



William E. Cottle Elementary School

A PROMISE TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW

Cottle Weekly

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Cottle Calendar

Thursday, Dec., 24
through
Friday, January 1
SCHOOL CLOSED
FOR VACATION



HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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School is closed Thursday, Dec. 24th through New Year's Day.
See you on January 4, 2010! Happy Holidays!

Report cards will be sent home today, Wednesday, December 23

LAST CALL! YEARBOOK NEWS!

Last call for Halloween and Field Day Pictures!
Please email them by Dec 31st to
eiolarey@optonline.net or jlebrini@aol.com.

REMINDER TO 5th GRADE PARENTS

PCMs are due by Jan 15th!
Be sure to include a baby picture of your 5th grader!

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:

The William E. Cottle School will hold Kindergarten registration for children who will be five (5) years old by December 1, 2010. If you know anyone that needs to register their child, please have them call Mrs. Linn, at 337-5376, ext. 1273, so that she can send them a packet and information needed for registration.

Child's last name beginning with **A-L**
Wed., Jan. 20th – 9 to 11AM

Child's last name beginning with **M-Z**
Thurs., Jan. 21st – 9 to 11AM

Thank you.

IMPORTANT UPDATE!

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
CONFERENCE DAY HAS
CHANGED FROM

Friday, February 12, 2010
to
Monday, May 10, 2010

February 12 is a regular
school day.

Please update your
calendars. Thank you

CHECK OUT THIS YEARS MINI COURSES!

Classes begin mid January

Mini course registration form and course descriptions are in this week's *Weekly* on pages 3 through 9. Please go to:

<http://www2.lhric.org/ths1/cottle/cottleweekly/12-23-09CottleWeekly.pdf> to view course descriptions or click on the mini course link on the Cottle home page.

What's Ahead, News and Notices



We have registered Cottle school in the Stop&Shop® A+ Bonus Bucks rewards program. Now through March 25, 2010, our schools will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop&Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program.

All you have to do is:

Register your card online:

www.stopandshop.com/aplus

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

WEC'S SCHOOL ID IS 08504.

TMS/THS ID IS 08049

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns CASH for our schools! You can register up to three schools. Earned bonus bucks are divided equally among the schools you register. Cards must be re-enrolled each year. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Questions? [Visit the stop and shop website for more information.](#)

Terracycle Brigade Program

We are collecting empty Capri Sun pouches for recycling. We hope to train our students to recycle while we collect 2¢ on each returned pouch. Our profits will be used to help support our school. Kindly, remember to consider purchasing this juice item for snacks, Cottle celebrations, scouting events, sport clubs.



The children can rinse their pouch and remove the straw before depositing the pouches in the receptacles, which will be found in the Cottle cafeteria.

Mrs. Doreen Pinto and Mrs. Margaret Evans have volunteered to assist us with this project. Thank you.

US CENSUS BUREAU JOBS

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TUCKAHOE PTA MINI-COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD'S NAME: _____

GRADE/TEACHER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CELLULAR NUMBER: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

EMERGENCY NUMBER: _____

COURSE TITLE: _____

COURSE FEE: _____

CHECK # _____

I hereby give my child, _____ permission to attend the mini-course listed above at the William E. Cottle School. I will arrange transportation home for my child. In the event that I cannot be reached, I give permission for my child to receive emergency treatment.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:

X _____

Will your child go to TASC after mini-course on this day?

YES _____

NO _____

Each course requires its own registration form and check. One PTA form can be used per child.

Registration will be handled by Mail.

Mail to Peggy Hommel at 110 Parkview Drive, Bronxville, NY 10708.

Please Review the Cottle Weekly for a list indicating your child's name and course acceptance.

Tuckahoe PTA Presents 2010 Mini Courses

The Tuckahoe PTA is proud to present the schedule of our Winter 2010 Mini Course Program. Classes will begin on Monday, January 11, 2010 and run for six consecutive weeks. Please refer to course schedule for exact times and days.

Classes are one hour long, running from 3:15-4:15. All children will go directly to their assigned mini course classroom. Room numbers will be posted near the main office and in Mini Course description. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation home. In fairness to the instructors, please be prompt in picking up your child.

