



Welcome to...

# Tapestry Charter School



# Tapestry's Mission & Vision

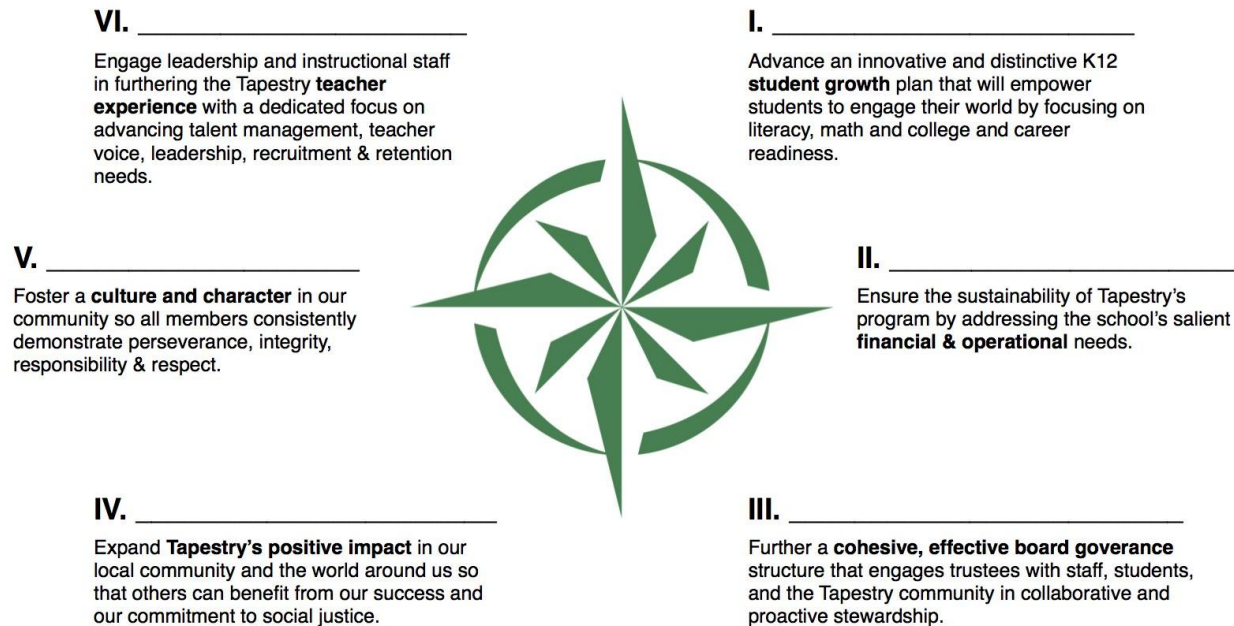
Mission: To educate and inspire a diverse community of K-12 learners by engaging them in rigorous real-world learning experiences which prioritize intellectual, social and emotional growth.

Vision: Tapestry is a vibrant, sustainable school that empowers learners and leaders to make a positive impact in our communities and beyond.



# Tapestry's Strategic Map

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# EL Education - An Expeditionary Learning School



Expeditionary Learning schools focus on core practices addressing five key dimensions of life at school:

Curriculum  
Instruction  
Assessment  
Culture and Character  
Leadership



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“We spend a lot of time in education thinking about how to teach, but not so much time thinking about how people learn.”

– Ron Berger, Chief Academic Officer at EL Education

**Learning is active.** Students are scientists, urban planners, historians, and activists, investigating real community problems and collaborating with peers to develop creative, actionable solutions.

**Learning is challenging.** Students at all levels are pushed and supported to do more than they think they can.

**Learning is meaningful.** Students apply their skills and knowledge to real-world issues and make positive change in their communities.

**Learning is public.** Through formal structures of presentation, exhibition, critique and data analysis, students and teachers build a shared vision of pathways to achievement.

**Learning is collaborative.** School leaders, teachers, students, and families share rigorous expectations for quality work, achievement and behavior.



# Curriculum

## Literacy:

- Lucy Calkins' *Reading Units of Study* for K-2 using the **guided reading Model**
- Phonics & word work
- NYS ELA Modules
- EL curriculum for grades 3-4.
- Orton Gillingham Intensive Intervention*
- Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI).



## Mathematics:

- NYS Mathematics Modules at TCS using the **guided math model**.
- A dual intensity mathematic program combining basic foundational skills and higher order problem solving.



## Crew:

- Social and Emotional Learning using NYS SEL Benchmarks

## Super Subjects:

- Visual Arts, Music, Wellness, Physical Education, Library, Dance, and STEAM

# School Hours

Doors open: **7:15 am**

Breakfast is served: **7:30 am - 7:50 am**

Students arriving at 7:30am are welcome to eat a healthy breakfast in our cafeteria or spend this time enjoying supervised activity in our gymnasium.

