COTTLE WEEKLY

William E. Cottle Elementary School

Preparing Every Student for Excellence

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FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Dr. Rowe

September went out loud! Jungle animals in the halls, a wall of grade colors, pajamas at 9 a.m., and PAWS assemblies that went up a level when Cody showed up. Join me October 15 at 9:30 for my first Interim Principal's Coffee, All Things Cottle. A note on next week's safety drill is on page 2.

FROM THE A.P.'S DESK

Mr. Kilgallen

It's hard to believe October is already here! We have some awesome fall weather ahead of us, and Homecoming Weekend is finally here. My full note is on page 3.

This Week at Cottle

1 **A Fun-Filled Spirit Week**

So many great looks, from animals in the jungle to all out grade colors, cozy pajamas and best decades. Photos on page 4.

2 **September PAWS Assemblies**

So much energy in the room, and a surprise appearance from Cody made it even better. Photos on page 5.

3 **The Eastchester Fire Department Visited**

Thank you to our local firefighters for spending time with our Cubs. Photos on page 7.

Mark Your Calendar

OCT 2	**Homecoming Parade** Today, 4:45 p.m., Pleasant Ave.
OCT 3	**Tuckahoe Day** 12 to 3 p.m., THS lot
OCT 9	**Picture Day** Smile, Cubs!
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 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

Perseverance: we keep trying, even when something is hard, and learn from our mistakes as we grow.
At home: ask your Cub about something that was hard this week, and what they tried next.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Fire Prevention Week runs October 4 to 10, a good weekend to test your smoke alarms.
Hispanic Heritage Month runs through October 15.

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Go Cubs!

Looking Ahead: Our First Lockdown Drill

Next week at Cottle

Next week our Cubs and staff will take part in our first lockdown drill of the school year. New York State requires every school to practice these drills, and we approach them the way we approach a fire drill: calmly, with preparation first, and with the goal of building confidence rather than worry. Our students have been prepared at every grade level, in language that fits their age, so that nothing about the drill comes as a surprise.

How We Prepare Our Cubs

1. **We talk about it first.** Every class hears what will happen before the drill begins, explained in a way that matches their grade level.
2. **We keep it short and calm.** Students practice moving quietly to a safe spot in their classroom and staying with their teacher until the all clear.
3. **We check in afterward.** Teachers reconnect with their class, answer questions, and let us know if any Cub needs a little extra support.

Talking About It at Home

- **Ask an open question.** “How did the practice go today?” lets your child share at their own pace.
- **Keep your own tone steady.** Children take their cue from the adults around them.
- **Name the purpose.** We practice so everyone knows what to do, the same way we practice fire drills.
- **Let us know.** If your child seems worried afterward, please call the office so we can follow up.

OUR SUPPORT TEAM IS HERE

Ms. Silver, our School Counselor, along with Dr. Newman and Mrs. Peduto, our School Psychologists, are always available to any family or student who would like to talk.

From the Assistant Principal's Desk

Mr. Kilgallen

It's hard to believe October is already here! We have some awesome fall weather ahead of us. It's the perfect time to get outside, enjoy the beautiful weather, and take in everything that makes autumn in Tuckahoe so special. It's also an exciting time around Tuckahoe, as Homecoming Weekend is here!

The fun kicks off today, Friday, October 2, with the Homecoming Day Parade. The parade will make its way through Tuckahoe before finishing at the High School. We encourage our Cottle Cubs and families to come out, wave, cheer, and show that great Tuckahoe community spirit!

And if that isn't enough excitement, the Girls Soccer Team will be playing under the lights Friday night at the High School! Come out, bring your school spirit, and support our student-athletes as they take the field.

Of course, October also means postseason baseball, and we'll be cheering on our New York Yankees as they continue their October journey!

There is so much to celebrate this time of year: beautiful weather, school spirit, athletics, and, most importantly, the amazing community that makes Tuckahoe such a special place. Let's make it a pawsome October, Cottle Cubs!

HOMECOMING WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

1. Today, Friday, October 2: the Homecoming Parade winds through Tuckahoe and finishes at the High School.
2. Friday night: Girls Soccer plays under the lights at the High School.

A Fun-Filled Spirit Week

Four days of great looks to close out September, leading straight into Homecoming



Animals in the Jungle, spots and whiskers



Grade Colors, head to toe in yellow



Favorite Decades, straight out of the 1950s



Favorite Decades, arriving in full 1980s

September PAWS Awards

Kindergarten through fifth grade, together for a PAWSitive Attitude

Every grade filled the auditorium to celebrate September's value, a PAWSitive attitude. Cubs caught showing it walked up to applause for a PAWStastic award, handed over by Cody himself.



Up the aisle to collect an award



Cody, the surprise guest of honor



High fives down the whole row



PAWStastic certificate in hand



Front rows, waiting on names



A hug at the front of the room



The upper grades, fully invested



The long walk up, with applause



A full house for our first assembly

Learning at Cottle

Inside our classrooms, our library and our STEAM gallery wall

From a gallery wall of dots to the properties of multiplication, here is a look at what learning looked like around the building this week.



Celebrating Dot Day in STEAM, with every Cub's dot framed and hung



Reading together, the whole class following along



Properties of multiplication, Thursday morning



Choosing this week's books in the library

ASK ABOUT DOT DAY

Dot Day comes from *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds, about a child who makes one small mark and discovers she is an artist. Ask your Cub what their dot turned into.

The Fire Department Came to Cottle

Thank you to the Eastchester Fire Department

Firefighters from the Eastchester Fire Department brought an engine to Cottle this week, walked our Cubs around it, showed them the gear a firefighter wears, and answered a great many very good questions.



With the crew from Eastchester F.D.



