COTTLE WEEKLY

William E. Cottle Elementary School

Preparing Every Student for Excellence

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FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Dr. Rowe

A short week with a great deal in it. Our thanks to the Board of Education this week, and our hallways are filling up with October. Please join me Thursday, October 22 at 9:30 for Principal Coffee, in person, with a virtual option to come.

FROM THE A.P.'S DESK

Mr. Kilgallen

Cool mornings and warm afternoons mean our lost and found is filling up fast with sweatshirts, jackets and water bottles. It lives in the cafeteria, so please send your Cub to look. My full note is on page 2.

This Week at Cottle

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Sofia taught her second grade class about her hearing journey, with her Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and her mom beside her. Page 4.

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Around the Building

Reading, counting, music and a great many pipe cleaner spiders. Pages 5 and 6.

Mark Your Calendar

OCT 19	**Tuckahoe Family Twilight**	No homework districtwide
OCT 19	**Scholastic Book Fair**	All week, volunteers needed
OCT 20	**JCK Parent Workshop**	Fifth grade families
OCT 22	**Principal Coffee**	9:30 a.m., in person, virtual TBA
OCT 22	**Parents & Staff Night Out**	Broken Bow Brewery
OCT 30	**Cottle Halloween Party**	Plus pumpkin carving
NOV 3	**Chipotle Night**	Cross country and track, page 14
NOV 11	**Youth Cheer Clinic**	Veterans Day, page 12

HEART OF A CUB • VALUE OF THE WEEK

Gratitude: we notice the people who help us, and we remember to tell them so.
At home: ask your Cub to name one person at school who made their week better, and why.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

National Bullying Prevention Month runs all October, and ties right into our PAWS work.
The Book Fair opens Monday, a good week to help your Cub find a new favorite.

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Go Cubs!

From the Assistant Principal's Desk

Mr. Kilgallen

Dear Cottle Families,

As autumn arrives, we are experiencing typical seasonal weather with cool mornings followed by warmer afternoons. Consequently, a significant number of outerwear items, including sweatshirts, windbreakers and jackets, along with water bottles, have accumulated in our lost and found.

The lost and found is located in the cafeteria. We ask that you kindly encourage your child to inspect the area during their lunch period to retrieve any missing personal belongings.

Inside the building, Cottle School remains vibrant and focused on learning. Our hallways are currently adorned with impressive student work, reflecting the exceptional effort and dedication of our Cottle Cubs and their amazing teachers.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We wish you all a pleasant weekend.

THE LOST AND FOUND IS IN THE CAFETERIA

Sweatshirts, windbreakers, jackets and water bottles, piling up as the mornings get colder. Lunch is the easiest time to look, so please send your Cub to check. Your Cub will insist none of it is theirs. Send them anyway, and tell them to check the sleeves.

Thank You to Our Board of Education

School Board Recognition Week, October 12 to 16

This week is School Board Recognition Week across New York State, and it is a good moment to say something we do not say often enough. Our Board of Education is made up of five neighbors who serve without pay, give up their evenings, and make decisions for every child in Tuckahoe. Thank you.

Allison Halloran
PRESIDENT

Louis Campana
VICE PRESIDENT

Joel Abrams
TRUSTEE

Seth Miran
TRUSTEE

Amber Kasses
TRUSTEE

What a School Board Does

- **Sets the Direction**
  Adopts the goals and policies that guide every school in the district.
- **Watches the Budget**
  Builds and adopts the budget that families vote on each May.
- **Hires the Leadership**
  Appoints the Superintendent and holds the district accountable for results.
- **Shows Up and Listens**
  At board meetings, at school events, and whenever a family has something to say.

THANK YOU!

For the hours you give, the questions you ask, and the care you bring to every decision. From all of us at Cottle, with gratitude.

All About Mighty Me

A second grader teaches her class about her hearing journey, with a little help from her Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Sofia invited her Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing into her second grade classroom this week, with her mom there too, to talk about how hearing works, how her hearing aids help her hear, what an audiologist does, and how classmates can be good friends to someone who is deaf or hard of hearing. She stood up in front of her classmates and taught the lesson herself, and everyone came away knowing something new.



Sofia with her mom and Ashley, her Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



A very attentive second grade

What We Learned About Being a Good Friend To Someone With Hearing Loss

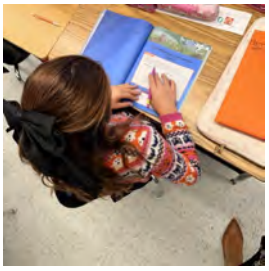
- **Say their name first.** A name is the easiest way to get someone's attention.
- **Not answering is not ignoring.** They may simply not have heard you.
- **Face them and speak clearly.** No mumbling, and keep your hands away from your mouth.
- **Repeat it if they ask.** And never, ever say "never mind."
- **Fill them in.** If they missed something, let them know what it was.
- **Questions are welcome.** Just ask them kindly.
- **Be patient.** Raising your voice or getting frustrated does not help anyone.

