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, and a productive one. Our staff spent Superintendent's Day together and came away with a great deal settled. Next Wednesday we pause for Veterans Day. Please take a moment with your Cub to thank someone who served, and if you can, tell them a story about that person.

FROM THE A.P.'S DESK

Mr. Kilgallen

Straight back into it this week. Thank you to our staff for a focused Superintendent's Day, and to our families for the warmth you send our way every week. Two order deadlines sneak up fast this weekend, so do check the calendar. Go Cubs!

This Week at Cottle

1. **A Productive Superintendent's Day**
   The whole staff together, and a great deal got done.
2. **Third Grade at the Maritime Aquarium**
   A day at the Maritime Aquarium, see page 7.
3. **First Grade at the Emelin Theatre**
   A morning at the theatre in Mamaroneck, see page 8.
4. **Kindergarten Goes to the Polls**
   A real ballot of their very own, see page 9.

ASK MS. SILVER

No column this week, back next Friday. Scan to send our School Counselor a parenting question. Questions are anonymous, so please leave out names.

Mark Your Calendar

NOV 8	**Diwali** Festival of Lights
NOV 8	**Tiger Store Orders Due** Holiday team store, page 15
NOV 9	**Holiday Food Drive** Through November 13
NOV 11	**Veterans Day** See page 4
NOV 11	**SEPTA Dines Out** Il Gusto, page 14
NOV 11	**Youth Cheer Clinic** Veterans Day, page 15
NOV 12	**Sibling Photo Sign Up** Deadline to sign up
NOV 13	**PTA Spirit Wear Due** Order by Friday, page 13
NOV 16	**SEPTA Spiritwear Due** Midnight Monday, page 14
NOV 20	**Sibling Picture Day** Current Cottle students

HEART OF A CUB • VALUE OF THE WEEK

Gratitude: we notice what other people do for us, and we say so out loud.
At home: ask your Cub who they would like to thank this week, and why.

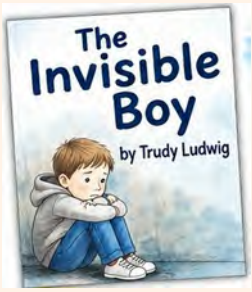
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Go Cubs!

A Cub and a Book

Our schoolwide read aloud for November

Every month our whole school, UPK through grade 5, reads the same book together, and then keeps talking about it in class. November's book is **The Invisible Boy**, and it pairs with what our cubs are practicing all month.



NOVEMBER

The Invisible Boy

by Trudy Ludwig, illustrated by Patrice Barton

Brian is the boy nobody quite notices. When a new student arrives and invites him in, a few small kindnesses are enough to make him feel seen.

Talk at Home

1. What was the story about?
2. How did the character solve a problem?
3. What is one kind or responsible thing you can do this week?

Try This Together

1. Draw your favorite part of the story
2. Practice solving a problem together
3. Compliment each family member

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Showing Respect

SEL

Being Understanding

INCLUSION

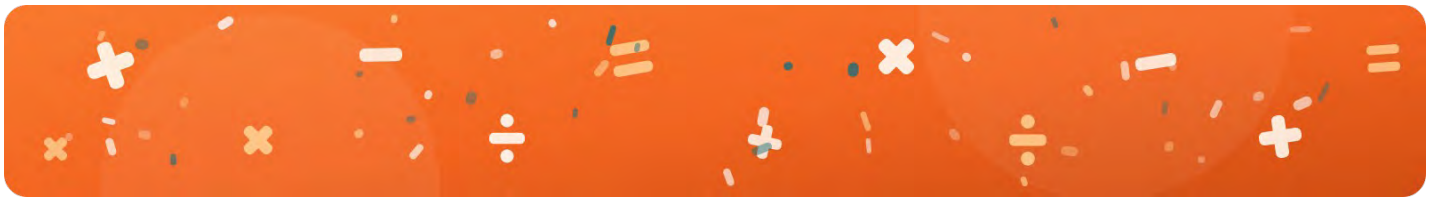
Disability Awareness

WHY THIS MATTERS

Ten minutes of this at the dinner table builds empathy, responsibility, communication, inclusion, and respect.

