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[Collection for DC SPCA](#)

[Town of Poughkeepsie Soccer Club](#)

[Girl Scout Racing Event](#)



*What's Right with
Spackenkill!*

May 4, 2018

*A tradition of
excellence with a vision
for tomorrow*

Dear Spackenkill Community,

One of the secondary goals of this weekly newsletter is to showcase the achievements and participation of our students in the hope that it will inspire you (our student body) to excel. For example, the photo of the happy seniors below reflects their excitement as they reap the rewards of hard work (excellent college opportunities).

The budget vote is May 15th at the high school in the lobby of the Richard Woolley Auditorium from 7 am to 9 pm. You should have a copy of the budget newsletter that was mailed. This budget is under the tax cap. The School District Budget Notice on page 7 of the newsletter, rows G-H, shows that we are \$79,857 under the cap. Our budget-to-budget growth is 1.87%.

Dave Webster has completed his term of service. Thank you, Dave! Mary Sawyer is running for the one open seat. The process for requesting absentee ballots is explained in the budget newsletter.

If you have any questions on the budget, please contact Michele Moloney or myself at 463-7800.

My best,



Mark Villanti, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

National Decision Day



May 1st was National Decision Day for graduating high school students to make final college choices. In honor of this day, a group of our high school seniors proudly wore gear from their future colleges. Some very impressive names in this group!

Spackenkill District Art Show

A Celebration of the Visual Arts

Please join us Thursday, May 10, 2018

**At Hagan Elementary
For our Annual District Art Show**

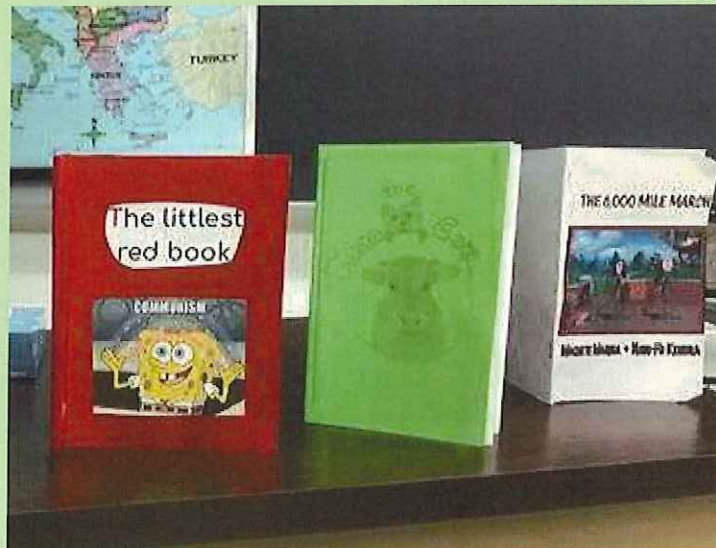
***Stroll the Hagan halls from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. as
the entire school will be transformed by art!***

*Each elementary student has chosen one drawing or
painting and one sculpture to exhibit.*

*Don't miss the collaborative art installations created by
students in all grades.*

*Join in on a fun scavenger hunt, participate in art activities
and enjoy art created by students from the Middle School
and High School art programs.*

Global Students Create Children's Books



Students in Mr. Boenig and Mr. DeSouza's 10th grade global class created children's books related to Mao Zedong's rule of China. Students then had the opportunity to share their stories with the class and even brought in Asian food to enhance the experience. Overall the classes really did a fantastic job and should be super-proud of their efforts! A few titles are shown above.

GSA Attends Conference



The High School Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) recently attended the first-ever QueerCon, a regional conference for GSAs and LGBTQ and allied youth. The event included workshops, panels,

speakers, and other opportunities for students to build community and take action.

Entrepreneurs Share Insight



As part of Mrs. Girard's Business Organization Unit in Economics, she asked her students to reach out to their family members involved in the business world—whether as single proprietors, partners, or in the corporate community—and invite them to share their entrepreneurial stories with her class. A few alumni returned: Depicted here are Spackenkill graduate Brittany Lo (class of 2010) with her brother, Ryan, and Sonny Shah (class of 2009). Parents Paul Porco, Julie Ciardi, Kelly Libolt, and Chris Johnson discussed their journeys into the entrepreneurial world and offered the students advice if they are thinking about going in that career direction. Thank you to all who participated!



Above left: Ryan and Brittany Lo. Above right: Jodi Girard with Sonny Shah.

Message from Our School Nurses

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The district nurses would like to take this opportunity to share information about the identification and management of head lice, especially with summer on the way. As always, please do not hesitate to call your school nurse with questions or concerns.

