

A Message from the Spackenkill Superintendent



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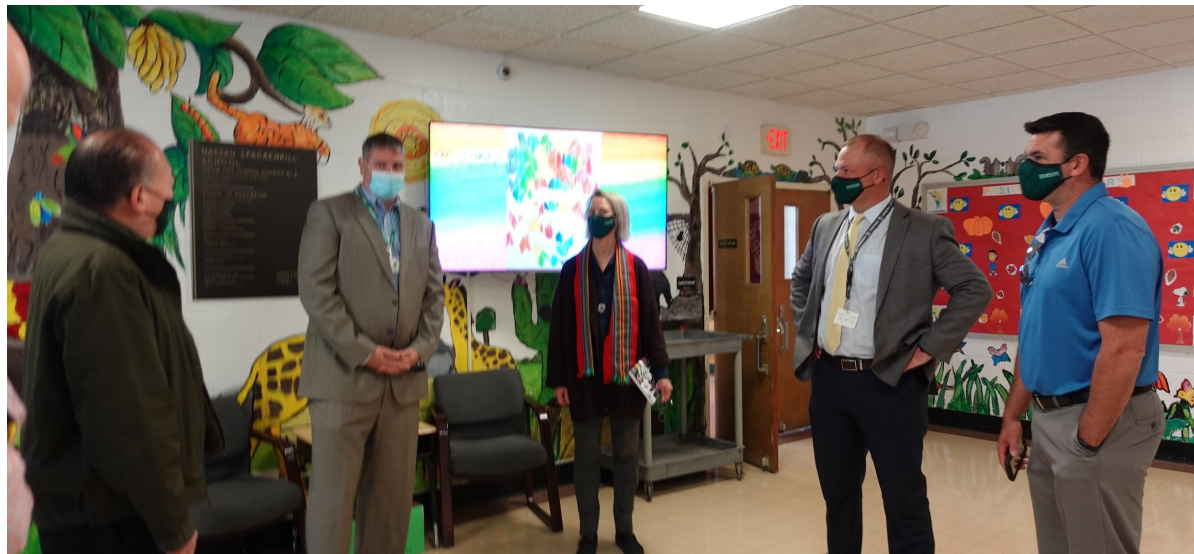
October 9, 2020

Dear Spackenkill Community,

We had our first positive COVID-19 case this week. [Parents/guardians and secondary students received this message through SchoolMessenger](#). Thank you to the community for your cooperation in allowing us to assess the situation and keep everyone safe. [Please take a look at this form indicating the protocol for COVID-19 testing](#).

Board of Education Walk-through

The Board of Education held its annual Building Walk-through and Retreat this past Monday, heading into all the schools to see what's new and how everyone is faring with safety measures and social distancing necessitated by COVID-19.



Above: Board of Education members speak with Dr. Fanuele and Nassau Principal Erik Lynch about how in-person and remote teaching and learning is going in our schools.



Above left and right: During their Board Walk-through, Dr. Richard Horvath and Dr. Mary Sawyer play instruments on the Nassau playground.



Above left: Standing in the doorway of the Nassau medical isolation room, Nurse Nora Bergstraser discusses COVID-19 protocol and Department of Health procedures with the Board of Education. *Above right:* The Board tests out the Nassau playground's new cushioned walkway.

Food Service News

Just a reminder that breakfast and lunch are available to all students at no cost, whether learning in school or remotely. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa French, Director of Food & Nutrition Services, at 845-463-7836 or foodservice@sufsdny.org

The Great Outdoors

This week, Hagan's outdoor classroom was well used. Mr. Merrill's fifth grade class came outdoors for inspiration in writing personal stories about small but meaningful events in their lives. Ms. Tomasetti's third graders were also outdoors making crayon rubbings of autumn leaves in their notebooks and then writing five adjectives to describe their leaves. Thank you to the Elementary PTA and Kara Koehler for arranging for furniture for outdoor classrooms at both elementary schools. We look forward to also showing the Nassau outdoor classroom in action.



Above: Seated in an outdoor classroom, Mr. Merrill's fifth grade wrote memoirs about events in their lives.





Above: Ms. Tomasetti's third graders enjoyed a beautiful fall day while they made crayon rubbings of leaves and wrote down vivid adjectives to describe them in their notebooks.

More Photos from around the District



Above: Students in Mrs. Romani's middle school art classes are in the process of a ceramic project. They have created pinch pots with themes of Celebrations, Relationships, Places or Things, and Identity. Students worked both in-person and remotely, which meant that they had to pick up clay from the classroom to bring home. We are grateful to the families who helped make this project possible. Next step: glazing!



Above left: Fortunately, Picture Days at the elementary schools were picture perfect this week. Photos were taken in a socially distanced environment outdoors. *Above right:* Todd students posed for Picture Day on Thursday and Friday.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday, Columbus Day, this Monday, October 12th.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools



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