First in Math Leaderboard

Top three in the school this week



First in Math is the online practice program our Cubs use for number work. It grew out of the 24 Game, a card puzzle about spotting the relationships between numbers, and it is built the same way: short games, played a few at a time. **Our top three have 14,416 points between them this week.**

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Mehrish J.

Class 5F

5,612

POINTS

1

Natal T.

Class 4JC

5,688

POINTS

3

Andrew K.

Class 5JG

3,116

POINTS

A NOTE ON SCREENS AT HOME

We are mindful about screen time as a staff, so to be clear: this page is not a nudge to hand your Cub a device tonight. First in Math is practice they already do in school with Ms. Miggins, and a few short games beat one long stretch. If you would rather play the 24 Game at the table with a deck of cards, that is number work too.

WELL DONE, CUBS

Congratulations to Natal, Mehrish and Andrew, who hold the same three places as last week. The board moves every week, and there are plenty of Cubs climbing it who have not made this page yet. Steady beats long every time.

Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11

Next Wednesday is Veterans Day, the day we thank everyone who has served in the United States armed forces. **Not only those who went to war, and not only those we lost: everyone who served.** Most of them are still with us, and a good many of them live right here in Tuckahoe.

WHERE THE DATE COMES FROM

The Eleventh Hour

The guns of the First World War fell silent at **eleven in the morning on the eleventh day of the eleventh month**, in 1918. The anniversary was marked as Armistice Day from 1919, and in 1954 Congress changed the name to Veterans Day so that it would honor everyone who has served, in every conflict and in peacetime too.

Not Memorial Day

Memorial Day in May remembers those who died serving. Veterans Day thanks all who served.

Closer Than You Think

Many of our Cubs have a veteran in the family: a grandparent, an aunt, a neighbor two doors down.

Ask at Home

Ask your Cub who they know who has served. Then ask them what that person actually did, and listen.

THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS

To every Cottle family with someone who has served, and to the veterans across Tuckahoe: thank you. If there is a veteran in your family you would like our Cubs to know about, we would be glad to hear from you. Send a note to the office and we will make room for it in a coming issue.

A MOMENT AT ELEVEN

Wherever you are on Wednesday morning, eleven o'clock is a good moment to stop for a few seconds and think of them. It costs nothing, it takes no planning, and it is the whole point of the date.

PAWS Recognition

Celebrating what our Cubs practiced all through October

Through October our Cubs focused on **demonstrating responsibility**, by making positive choices, following expectations, and being respectful members of our school community. Our PAWS assembly was the celebration of all of it, and the energy in that room was something to see.



Our Tiger came out for the celebration



Working the room



A full house



Every grade together

ALSO THIS MONTH • ERIN'S LAW

Students took part in an SEL lesson on Erin's Law, learning about personal safety, recognizing unsafe situations, and identifying the trusted adults they can turn to for help. If your Cub wants to talk about it at home, Ms. Silver is always glad to hear from families.

ADHD AND DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

We also marked ADHD and Down Syndrome Awareness Month, celebrating understanding, acceptance, inclusion, and the unique strengths that make each of us who we are. **Together we keep building a school where everyone feels safe, valued, and supported.**

The Giving Retriever, Back Again

More classrooms, more brushes, more happy Cubs

Our Giving Retriever was back at Cottle this week, and another set of classrooms got their turn. **The brushes come out, everybody settles, and the room goes quiet in the best possible way.**



Brushes out, everyone settles



The guest of honor



Gentle hands



Thirty quiet minutes

WHAT A VISIT LOOKS LIKE

About thirty minutes in one classroom at a time, with a turn to brush, a turn to sit alongside, and plenty of time to simply be near a very calm dog. Visits continue through the year, and teachers sign up so that every class gets one.

A BIG THANK YOU

The Giving Retriever visits have been made possible through a partnership with the District, Tuckahoe SEPTA, and Tuckahoe PTA. Three groups put this together for our Cubs, and the joy in these photos is the result. Thank you to all of them, and to the families whose dues and fundraising sit behind it.

Beyond the Classroom

Third grade at the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk

Our third graders spent the day at the **Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk**, and it was a proper working visit. Hands in the touch tank, clipboards out for a shark lab with real jaws on the table, and a long look at the big tank.