Instruction Begins: **8:00 am**

Dismissal: **2:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

Transportation: Buffalo Public and \*Tapestry will not be partnering to provide chartered buses for the 2022-2023 school year.



# Sample Kindergarten Schedule

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7:50-8:00	Arrival				
8:00-8:30	Crew				
8:30-9:30	LITERACY				
9:30-10:00					
10:00-10:30	Writing				
10:30-10:50	Recess				
10:50-11:20	Lunch				
11:20-11:30	Transition Time				
11:30-12:30	MUSIC	ART	PE1	WELLNESS	DANCE
12:30-1:00	LIBRARY	EXPEDITION * FIRST WEEKS Rest Time (CUT EXPEDITION DOWN)			
1:00-1:30					
1:30-2:00	MATH	MATH	MATH	MATH	MATH
1:30-2:30		EXPEDITION * FIRST WEEKS Rest Time (CUT EXPEDITION DOWN)			
2:30	Dismissal				

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STEAM

Super Subjects



ART

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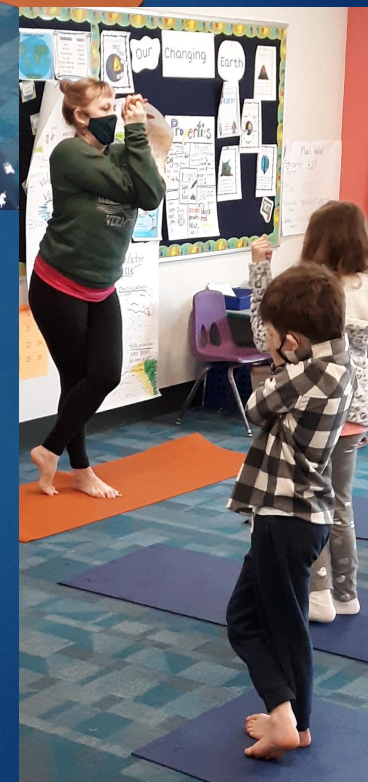




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WELLNESS



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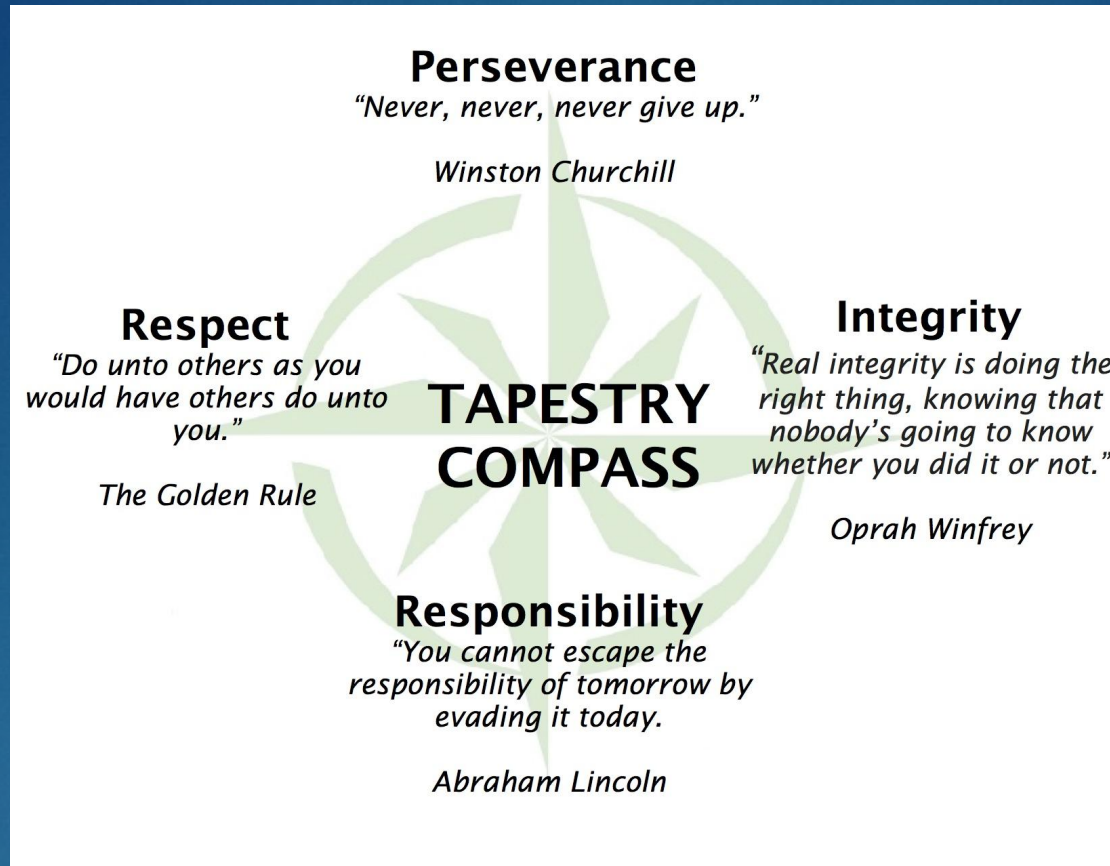