****REGISTRATION FOR ALL CLASSES WILL BE HANDLED BY MAIL. All registrations will be on a first come, first serve basis.**

Checks should be made payable to "TUCKAHOE PTA MINI COURSE".

Registration, PTA student Permission/Liability Form and Check should be mailed to:

Peggy Hommel
110 Parkview Dr.
Bronxville, NY 10708

*****ALL PAPERWORK NEEDS TO BE SENT TOGETHER. (Registration, Permission form and Check)**

Should your class be closed or cancelled you will be notified by mail and your check will be returned. You will be notified of your child's enrollment via the Cottle Weekly. A list of each student's name and mini course acceptance will be published in the Cottle Weekly.

Please note there are no refunds or switching classes after the first week of registration.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. WE ARE ASKING EACH PARENT TO VOLUNTEER. If you can not commit to the entire 6 weeks please volunteer for one or two hours. We really need your help!

Lastly, please review all the recommended safety tips.

PTA MINI-COURSE

PEGGY HOMMEL

914-813-1317

MONDAY Mini Course Descriptions

"JUNIOR EXPLORER" Grades "K-2" 15 STUDENTS

Class Dates: January 11, 25, February 1, 8, 22 & March 1.

Day: MONDAY

Instructor: Mad Science

Fee: \$80.00

Take a trip through some of the most unique areas of science. See how illusion and reality meet and test out the ideas that make our favorite toys and tricks work. You'll take flight with this Mad Science session. Some of the weekly topics in this session are: *Stunt Planes & Gliders, Movie FX, The Science of Magic, Sonic Sounds, Optical Illusions, Wacky Water, The Science of Toys, Radical Robots, The Science of Art & Great Gravity*

"JUNIOR EXPLORER" Grades "3-5" 15 STUDENTS

Class Dates: January 11, 25, February 1, 8, 22 & March 1.

Day: MONDAY

Instructor: Mad Science

Fee: \$80.00

Same as above but geared towards grades 3rd, 4th and 5th.

POTTERY DESIGN Grades K, 1, 2 & 3 15 STUDENTS

Class Dates: 11, 25, February 1, 8, 22 & March 1.

Day: MONDAY

Instructor: Amita Ajmera (Parent)

Fee: \$80.00

Learn with fun the various styles to design and decorate pottery in our Pottery mini course. Students will decorate pots using; Glitter, Rice, Lentils, Paper/Ribbon, Clay, Mirrors, threads and paints. Come have some fun, be creative

"YOGA" Grades 3, 4 & 5 20 STUDENTS

Class Dates: 11, 25, February 1, 8, 22 & March 1.

Day: MONDAY

Instructor: Ms. Gorman & Ms. Vinton

Fee: \$50.00

What a great way to start the new year! Yoga is the perfect antidote, providing a noncompetitive activity in which children are always perfect. There's no winning or losing in yoga. There's no performing. All there is, is a balanced and creative venue for kids to build strength, spirit, and self-esteem. In yoga, children learn to focus, concentrate, and breathe -- all life skills that prove invaluable as a child grows.

TUESDAY Mini Course Descriptions

DINOSAURS ROCK Grades K-5 15 STUDENTS

Class Dates: January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9 & 23.

Day: TUESDAY

Instructor: Dinosaurs Rock of CT.

Fee: \$110.00

Come and experience a Fossil & Mineral Adventure. They bring the Museum to us with this hands-on exploration of the prehistoric world. "See & Touch" life size and 5-500 million year old genuine specimens. Topics include Fascinating Fossils, the Miracle of Minerals, and Paleontologist For A Day, the Ice Age, Prehistoric Sharks and more. Weekly take-home projects with REAL FOSSILS & MINERALS such as: Fossil Dig, Crystal-filled Geode Opening, Dinosaur Model Building, Gemstone Panning, Make your own Shark Tooth Necklace, & Tribolite Excavation.

INDIAN DANCE Grades K-5 20 STUDENTS

Class Dates: January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9 & 23.

Day: TUESDAY

Instructor: Amita Ajmera (Parent)

Fee: \$60.00

Children get ready and excited for Indian dance.