Third grade in front of the big tank, worksheets finished



The Indo Pacific reef



Hands in the touch tank



Shark lab, clipboards out



Questions for the educator

THANK YOU

Thank you to our third grade teachers for the planning, to our chaperones for giving up a day, and to the Maritime Aquarium educators who ran the lab. Ask your Cub what a shark uses instead of bones, they will know.

Beyond the Classroom

First grade at the Emelin Theatre

Our first graders took a trip to the **Emelin Theatre in Mamaroneck**, settled into the dark, and watched a fable they already knew get turned upside down.



Front rows, waiting for the lights to go down

THE SHOW

The Adventures of Tortoise and Hare: The Next Gen

Aesop's classic fable comes to life in a glow in the dark adventure. ***The Next Gen*** picks up the famous rivals ten years on, now parents themselves, navigating a world of smartphones, video games, and modern distractions.

When Tortoise Junior and Lil' Hare disappear during a new kind of race, Old Man Tortoise and Big Daddy Hare have to work together, differences and all, to find their children.

Slow and steady, now with smartphones.

AN OLD FABLE, A VERY CURRENT PROBLEM

Slow and steady is still in there, but this version puts two parents who cannot agree on anything in a room together, and makes them cooperate anyway. Worth asking your Cub which of the two they would rather be stuck with.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our first grade teachers for arranging the trip, to the chaperones who rode along, and to the Emelin Theatre for a morning our Cubs will be talking about for a while.

Election Day at Cottle

Our youngest Cubs cast their first ballots

Our kindergarteners learned how voting works, and then did it properly: a real ballot, a private choice, and a box to post it in. **The question on the ballot was favorite animal.**



Drop your ballot off here



The fifth grade bake sale, open to every voter who came through

KINDERGARTEN LEARNS TO VOTE

They talked about what a vote is, why everyone gets exactly one, and why you do not have to tell anybody how you used yours. Then they marked their ballots, posted them in the box, and counted the results together as a class. A first lesson in a habit we hope lasts them sixty years.

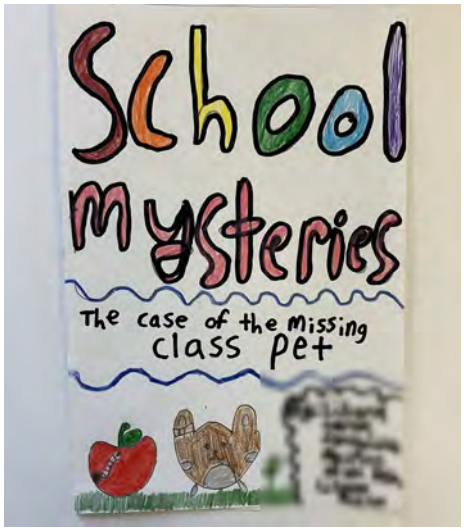
A SHOUT OUT TO THE PTA AND OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the Tuckahoe PTA and to our fifth grade volunteers, who ran a bake sale through Election Day and put treats in front of every Tuckahoe voter who came through the doors. Our Cubs took the orders, made the change, and did it with a smile all day. A fundraiser, a civics lesson, and a very good advertisement for this school, all at the same table.