Message follows:

Head lice are a common community problem. An estimated 6 to 12 million infestations occur each year in the United States, most commonly among children ages 3 to 11 years old. Though a head lice infestation is often spotted in school, it is usually acquired through direct head-to-head contact elsewhere, such as at sleepovers or camp. Head lice are not dangerous, and they

do not transmit disease. Additionally, despite what you might have heard, head lice often infest people with good hygiene and grooming habits. Your family, friends, or community may experience head lice. It's important to know some basics, including how to recognize symptoms and what to do if faced with an infestation. Please see the attached information sheets below for more information.

[Please click here for the English version of a fact sheet about head lice.](#)

[Please click here for the Spanish version of a fact sheet about head lice.](#)

Fall Sports Registration Opens

The Spackenkill Athletics Department is now offering the convenience of online registration through FamilyID (www.familyid.com). FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to register for sports, and helps us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile and you only have to enter your information once. You can upload sports physicals and check your profile to see if your son/daughter is cleared for participation.

FALL Sports registration opens May 7, 2018 for all high school and middle school sports (Varsity, JV and Modified). Please click on the Family ID icon below to register.



FACS Student Honored



Every year, Hudson Valley Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) teachers honor students from their districts with the “student of the year” designation through the Hudson Valley Northeast Chapter of the New York State Association of Family and Consumer Science Educators. At this year’s Family and Consumer Sciences Award Banquet, Mr. Scanlon, Todd’s FACS teacher, awarded the honor to Michelle Timm for her outstanding performance in his class. Congratulations, Michelle!

National French Contest Results at Todd

Congratulations to the winners of the 2017-2018 National French Contest! This exam is sponsored each year by the American Association of Teachers of French. It consists of listening and reading comprehension, grammar, and cultural information. Exams are graded at national headquarters and students ranked based on the number of correct responses. We are very excited to announce our 2017 chapter and national winners at the 1A level:

- Ranking 5th, Gold medal winners are Shinrea Su and Joshua Webster
- Ranking 6th - 10th in the National rankings, Silver medal winners are Zachary Foroglou, Alex Daley, Madison Updike, Frankie Jiang, Connor Schnackenberg, William Mortell, and Clare Sottile
- Ranking 11th - 13th in the National rankings, Bronze medal winners are Xavier Nohara, Courtland Thomas, Olivia Adams, Emily Jea, Andrew Chun, and Anthony Hoyt
- Honorable Mention to Sophia Maslyn, Mia Bogdan, Sarah Chiarieri, Maya Joy, and Carolina Sanchez-Ramirez

Refresher Course

Students in Mrs. Rogers and Ms. Ott's classes grew their own mint and then turned it into a refreshing cold tea with the help of Lisa French, Director of Food and Nutrition Services. Afterward, the students shared mini-cups of tea with the Todd community in the dining hall.



Discovering Titles at the Hagan Book Fair

The Hagan Book Fair took place last week. All classes visited the fair and checked out the many selections. Thank you to the PTA volunteers who made it possible!



2nd Graders Experience 19th Century Life

Nassau's second graders went on a field trip to Museum Village in Monroe last week. The children had the chance to see what life was like in the 19th century. They were able to tour several buildings and see many artifacts from the past. Among the highlights of the trip were sitting in the schoolhouse and going into the candlemaking shop. The children were able to make a candle and bring it home for a souvenir! They enjoyed the trip very much.

Some scenes of Mrs. Strapec's students enjoying the trip



Earthquake Houses Take the Jello Test

Second graders at Nassau took the Earthquake Challenge last week: Using a limited amount of materials, they created structures designed to withstand a mild earthquake. The structures had to be at least three floors high but could be any size and shape. Before designing the houses, the students learned about engineering techniques for earthquake-proof architecture. The students worked in groups to create unique designs, then tested their work by placing structures on a layer of gelatin, which teacher Daniele Wilcox shook to mimic a quake. Many of the structures survived the shaking. Interestingly, one structure made from marshmallows and toothpicks without cardboard supports

only swayed in the Jello without collapsing. Students were able to improve upon their structures after the shaking test.

Building Earthquake-proof Houses



Testing houses with Mrs. Wilcox



Welcome Fluffy Friends

Just in time for spring, Mrs. Blazek's Nassau classroom recently had a visit from chickens. Additionally, duck and chicken eggs have been in incubators for weeks now, and they began hatching over the last few days. Both students and staff have loved watching this amazing process!



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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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