In Our Classrooms

One walk through the building, one ordinary week at Cottle

Reading, writing, counting, music, and a great many pipe cleaner spiders.






















EVERY WEEK LOOKS LIKE THIS

None of this was a special occasion. It is one ordinary week at Cottle, which is rather the point. More of our Cubs' work is hanging in the hallways, on the next page.

On Our Walls

What is hanging in the hallways right now

Bats, spiders, self portraits, counting cards and a great deal of writing. Our hallways fill up fast in October, and every one of these went up because a Cub finished something they were proud of.

















What Will the Cottle Play Be?

The clue wall just got a little smaller

Eleven Playbills went up in our hallway. Three have come off the board, which leaves eight. Walk past, take a look, and see if your Cub can narrow it down any further.



The wall as it stands today

STILL IN THE RUNNING

- Trolls Jr.
- The Play That Goes Wrong
- Newsies Jr.
- Honk! Jr.
- Seussical Jr.
- Into the Woods Jr.
- School of Rock Jr.
- Annie Jr.

OFF THE BOARD

- ~~Beetlejuice Jr.~~
- ~~Willy Wonka~~
- ~~Beauty and the Beast Jr.~~

SIGN-UPS COMING SOON

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



FROM THE EASTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Before you buy that e-bike or e-scooter: riders must be 16 or older, helmets fastened, no riding on sidewalks, and a 15 mph maximum. Electric motorcycles with no pedals are not e-bikes and need a license, registration and insurance.



Something new from our School Counselor

Have a parenting dilemma, or a situation you are not quite sure how to handle? Ms. Silver is starting a new column right here in the Cottle Weekly. Send her what is going on, and selected questions will be answered in an upcoming issue with practical tips and strategies for families. No question is too big or too small.

The Birthday Party Question

Do you invite the whole class, or not?

Making Friends

Helping your child find their people, and setting up more playdates.

Sibling Arguments

When the bickering truly does not seem to stop.

Mornings

Getting everyone out the door on time, without the shouting.

HOW IT WORKS

Questions are submitted anonymously, so please leave out names and identifying details. **Ask your question here:** forms.gle/kzwimfRLCjSqC87U7

PLEASE NOTE

Not for urgent student concerns or time sensitive matters. For anything about your own child, email Ms. Silver at silverr@tuckahoeschools.org or call extension 2925.

Cold and Flu Season Is Here

Small habits that keep more Cubs in school

The coughs and sniffles have arrived, right on schedule. None of what follows is complicated, and most of it our Cubs can do themselves. A few small habits keep more children in their classrooms and more families out of the waiting room.

Wash Hands Well

Soap, warm water, and a full twenty seconds. Before eating, after the bathroom, after recess.

Catch It In Your Elbow

Cough and sneeze into your sleeve, never into your hands.

Hands Off Your Face

Eyes, nose and mouth are the doors germs use. This is the hardest one.

Water Bottles Are Personal

No sharing drinks, snacks, utensils or lip balm, however good a friend they are.

Sleep Is Medicine

A rested body fights off a great deal more than a tired one does.

Rest at Home

A sick Cub at home gets better faster, and keeps twenty classmates well.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CUB HOME

Keep your Cub home with a fever of 100.4 or higher, with vomiting, or with diarrhea. They should be fever free for a full twenty four hours, without fever reducing medicine, before they come back to school. **Questions?** Nurse Higgins is in the health office and is always glad to talk it through. And if you have been meaning to ask your pediatrician about a flu shot, now is the season for it.

PTA Events at a Glance

10/19 to 23	Scholastic Book Fair	10/20 (Tue)	Mental Health Workshop, grade 5
10/22 (Thu)	Parents, Teachers & Staff Night Out	10/30 (Fri)	Cottle Halloween Party
10/30 (Fri)	Cottle Pumpkin Carving Contest	10/30 (Fri)	Yearbook Photo Deadline
11/9 (Mon)	Holiday Food Drive Begins	Ongoing	DeCicco's School Rebate Program
Ongoing	PTA Directory		

PTA Event Details

Scholastic Book Fair, 10/19 to 10/23

The Book Fair runs the week of October 19. Sign up to volunteer.

Mental Health Workshop, 10/20

Fifth grade parents, join the Tuckahoe PTA and the JCK Foundation for a workshop that helps parents support their teens and tweens on their mental health journey. Learn more.

Parents, Teachers & Staff Night Out, 10/22

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.

Cottle Pumpkin Contest, 10/30

Drop your pumpkin at the Main Entrance before or immediately after school on Friday, October 30. Prizes will be awarded.
More info.