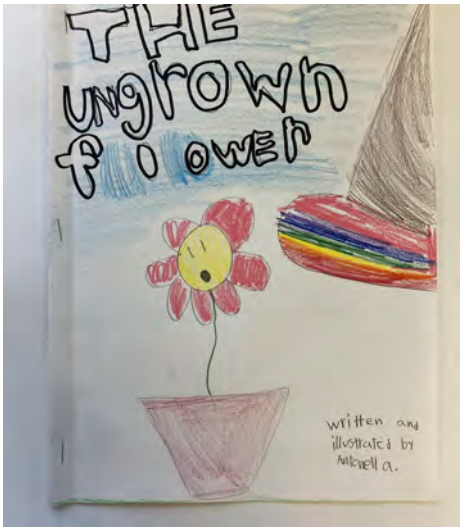
Art Enrichment

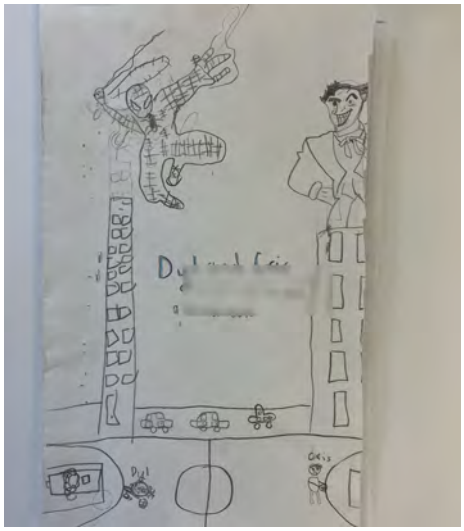
Second and fourth grade are making comic books

A glimpse at the start of it. Our Cubs were asked to invent **a hero and a problem**, outline a plot sequence, and then write and illustrate the whole thing onto templates.













Covers up top, and the work behind them underneath

TO BE CONTINUED

They have been so excited to take part and to collaborate with one another. On the last day, when the books are finished, they will read them aloud to each other. Watch this space for the final product.

Two Shows Left

The clue wall is nearly out of clues

Eleven shows went up on the wall outside the Theater Club board. Two more came off this week, which leaves **two still in the running.** The slow walk past on the way to lunch has turned into a full stop.



Nine down, two to go

ALL WE ARE WILLING TO SAY

Nine of the eleven now have two very familiar faces pasted across the front. Two are still untouched. It is down to a coin toss, and the Cottle Theater Club is giving away nothing further, which they made very clear.

SIGN UPS ARE COMING

Sign ups for the play open soon and **casting is limited**, so keep an eye out. Last chance to make your guess together before the Theater Club says it out loud.

Everyday Inclusion

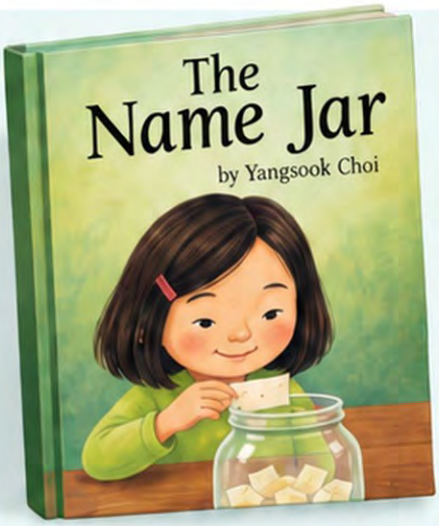
A monthly feature from the PTA Belonging and Inclusion Committee



NOVEMBER THEME

Our Stories Make Us Who We Are

Every family and every culture has traditions, languages, stories, and experiences that make them unique. This month, we celebrate the many backgrounds and stories that make up our Cottle community.



NOVEMBER BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Name Jar

by Yangsook Choi

This book will be displayed in the Cottle Library for the entire month.

A thoughtful story about names, identity, belonging, and appreciating what makes each of us unique.

Talk About It at Home

1. What is one tradition, food, language, story, or celebration that is special to your family?
2. Why is someone's name an important part of who they are?
3. What can we learn about each other when we share our stories?

PTA Events at a Glance

11/9 (Mon)	Holiday Food Drive Begins	**11/13 (Fri)**	PTA Spirit Wear Deadline
11/20 (Fri)	Sibling Picture Day	**Ongoing**	DeCicco's School Rebate Program
Ongoing	PTA Directory		

PTA Event Details

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 November 9 to 13 in the Cottle lobby or at the MS/HS entrance.

PTA Winter Spirit Wear, due 11/13

Tees, hoodies, hats, scarves and PJ pants. Show your Tuckahoe pride and support our school. **Order by November 13.**

Sibling Picture Day, 11/20

Please note your students' names and classes in the comment box when you sign up. The deadline to sign up is November 12, and this is only available for current Cottle students. **Sign up 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.

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.**

Dr. Rowe, send me this week's PTA list and I will swap it in. This is last week's with the past items removed.

TUCKAHOE ATHLETIC COUNCIL

The Youth Cheer Clinic runs on Veterans Day, and the Tiger Holiday Team Store closes this Sunday. Both are on page 15. Membership and year round Tiger merch at **tuckahoeathleticcouncil.givebacks.com/shop**.