Learn dances of various Indian states such as: Punjabi Bhangra, Gujrati Dandiya and Garba, Rajasthani Folk dance.

***Parents are invited to come and watch or join the fun!

THURSDAY Mini Course Descriptions

ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASS Grades K-5 15 STUDENTS

Class Dates: January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11 & 25

Day: THURSDAY

Instructor: Amita Ajmera (parent)

Fee: \$70.00

Learn, express, have fun through our mini course of art and craft. Be creative using Water colors, clay, Paper Mache. Students will use vegetables for stamping and printing! Make a Collage by using magazines.

DETECTIVE WORK Grades 1 - 5 15 STUDENTS

Class Dates: January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11 & 25

Day: THURSDAY

Instructors: Detective John Cuccinello (parent)

Fee: \$70.00

The CSI class is an exciting 6 week class based on real investigative techniques. The students will learn how to get fingerprints from a crime scene. They will also learn how to photograph evidence and crime scene sketch. All this while using actual police equipment and technology. This is a fun and exciting class that gets the students involved using hands on teaching.

SCRAPBOOKING Grades K - 5 15 STUDENTS

Class Dates: January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11 & 25

Day: THURSDAY

Instructors: Robin Rockhill

Fee: \$70.00

Welcome to the world of scrapbooking! Start preserving memories of your Cottle years now. Each child will receive a disposable camera at the first class to take pictures at home of favorite people, places, and things. Please bring photos to get started...holidays, seasons, vacations, family, and friends are popular themes. Each child will leave this course with his or her very own scrapbook with both completed and uncompleted pages. Mrs. Rockhill is a Cottle parent and educator. She has taught this fun, popular class for several years.



FRIDAY Mini Course Descriptions

BE A MAGICIAN Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 20 STUDENTS

Class Dates: January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 26, March 5

Day: FRIDAY

Instructor: Mr. David Crasson

Fee: \$65.00

Here is a chance for both beginner and intermediate level magicians to learn the art of magic. Using everyday objects, simple illusions, and commercial props, you will astound your audience. The art of performance and presentation will be an important part of class instruction.

David Crasson is both a professional magician and an educator. He has performed magic for over 25 years. He has taught throughout past years at Cottle. He also teaches courses and workshops for adults and children in the Art of Magic throughout Westchester.

THE ART OF MAKING FOOD Grades 1–4 15 STUDENTS

Class Dates: January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 26, March 5

Day: FRIDAY

Instructor: Amita Ajmera (Parent)

Fee: \$70.00

Cooking can be fun - Learn and surprise your friends and parents with your easy and delicious meals. Make your own Ice Cream, Salsa, Pizza dough, Cookies and more!

WOODWORKING Grades 4-5 10 STUDENTS

Class Dates: January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 26, March 5

Day: FRIDAY

Instructor: Gary Evans (Parent)

Fee: \$70.00

Kids will have a great time creating 3 different wood projects.

Students will use paint and stain to create their work, there will be NO cutting involved. Students will be asked to bring a picture of themselves.

Mini Course Safety Tips & Reminders

Remind your child in the A.M. when it's mini-course day.

Inform TASC personnel of your child's mini-course schedule.

Notify a mini-course committee member should your child not attend a course on a certain day.

Pick up children inside the classroom promptly at dismissal time.

Inappropriate behavior from any child **will** result in **dismissal** from after school activities. **NO REFUND!**

Send an extra snack (not messy please) for your child on mini-course days, since instructors do not provide snack.

Advise the Tuckahoe PTA Mini-Course Committee if your child has any allergies or medical conditions.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in following the above recommendations.

Tuckahoe PTA Mini Courses
Peggy Hommel 813-1317



2010 Spring Baseball/Softball Spring Season

TYA registration started on Nov 2nd for the 2010 spring season.

Over ~75 players registered to date.

