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**"A PROMISE TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW"**

**PARENT INFORMATION PACKET**

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## **NEW PARENT INFORMATION PACKET**

### **Kindergarten Orientation**

During the spring, Kindergarten Orientation is held for incoming students. The agenda includes a building tour, an introduction to pertinent staff, special activities for the incoming Kindergarten students, and a question and answer period for parents.

During the late summer, the soon-to-be Kindergarten students, along with their parents are given the option to ride the bus to and from Cottle School. "Walkers" are also encouraged to visit that day. It is a valuable opportunity that helps make the children feel more comfortable about their first day of school.



### **Back-to-School Night**

During September, Back-to-School Night is held so parents have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and learn about the grade's curriculum. A general outline and explanation of each subject is presented. Classroom procedures are also discussed and questions are answered. It is an informative evening that helps begin the school year on a positive note by fostering communication between home and school.

### **Parent/Teacher Conference and Report Cards**

Report cards are distributed three times per year: December, March and June. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled in November and May to review the student's progress. Parents are asked to sign up for their conferences at Back-to-School Night.

In order to get the most out of the conferences, parents should come prepared with questions and/or concerns. Parent/Teacher conferences have proven to be a valuable tool in directing the educational program for each child.



### **Lunch-time Procedures**

Classroom teachers escort their student to the cafeteria. Classes sit together at tables that are supervised by adult aides. Lunch periods are forty-five minutes, of which twenty-five are designated for outdoor recess. During inclement weather, indoor activities are planned.

Children have the options to purchase lunch from the cafeteria service. A monthly menu is sent home to all students and is also found on the Cottle website. Choices include a hot lunch and an alternative. Lunches include fruit and drink. Children who are buying lunch sign up each morning in their classroom. Parents are encouraged to use the prepayment coupon on the monthly on the monthly menu; however, per diem payment is acceptable. If your child forgets lunch money, lunch is provided. Payment is expected the next day. Applications for free and reduced lunch are available in the WEC office and online at each school's website.

### **Specials**



The students have a "special" each day. These "specials" are classes that the entire class attends together outside their own classroom, such as art, music, library, gym and computer. At the beginning of the school year, the teacher will send home the weekly "specials" schedule for that year. It is important to prepare the child in the morning for the special he/she is having that day. Sneakers must be worn on gym days. On art day clothing should be appropriate for the possibility of getting soiled. On library days, remember to return books so that new books may be borrowed.

### **Enrichment Activities**

Students are invited and encouraged to participate in a variety of enrichment activities sponsored by the District and/or the PTA. These activities include mini-courses, academic enrichment courses, clubs, and sports that vary from year to year. Please contact the WEC office or the PTA president for specific information.

Current activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Chess Club (A.M.)
- Drama Club (Grades 4-5)
- Dance Program (K-8) fee applicable





## **Other Activities**

Other activities available to the students during the course of the school day include:

- Chorus (Grade 4-5, lunch time)
- Instructional Band (Grade 3-5)

## **Computer Laboratory**



Students attend a state-of-the-art computer lab weekly. All K-5 students are exposed to a wide variety of applications, and technology is integrated into many curricular areas.

## **Summer Reading**



One of the most important things a parent can do for his/her child is to instill a love of reading. During the summer it is especially important to set aside time to read. The school librarian and teachers at each grade level have put together a list of recommended titles appropriate for the children. Families are encouraged to visit the public library or a bookstore.

## **T.A.S.C.**

**Tuckahoe After-School Care** is a non-profit fully licensed before (from 7:15 a.m.) and after school (until 6:15 p.m.) program that is designed to provide appropriate and affordable supervision for school-aged children in grades K-6. The goal of the TASC program is to create an environment that meets the individual needs of each child through educational, social, emotional, and recreational activities and to develop an atmosphere, which fosters success for all children. TASC offers activities such as arts and crafts, athletics, computers, reading, and games. A separate supervised homework room is also available. Please contact TASC director at extension 1242.

## **PTA – see page 4**

Joining the PTA is a great way to get involved in your child's/children's education. Please read the attached letter from the PTA president.

## **Tuckahoe School Foundation**

The Tuckahoe School Foundation is dedicated to assuring the continued excellence of our schools by facilitating and developing academic enrichment programs and other innovative educational projects. The Foundation is a non-profit organization comprising community, business, and civic leaders working in collaboration with the administration and Board of Education to secure independent voluntary funding for these programs and to involve parents, community members, alumni, and the private sector in enhancing the education of every child in our district. Please contact the Director at extension 1556 or the Superintendent for further information. *Parent volunteers are always welcomed and encouraged. Please contact the WEC office for further information.*

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**2011-2012 School Year**

Dear Cottle Parents:

On behalf of the Tuckahoe PTA, I would like to welcome you!

We are excited about the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. Teachers, Administration and students are already to dive in. The spirit of learning is in the air. Families are happy to establish the routine of school. Students are excited to see their friends again, meet their teachers, and get back into the swing of things. Our enthusiasm is strong.

