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*What's Right with Spackenkill!*

*October 18, 2019*



Dear Spackenkill Community,

Next Wednesday we will be hosting a Meet the Superintendent Candidates Forum at the high school auditorium. We have three finalists for the position. At 6 pm, Brian Fried will have 40 minutes to answer questions from Board President Keith, followed by Dr. Gail Duffy, and finally Dr. Paul Fanuele. Their current job titles are as follows:

Mr. Brian Scott Fried, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Finance & Operations, Millbrook Central School District, Millbrook, NY

Dr. Gail E. Duffy, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Public Schools of the Tarrytowns, Sleepy Hollow, NY

Dr. Paul M. Fanuele, Executive Principal, Arlington High School, Arlington Central School District, Lagrangeville, NY

We have begun to receive questions from the community. We'll do our best to include your question, however, given that we have very limited time, it may not be possible to get to every question we receive. At the conclusion of the evening, you'll have the opportunity to complete a feedback sheet on the three candidates. They will be collected at a table outside the auditorium and that information will be forwarded to the Board of Education.

Just yesterday we lost power at Nassau Elementary School at about 7:15 am. We were in the process of alerting you to the possibility of a blackout in the building using our SchoolMessenger communication service. I would have kept school open as long as possible. Fortunately, I learned rather soon from Central Hudson employees that power would be restored momentarily. I mention this because it's really important annually to make sure your emergency contact information is up to date so we have an accurate phone number if we need to call you.

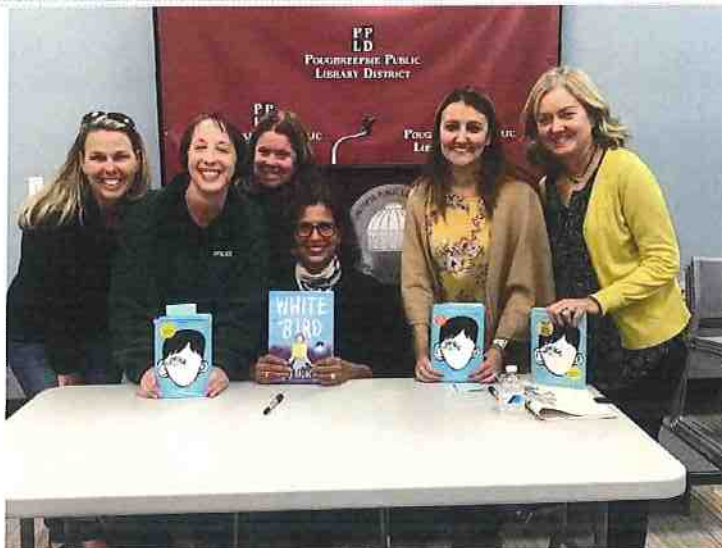
For the first time it really feels like fall, and fall normally means Homecoming. This weekend there will be a number of activities, starting with the 7 pm home football game tonight.

I previewed the vaping awareness video that is linked in this newsletter. It's really worth a look for all parents.

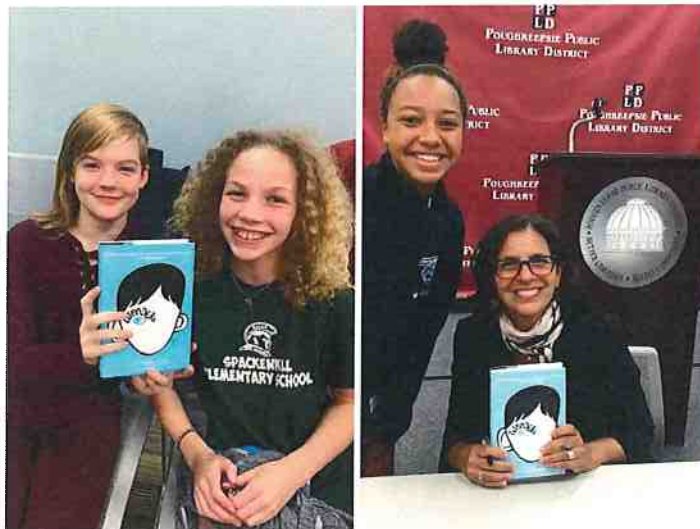
Palacio's new picture book, *We're All Wonders*, which she both wrote and illustrated, introduces the themes of kindness, empathy, and tolerance to younger children. She also wrote and illustrated a graphic novel set written to provide information to younger readers about the Holocaust titled *White Bird*.



Above: Todd teaching team with the author. Left to right: Karin McGuire, Michele Brenner, author RJ Palacio, Erin Shields, Elizabeth Morehead, and Terry DiMarco.

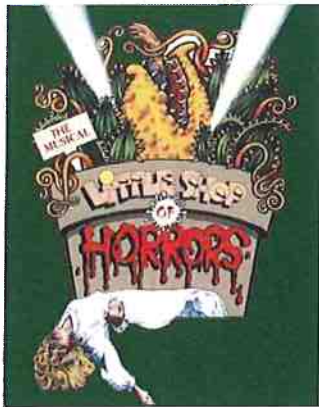


Above: Hagan's Kate Stout, Jen Darcy, Kelly Malet, Jen Wilson, and Geraldine LaGasse with the author.



Above, left to right: Todd students Ellie Clifton, Lily Stavanau. and Mariama Dabo also made the trip to the Boardman Branch

# SPACK ONSTAGE PRESENTS



**November 8 - 7:00 pm**  
**November 9 - 7:00 pm**  
**November 10 - 2:00 pm**

**Spackenkill High School  
Richard D. Woolley Auditorium  
112 Spackenkill Rd, Poughkeepsie NY**

**For tickets and information, visit [spackonstage.com](http://spackonstage.com)**

Some material may not be appropriate for ages 12 and younger  
Presented by special arrangement with MUSIC THEATER INTERNATIONAL

Spack Onstage presents their fall musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*. A horror-comedy, this iconic show tells the story of Seymour, a meek floral assistant manipulated by a people-eating plant. Come enjoy the infectious music--combining rock, Motown, and Broadway-- and see if Seymour gets the girl before the fast-talking plant gets everyone else!

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## Homecoming Spirit

It was Spirit Week at the high school and the students had a great time dressing up with different themes each day and decorating their class hallways. At Friday's Pep Rally, the Drum Corps, cheerleaders, and teams put on a great show for the entire school. The Homecoming Game will be this evening at the High School field at 7 pm and Homecoming Dance is on Saturday, October 19th from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. There will be a DJ, photo booth, some rap from Spack kids, and a Taco Truck. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

establishing a family meeting place in the event of a fire, knowing how to evacuate a smoky building, and when to stop, drop, and roll. The firefighters also demonstrated their gear and showed a video about fire safety. Thank you to the Arlington Fire District!



Above, clockwise from top left: A firefighter demonstrates his gear; students practice exiting a smoke-filled room (the smoke was not real); students take a tour of a state-of-the-art fire truck; Mrs. Wishrad's class watches a video on fire safety.

## Vaping Awareness

The following is a link to a video on how students can hide vaping devices in plain sight.

<https://www.today.com/video/students-are-hiding-vaping-devices-in-plain-sight-70976581947>

## Flu Season Has Arrived

The New York State Department of Health has a new publication, [Fight Flu at Home \(in English and Spanish\)](#) .

For even more information, visit

[www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/seasonal/child\\_care\\_and\\_schools/](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/seasonal/child_care_and_schools/).

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