Please visit our [new website](http://tuckahoe.baberuthonline.com/engine.asp?area=league&aid=4&lqid=4) for on-line registration at

<http://tuckahoe.baberuthonline.com/engine.asp?area=league&aid=4&lqid=4>

Divisions	Birth Date Range	Registration Fee
Major Boys	May 01, 1997 - Apr 30, 1999	\$100.00
Youth (Instructional)	May 01, 2001 - Apr 30, 2003	\$100.00
Minor Boys	May 01, 1999 - Apr 30, 2001	\$100.00
Rookie (Co-ed)	May 01, 2003 - Apr 30, 2004	\$90.00
T-Ball (Co-ed)	May 01, 2004 - Apr 30, 2006	\$90.00

If you should have any questions please contact Adolfo Rueda at
tuckahoeyouthassn@hotmail.com

For players (10U, 11U & 12U) interested in being a part of the TYA travel/tournament teams, tryouts will be held on;

- Jan. 16th 8:00am - 9:30am (11U) / 9:30am - 11:00am (12U)
- Jan. 17th 1:00pm - 2:30pm (10U)

at

Pro Swing Baseball Training Center
36 Midland Avenue ,Port Chester, NY 10573

Please read the following pages for more information.



December, 2009

To TYA Parents and Players

TYA is a chartered member of the Cal Ripken Baseball League. In addition to its regular baseball season, 10, 11 and 12 year-olds are eligible to participate in a travel and tournament baseball program. For the upcoming year, the TYA Board is restructuring the program, as outlined below.

The following represent some of the highlights of the program:

- TYA will host an open invitation for 10, 11 and 12 year olds at Pro Swing baseball facility in Portchester on January 16th and 17th;
- 14 players will be selected from each age group to continue working as a core group to potentially participate in the TYA travel / tourney program;
- 4 players will be selected as alternates and can participate in the clinic if they choose;
- The open invitation in January is only extended to those who have registered for the Spring season, If you have not registered by January 16th, you cannot participate in this invite;
- The selected players will be required to attend, together as a team, the TYA travel /tourney 8-week, high level instructional clinic (late January – March);
- Attendance for all practices and games will be a key factor in making and remaining on the team;
- Prior to the start of the Spring travel season, we will hold one final open invitation ('try-out') to complete the selection process;
- We are working with neighboring leagues to have a weekly travel game during the April – June time frame (with the possibility of having an occasional game under the lights at Handl field) – the games will not conflict with regular season games;
- End of season participation in the Cal Ripken World Series tournament (which is our equivalent to the Little League World Series held in Williamsport Pa. each year);
- Estimated \$325 per player fee for the travel and tournament program (fees covers clinic, uniform, travel games and tournament fee); and
- Depending on interest, one anticipated out of state tournament (parent and player accommodations not included in the above \$325 fee)

We have spent a lot of time planning this new enhanced program and are happy to have the opportunity to bring this to all of you. Our ability to roll this program out is dependent upon the commitment of the parents and more importantly, the players. We have a lot of very talented players at the 10, 11 and 12 year-old levels and we want to see the boys reach their potential. Baseball has to be their primary sport this spring and summer.



For those players that do not make the team, we are looking into forming 'secondary' teams in an effort to continue to develop as many players out there that are interested in focusing on baseball as their primary sport.

We recognize that baseball season is still a few months away, but in an effort to gauge interest levels and to announce the program, we would appreciate it if you can email me by December 19, 2009 at eightwheels@msn.com if you plan on attending the open invitation on January 16th / 17th.

Thank you for your continued support of TYA.

Adolfo Rueda
President

THE LUNCH BUNCH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

WHO is the lunch bunch?

A group of volunteers who are willing to donate their time to monitor students during lunch recess.

WHAT is the lunch bunch?

A volunteer - run program aimed at keeping students, grades K-3, active during their indoor recess in the winter months when they can't go outside. Volunteers will supervise approximately 40 students in the gymnasium for 20 minutes with organized activities.

WHEN is the lunch bunch in need of help?

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to donate their time during the months of Jan-March.

WHY is the Lunch Bunch needed?

Childhood obesity is a national epidemic.

The percentage of overweight kids in America has more than doubled since we were in school and according to the Westchester Children's Association, 34% of elementary school students **in our County** were overweight or at risk for being overweight in 2006.

Plus, it's a great release for the kids.