Tuckahoe SEPTA

Two ways to support our Special Education PTA this month

Tuckahoe SEPTA is our Special Education PTA, and it has two fundraisers running at once. **One asks you to eat dinner, the other to buy a hoodie.** Both put money straight back into programming for our students, and both close within the next ten days.



Dines Out, Wednesday 11/11



Holiday Spiritwear, by 11/16

DINES OUT • THIS WEDNESDAY

All day on Wednesday, November 11 at Il Gusto Ristorante Italiano, 97 Lake Avenue. Twenty percent of every lunch and dinner order, from the pizzeria or the restaurant, dine in or takeout, goes to SEPTA. Mention Tuckahoe SEPTA when you order or pay, and reserve by Sunday on (914) 779-7944.

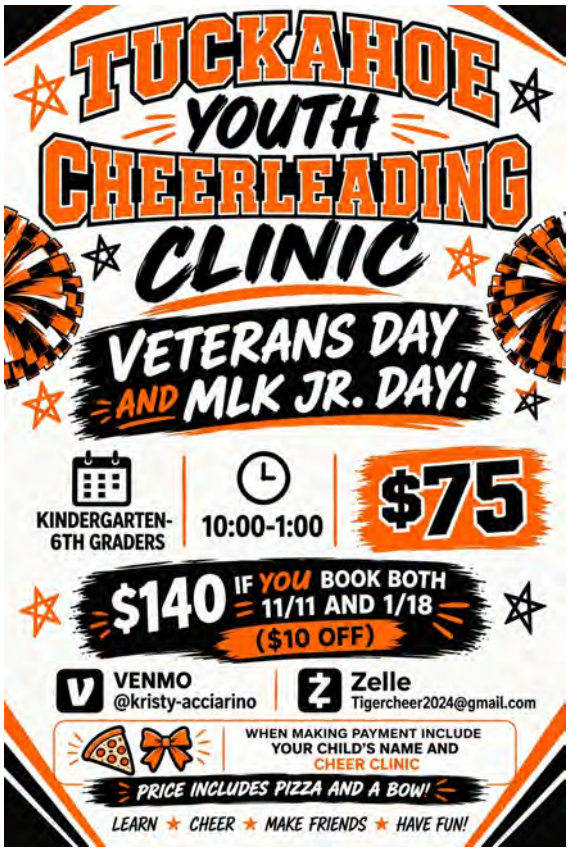
HOLIDAY SPIRITWEAR • ORDER BY MONDAY

Tees, joggers, flannel pants and name embroidered backpacks. Order at hypeteamstores.com/tuckahoe-spiritwear-store-winter-2026 before midnight on Monday, November 16. No late orders can be accepted. There are three different stores open right now, so check the link: this one is SEPTA, the PTA Winter Spirit Wear is on page 13, and the Tiger Holiday Team Store is on page 15.

Tuckahoe Athletic Council

Two things from the Tigers, and one of them closes this weekend

The Tuckahoe Athletic Council runs youth sports for the whole district, and it has two things open to Cottle families right now. **A cheerleading clinic on Veterans Day, and the Tiger Holiday Team Store.** The store closes on Sunday, so that one is the short fuse.



Cheer Clinic, 11/11 and 1/18



Holiday Team Store, by 11/8

YOUTH CHEER CLINIC • TWO DATES

Kindergarten through sixth grade, 10:00 to 1:00, on Veterans Day, Wednesday November 11, and again on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday January 18. Seventy five dollars for one day, or one hundred and forty for both, a ten dollar saving. Pay by Venmo to @kristy-acciarino or Zelle to Tigercheer2024@gmail.com, and include your child's name and CHEER CLINIC. Pizza and a bow are included.

HOLIDAY TEAM STORE • ORDERS DUE SUNDAY

Hoodies, tees, hats and totes you can customize for any sport whatever the season, plus Tiger Nation and Debate and Science Olympiad. Order at metroteamsports.chipply.com/TuckahoeTigerTeamHoliday by Sunday, November 8, with delivery guaranteed in time for the holidays. This is a Tigers store, separate from the two spiritwear stores on pages 13 and 14.