

Please see community flyers that might be of interest:

[Spackenkill Elementary PTA Golf Outing](#)

[Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser for Spackenkill Football](#)

[Table Talk Music Boosters Fundraiser](#)



*What's Right with  
Spackenkill!*

*May 5, 2017*

*A tradition of  
excellence with a  
vision for tomorrow*

Dear Spackenkill Community,

Our school budget vote is scheduled for May 16. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to express your opinion on the budget. In addition, we have one trustee vacancy, and Richard Horvath is seeking your support for that position. Finally, we have a proposition to purchase two small buses that will be paid for by our bus reserve funds.

The Board will meet at 8:30 pm on May 16, when I will present comparative information on the performance of our school district. It will be held in the high school library. The budget tabulation results will be given in the lobby of the auditorium sometime after 9 pm when voting is completed.

Please also mark your calendar for May 23. We are providing a hearing for the public on the Capital Project that has been under discussion for several months. I know the Board will appreciate residents expressing their opinions on the project. It will be held at Todd Middle School at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria.

Our end-of-year schedule is typical of previous years and is listed below. There are many other noteworthy items in this issue, but I do want to bring special attention to the music concert schedules that begin next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Villanti".

Mark Villanti, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



On, Tuesday, May 16, the School Budget Vote and Trustee Election will take place at the Richard D. Woolley Auditorium, Spackenkill High School. Polls are open from 7 am to 9 pm. Please remember to vote!

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE BUDGET BROCHURE.](#)

## End-of-Year School Schedule

### Elementary Schools and Todd Middle School

Wednesday, June 21, 2017	Early Dismissal
Thursday, June 22, 2017	11:00 Todd (No lunch) 11:30 Hagan and Nassau (No lunch)
Friday, June 23, 2017	Superintendent's Conference Day No students in attendance; Record keeping and parent conference day.

### Spackenkill High School

Wednesday, June 7, 2017	Last Day of Classes
Thurs. - Tues., June 8 - 13, 2017	School Exams
Wed. - Thurs., June 14 - 22, 2017	Regents Exams
Fri., June 23, 2017	No students in attendance; Regents rating day.

## Spring Concert Dates

All concerts are at the high school and start at 7:00 pm:

05/10 WED Todd Orchestra

05/15 MON Todd Chorus

05/17 WED Todd Band

05/18 THU Elementary #1 (Beginner Band, Beginner Strings, 3rd Grade Chorus)

05/22 MON High School #1 (Mixed Choir, String Ensemble, Jazz Band)

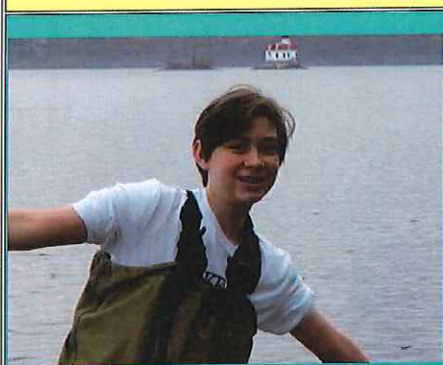
05/23 TUE Elementary #2 (Concert Band, 4/5 Choristers, Gold Strings, Silver Strings)

05/24 WED High School #2 (Chamber Orchestra, Women's Chorus, Concert Band)

Music Boosters of Spackenkill will also be holding their Table Talk Diner concert night fundraiser these nights. Please see attachment at top of email for more information.

## *Todd Grant in Action*

We are pleased and proud to announce that Todd Middle School teacher Elyse Joy has been awarded a Taconic IPA Science Education Grant by Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley for her project "NYSSLS – Say What?" The project explores the NYS Science Learning Standards. Last week, another grant that Mrs. Joy received from the Community Foundations sent 7th grade science students on a class trip to Esopus Meadows Preserve in Ulster County as part of the Tideline Program run by Clearwater. On the trip, the students from Mrs. Joy's and Mrs. Rogers's classes learned about ecology by seining in the Hudson. They studied micro-plastics and used dichotomous keys to identify the fish they caught. The catch included yellow and white perch, sucker fish, hog chokers, spot tailed shiners, and herring.

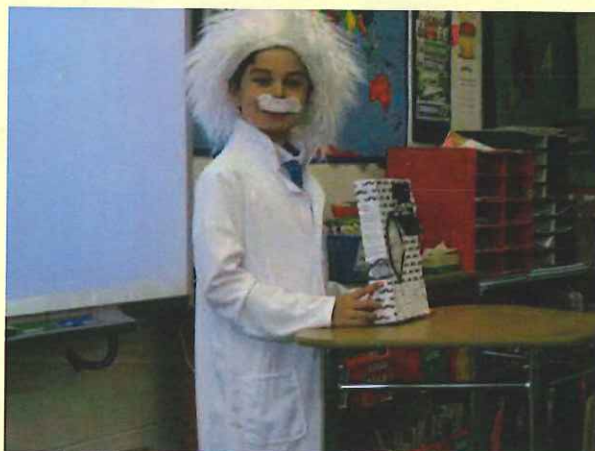


*Spring Into Science*



Above: Spackenkill High School teacher Jen Maloney's freshman biology class took their learning outside on April 28.

### *An Ingenious Project*



Above: **Jack Chapin** of Ms. Syvertsen's second grade class recently dressed as Albert Einstein for his biography project. After reading and learning about his subject, Jack "became" Albert Einstein for his class presentation.

### *Everyone Exercises at Nassau*

Monday, May 1st was ACES Day (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) at Nassau. Physical Education teacher Carrie

Spiegel led students on a brisk mid-morning walk around the front recess area (below).



### *Students Weather-proof Tiny Houses*

The second grade classes of Mrs. Boyce and Mrs. Zanca worked together to design and build mock homes during a unit of study on wild weather. They learned about safety precautions, ways to protect your home, and different styles of buildings made to withstand the strong winds of tornadoes and hurricanes. Among the ways to protect buildings were use of stilts, triangular roofs, hurricane straps, and boarded-up windows. With the help of Mr. Elting and the hurricane-strength wind (AKA leaf blower!), the classrooms put the houses to the test. Many houses survived with minor damage or a few caved-in walls. Some were completely leveled. It was a great learning experience, and the students were very proud of their hard work! See the photos below.



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**Mission:** Inspired by a tradition of excellence and a spirit of continuous improvement, the Spackenkill School District will provide all of our students with the academic and social skills necessary to pursue their goals and become responsible citizens in an interdependent global community.

**Vision:** All Spackenkill graduates will be lifelong learners who are inspired to pursue their dreams and contribute to the global society.

[Please submit story ideas to mary.forsell@sufsdny.org](mailto:mary.forsell@sufsdny.org)

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