If you're interested in helping fight the obesity epidemic right here at home, please email one of us: Janna Conybeare at jannaconybeare@mac.com OR Karen Kelly at kbmKelly@gmail.com

TUCKAHOE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
District Office
29 Elm Street
Tuckahoe, New York 10707

A Promise To Prepare For Tomorrow

Michael V. Yazurlo, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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(914) 337-3072, FAX

December 16, 2009


Dear Tuckahoe School District Parents:

*Please find attached the **revised** 2009-2010 school calendar which was adopted by the Board of Education at their meeting on December 14, 2009.*

On this revised calendar, the Superintendent's Conference Day has been changed from Friday, February 12, 2010 to Monday, May 10, 2010.

Please know that Friday, February 12, 2010 will be a regular school day.

Sincerely,



Michael V. Yazurlo, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Att.

TUCKAHOE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2009-2010

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
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OCTOBER				
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NOVEMBER				
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DECEMBER				
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21	22	23		
JANUARY				
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

September
8 Superintendent's Conference Day
9 School Starts
28 Yom Kippur

October
12 Columbus Day

November
6 Superintendent's Conference Day
11 Veteran's Day
25 Early Dismissal
26-27 Thanksgiving Recess

December
24-31 Holiday Recess

January
1 Holiday Recess
18 Martin Luther King, Jr.

February
15-19 Winter Recess

March
26 Superintendent's Conference Day
29-31 Spring Recess

April
1- 5 Spring Recess

May
10 Superintendent Conference Day
31 Memorial Day Observed

June
24 Early Dismissal (Cottle)
25 Last Day of School Early Dismissal

- = Schools Closed
- = Teachers Only
- = Early Dismissal for Students

Make Up Days
1 Snow Day : No make up day
2-3 Snow Days: March 26th
4 Snow Days: April 5th

Total Days
Teachers 184
Students 180

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
22	23	24	25	26
MARCH				
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JUNE				
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Adopted by Board of Education on 2/23/09 – Revision Approved 12/14/09

TUCKAHOE CUB SCOUT PACK 7 - 2009/10 CALENDAR

Kindergarten through 4th Grade Boys!
You are invited to try Cub Scouts – Tuckahoe Pack 7

 We have lots of exciting activities planned!

 Please contact Jim Lombardi – jimlombardi@verizon.net or
 Chris DiPietro – bessie418@aol.com

Tuckahoe Cub Scout Pack 7 - 2009/2010 Calendar

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Popcorn Fundraiser	Month of October		
Halloween Party	Thursday, October 29	6:30 – 8:30	Cottle Cafeteria
November Den Meetings	Friday, November 13	7:00 – 8:00	Cottle Cafeteria
Talent Night	Friday, November 20	7:00 – 8:30	Cottle Cafeteria
Concordia Conservatory Holiday Show	Friday, December 4	3:40	Schoenfeld Campus Center
December Den Meetings	Friday, December 4	7:00 – 8:00	Cottle Cafeteria
Holiday Caroling/Party	Thursday, December 10	6:30 – 8:30	Cottle Cafeteria
January Den Meetings	Friday, January 8	7:00 – 8:00	Cottle Cafeteria
Potluck Dinner	Friday, January 22	7:00 – 9:00	Cottle Cafeteria
February Den Meetings	Friday, February 5	7:00 – 8:00	Cottle Cafeteria
Museum Sleepover	TBD		
Pinewood Derby Workshop	TBD		Cottle Cafeteria
Pinewood Derby	TBD		Cottle Cafeteria
March Den Meetings	Friday, March 5	7:00 – 8:00	Cottle Cafeteria
Bowl-o-Ree Charity Event	Sunday, March 7	12:00	White Plains Bowl
Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade March	TBD		Immaculate Conception
April Den Meetings	Friday, April 9	7:00 – 8:00	Cottle Cafeteria
Intrepid Day Trip	TBD		Manhattan
May Den Meetings	Friday, May 7	7:00 – 8:00	Cottle Cafeteria
Pack 7 Olympics	Friday, May 21	5:30 – 8:00	Cottle Field
Overnight Camping Trip	Friday, June 4 to Sunday, June 6		Alpine, NJ
Blue and Gold Dinner	Sunday, June 13	6:30	TBD