A second class takes a turn at the engine



Seeing a full set of turnout gear up close



Hot Topics, hanging in our hallway

WHAT OUR CUBS TOOK AWAY

Stop, drop and roll if your clothes catch fire. Feel a door before you open it, and find another way out if it is hot. Get down low under smoke, and never go back inside once you are out.

At home: practice your family's escape plan and agree on a meeting spot outside. Fire Prevention Week runs October 4 to 10.

PTA Events at a Glance

10/2 (Fri)	PTA Dance Registration Deadline	10/3 (Sat)	Halloween Costume Swap
10/3 (Sat)	Spirit Wear at Tuckahoe Day	10/17 & 24	Family Portraits
10/20 (Tue)	JCK Parent Workshop	10/22 (Thu)	Parents, Teachers & Staff Night Out
10/30 (Fri)	Cottle Halloween Party	10/30 (Fri)	Cottle Pumpkin Carving Contest
Ongoing	PTA Membership Drive	Ongoing	DeCicco's School Rebate Program

PTA Event Details

PTA Dance, register by today

Open to grades K to 12, with classes starting 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.

Family Portraits, 10/17 and 10/24

Join the Tuckahoe PTA for Family Portrait Sessions and get professional photos of your family while supporting PTA programs. Keep an eye out for the SignUpGenius.

JCK Parent 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 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 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.

Support the PTA

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

DeCicco's School Rebate Program

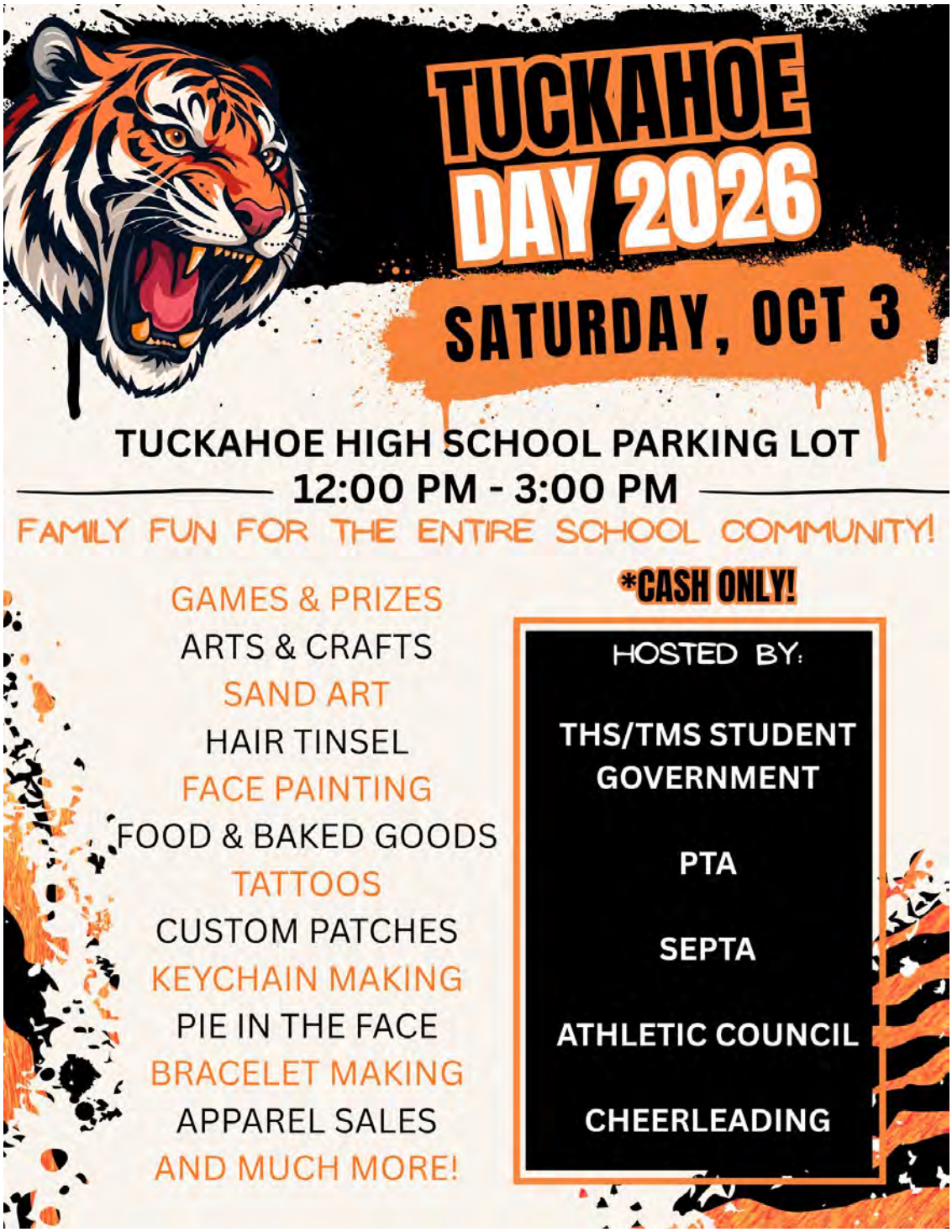
Sign up for a DeCicco Card and DeCicco & Sons donates 1% of your total to the school you choose, automatically. Sign up or convert your card.



HOMECOMING WEEK, SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 4

Tonight: the parade steps off at 4:45 p.m. on Pleasant Avenue and ends at the High School, then a bonfire from 5:15 to 6:30 in the THS lot with a D.J. and food trucks, and Girls Soccer at 7:00.

Saturday: the Fun Run at 9:30 a.m., Tuckahoe Day from 12:00 to 3:00, and Varsity Football against Pleasantville at 7:30 p.m.



TUCKAHOE DAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

12:00 to 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.**