Yearbook Photos Due 10/30

We are seeking photos for the Cottle Yearbook. Group photos are preferred, and individual shots are welcome. Please make sure photos include only students in UPK through grade 5.
Submit by October 30.

Holiday Food Drive, 11/9 to 11/13

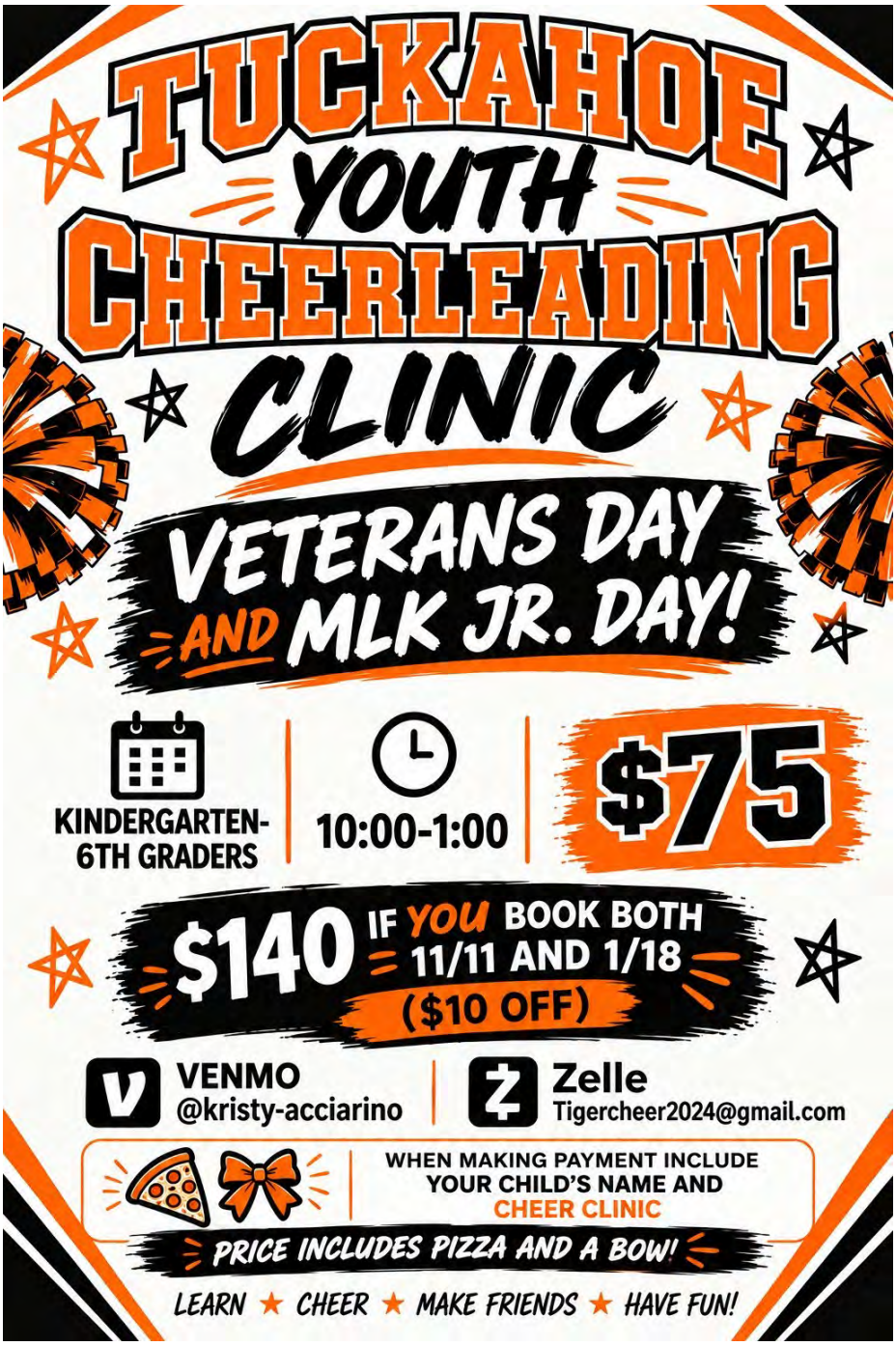
Help local families by donating holiday nonperishables: canned yams, pie filling, gravy and stuffing. Drop items off in the Cottle lobby or at the MS/HS entrance.

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.

Are You in the PTA Directory?

It is free to sign up, and it gives you access to your child's class list and much more. No volunteering required to be listed. Click here.