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## Super Subjects







Perseverance, Integrity, Respect & Responsibility

Tapestry K-4 Core Values







- Mindfulness
- Kindness Initiatives
- Crew



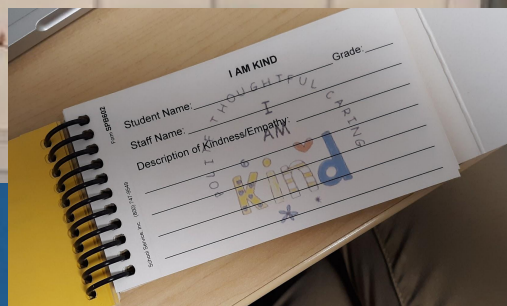
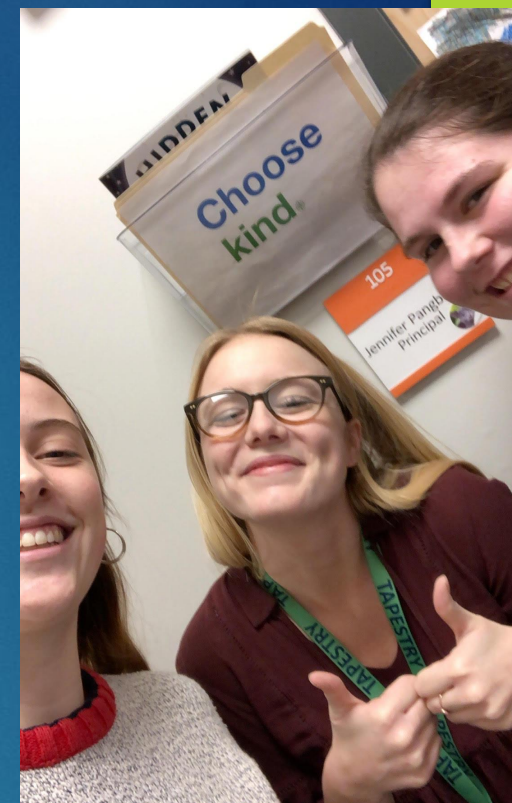
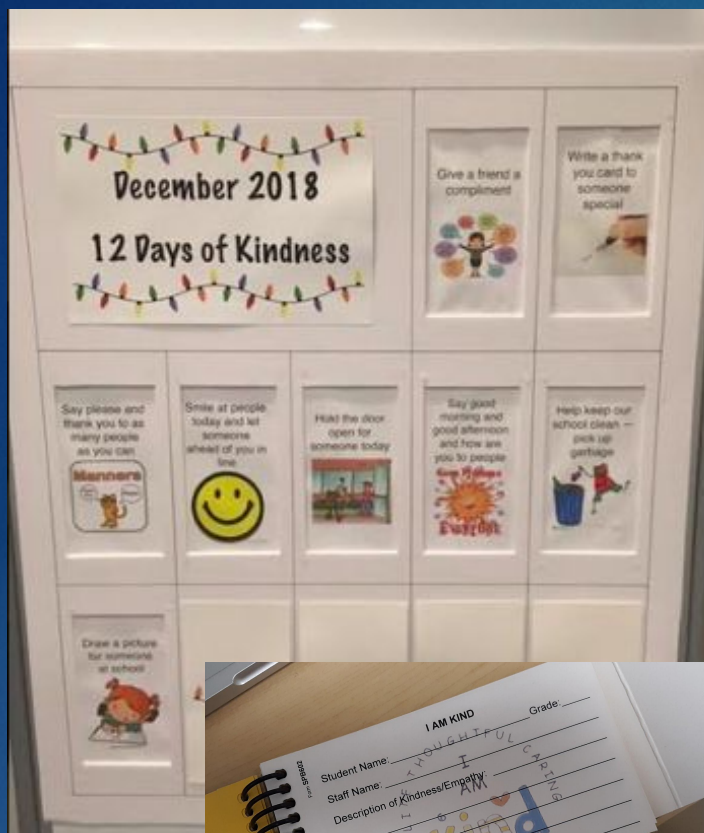
## Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

### Guidance Counselors and Support Staff:

- engendering trust via transparency
- engaging students collaboratively to motivate students to achieve goals
- promoting student safety (both physical and emotional)
- facilitating opportunities for choice, to enable students to recognize they are the drivers of their future
- empowering students by aiding them in recognizing their strengths







Stay kind.  
It makes you beautiful.

