mrs. Hofbauer, Director of Special Education. Hosted by Tuckahoe SEPTA and the Tuckahoe PTA. Come with questions, or just come listen.

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VARSITY CHEER BINGO, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

An adults' night out supporting our cheerleaders' road to Nationals. Doors at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 40 Bell Rd, Scarsdale. $75 includes ten cards, cash prizes, a 50/50 raffle and a live DJ.