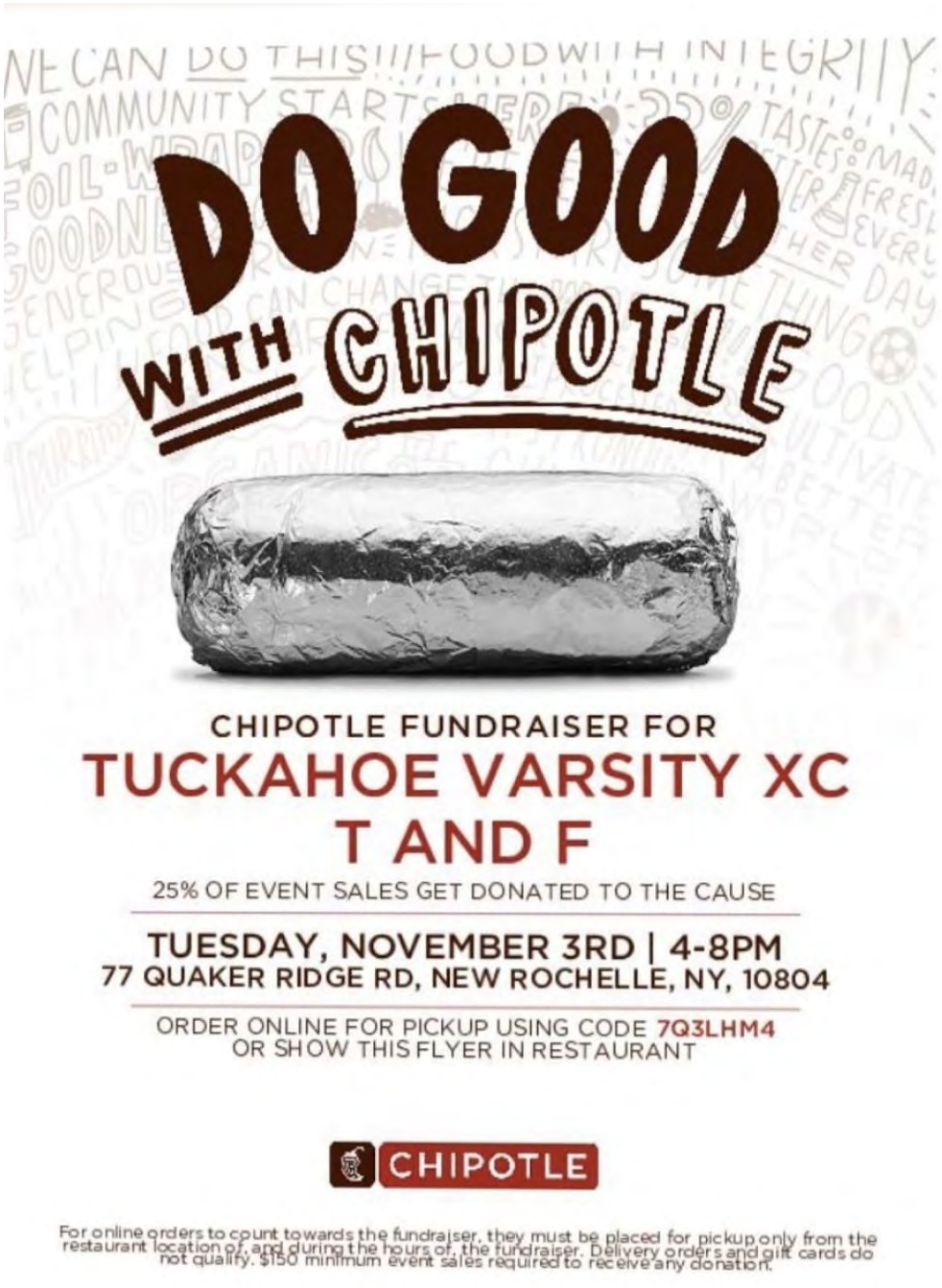
TUCKAHOE YOUTH CHEERLEADING CLINIC

Kindergarten through sixth grade, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Veterans Day, November 11, and again on M.L.K. Jr. Day, January 18. $75 for one day or $140 for both, pizza and a bow included. **Register here.** T.A.C. membership and Tiger merch: **tuckahoeathleticcouncil.givebacks.com/shop**.



HALLOWEEN ADULT COSTUME PARTY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

A grown ups night out to benefit the Tuckahoe Tigers football team. 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the American Legion, 40 Bell Road, Scarsdale. $50 in advance or $60 at the door, with a D.J., food, beer and wine and a 50/50 raffle. Pay by Venmo to @Tuckahoe-Football and include your last name and number of guests.



CHIPOTLE NIGHT FOR CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 77 Quaker Ridge Road, New Rochelle. Twenty five percent of event sales goes to the team. Order online for pickup with code 7Q3LHM4, or show the flyer in the restaurant. Delivery orders and gift cards do not count toward the fundraiser.