- Najwa Zebian

# Kindness Initiatives







At Tapestry we embrace a Growth  
Mindset!

*Don't go through life,  
grow through life.*

ERIC BUTTERWORTH

[InspirationBoost.com](http://InspirationBoost.com)



# Family Partnerships



- Tapestry Community Association
- PAG - Principal's Advisory Group
- Monthly Community Meetings
- Student Led Conferences

We appreciate our parents! They do so much to make our community special!






*Tapestry  
K-4 has a  
100%  
parent  
satisfaction  
rate!*

2021 Spring Parent Satisfaction Survey







# Tapestry K-4 met its' 2021 Fall Student Led Conference goal of 93% attendance!

**Student Led Conferences** are held 2x each year. These foster student ownership of the educational experience and ensure students, parents, and teachers align in furthering the child's education.





Book Drive - Donations for Jericho Road!



Little Free Library



Charitable Giving

- Food Drives with City Mission
- Community Pantry

## Community Outreach

Because giving back is what we do to positively impact our entire BUFFALO community!



# Facilities

- Our award winning 111 Great Arrow Building opened in the Fall of 2018
- Full size gymnasium
- Full Service cafeteria, preparing healthy, fresh meals.
- Gross Motor Room to serve students with OT/PT needs
- Library
- Mobile computer laptop carts and Ipads - 1:1 device to student ratio
- Dance Studio
- Secure, enclosed playground
- Dedicated STEAM classroom
- Dedicated “Mindfulness” space
- All classrooms have integrated technology (ex. smart boards)







VISUAL  
ART



LIBRARY



DANCE  
STUDIO





PLAY  
GROUND



GYMNASIUM



MUSIC





Room 125



Kindergarten Classroom



# Tapestry Charter School

## 2022-23 K-4 Expansion

Kindergarten	First Grade	*Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	8:1:1 (3rd/4th)	Totals
4 classes of 22	4 classes of 22	4 classes of 22	3 classes of 26	3 classes of 26	1 class of 8	18 classrooms
1 to 11 teacher/student ratio	1 to 11 teacher/student ratio	1 to 11 teacher/student ratio	1 to 13 teacher/student ratio	1 to 13 teacher/student ratio	1 to 4 teacher/student ratio	428 students

## Academic Support Staff

7 SPED teachers  
3 reading specialist/literacy support  
1 math specialist  
2 speech therapists

1 ELA specialist  
1 visual arts teacher  
1 wellness teacher  
1 music teacher

1 STEAM teacher  
2 physical education teachers  
1 dance teacher  
1 librarian

*non academic:*  
1 full-time licensed nurse (LPN)  
2 counselors  
2 student support personnel



# Professional Relationships

## Buffalo State College & Canisius College

Over 25 pre-teacher  
candidates & student  
teachers gained valuable  
experiences at Tapestry  
last year!





# Clubs and After School Activities:

Boys on the Right Track, Girls on the Run, Chess Club, Athletics Club, Kindness Club, S.T.E.A.M. Club, Culture Kids Spanish, Dance Club, Young Illustrators, Kindergarten Cooking Club, Young Entrepreneurs, National Elementary Honor Society (grade 4 ) , Chorus (grades 3-4)

After School Childcare is available in our building daily until 6pm, through our on-site YMCA program. (Extra Fee) Contact the Delaware YMCA Branch





# Thank you!



E. Klapper  
Executive Director



M. Rivera  
Principal



A. Riccio  
Vice Principal



D. Ballachino  
Director of Sp. Ed.



J. Pangborn  
Chief Academic  
Officer

The K-4  
Administrative  
Team



# Contact Us!

We know you have questions and we want to get you answers...

General inquiries/schedule a chat with a staffer:

email: [riveran@tapestryschool.org](mailto:riveran@tapestryschool.org)

phone: 716-332-0754, enter extension 2103

Lottery/EnrollBuffalo/Schoolmint questions:

email: [toberm@tapestryschool.org](mailto:toberm@tapestryschool.org)

phone: 716-204-5883, enter extension 1036

Special Education concerns:

email: [bredenbergc@tapestryschool.org](mailto:bredenbergc@tapestryschool.org)

Health/Medical concerns (nurse):

email: [smyntekj@tapestryschool.org](mailto:smyntekj@tapestryschool.org)



# Important Dates

**Application Available:**

**December 1st**

*<https://enrollbuffalocharters.schoolmint.net/signin>*

**Application Deadline:**

**April 1st**

**Lottery:**

**April 5th**