As PTA President, I would like to take advantage of this new school year energy and invite you to join our parent volunteer group. We are very active organization, which provides various services for students from Pre K – 12. We are about men and women working together toward a common goal. That goal, is simply stated, is creating a better school and a better educational experience for our children.

Fundraising is essential as school budgets are requiring more and more cuts. We have several fundraising events including: clothing sales, wrapping paper sales, children's boutiques in the winter and spring and our highlight of the year, our Spring Social. The social is just that, an evening where the Parents, Administration, Staff and the surrounding community get together and celebrate the successes of our school year. These fundraising events are what support our programs throughout the year.

Our fundraising efforts help support all of our activities which include: the annual Halloween Party, an evening of great family fun, multi-cultural and educational events throughout the year, a Taste of Tuckahoe, graduation celebrations, author visits, after school dance programs, Field Day and the PTA Scholarship Award.

Being a member of the Tuckahoe PTA could involve donating as little as two hours of your time to chairing a committee or someday being PTA President. Your participation could be making phone calls from home to running the pizza box race at Field Day or organizing our largest fundraiser, the Spring Social. New Parents who are joining will be exposed to a large network of supportive families. We were all new once. Take a chance and help support us. We are a community of very talented and committed people.

The greatest thing is, no matter what you have to give, we all get the same in return; a feeling of partnership with our children and their school and a feeling of belonging in this community. I encourage you to join the PTA this year and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Tuckahoe PTA President

# SUMMER ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

## LIBRARIES

**Eastchester Library**  
One Oakridge Place  
Eastchester, NY 10709

**Tuckahoe Public Library**  
71 Columbus Avenue  
Tuckahoe, NY 10707  
961-2121

**Bronxville Library**  
201 Pondfield Rd.  
Bronxville, NY  
337-7680

## WWW.HUDSONRIVER.COM

**Bear Mountain State Park**  
Intersection of Palisades Pkwy  
And Route 9  
Bear Mountain, NY  
845-786-2701

**U.S. Military Academy**  
West Point, NY  
845-938-2638

## HISTORIC HUDSON VALLEY

**Philipsburg Manor**  
Route 9  
Sleepy Hollow, NY  
631-8200

**Sunnyside**  
West Sunnyside Ln. (off Rt.9)  
Tarrytown, NY  
631-8200  
[www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org)

**Van Cortlandt Manor**  
South Riverside Ave. (off Rt.9)  
Croton-on-Hudson, NY  
631-8200  
[www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org)

## MUSEUM & PLANTARIUM

**Hudson River Museum & Andrus Planetarium**  
511 Warburton Avenue  
Yonkers, NY  
[www.hrm.org](http://www.hrm.org)

## ZOO

**Bronx Zoo**  
Fordham Rd. & Bronx River Pkwy.  
Bronx, NY  
718-367-1010  
[www.bronxzoo.com](http://www.bronxzoo.com)

## BOTANICAL GARDEN

**NY Botanical Garden**  
Bronx River Pkwy & Fordham Rd.  
Bronx, NY  
[www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org)

## AMUSEMENT PARK

**Playland**  
Playland Parkway  
Rye, NY  
[www.ryeland.org](http://www.ryeland.org)

## NATURE CENTERS

**Audubon Center in Greenwich**  
613 Riversville Rd.  
Greenwich, CT  
203-869-5272  
[www.audobon.org/local/sanctuary/Greenwich](http://www.audobon.org/local/sanctuary/Greenwich)

**Butler Sanctuary & Meyer**  
Chestnut Ridge Rd. & Oregon Rd.  
Mt. Kisco, NY  
244-3271  
[www.tnc.org](http://www.tnc.org)

## NATURE CENTER cont.

**Greenburg Nature Center**  
Dromore Rd. (off Central Ave)  
Scarsdale, NY  
914-723-3470  
[www.townlink.com/communityweb/gnc](http://www.townlink.com/communityweb/gnc)

**Lenoir Nature Preserve**  
19 Dudley Street  
Yonkers, NY  
968-5851

**Rye Nature Center**  
873 Boston Post Rd.  
Rye, NY 10580  
967-5150  
[www.ci.rye.ny.us.nature.htm](http://www.ci.rye.ny.us.nature.htm)

**Stamford Museum and Nature Center**  
39 Scolfieldtown Road  
Stamford, CT.  
203-322-1646  
[www.stamfordmuseum.org](http://www.stamfordmuseum.org)

**Teatown Lake Reservation**  
Spring Valley Road  
Ossining, NY  
762-2912  
[www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org)

**Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge**  
Route 35 & 121  
Cross River, NY  
763-3993  
[www.westchestergov.org](http://www.westchestergov.org)

**Westmoreland Sanctuary Museum & Nature Center**  
260 Chestnut Ridge Road  
Bedford Corners, NY  
666-8448

Check the Westchester telephone directory an extensive list of places to visit this summer.