



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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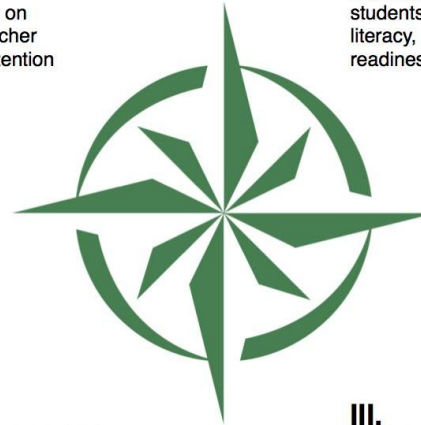
Engage leadership and instructional staff in furthering the Tapestry **teacher experience** with a dedicated focus on advancing talent management, teacher voice, leadership, recruitment & retention needs.

I. _____

Advance an innovative and distinctive K12 **student growth** plan that will empower students to engage their world by focusing on literacy, math and college and career readiness.

V. _____

Foster a **culture and character** in our community so all members consistently demonstrate perseverance, integrity, responsibility & respect.



II. _____

Ensure the sustainability of Tapestry's program by addressing the school's salient **financial & operational** needs.

IV. _____

Expand **Tapestry's positive impact** in our local community and the world around us so that others can benefit from our success and our commitment to social justice.

III. _____

Further a **cohesive, effective board governance** structure that engages trustees with staff, students, and the Tapestry community in collaborative and proactive stewardship.

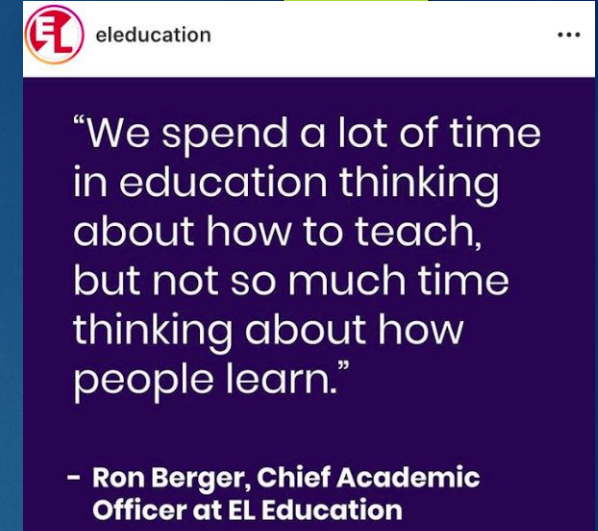


EL Education - An Expeditionary Learning School



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

Curriculum
Instruction
Assessment
Culture and Character
Leadership



“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:

- EL Modules K-4
- Phonics to Reading (K-2)
- DIBELS*
- University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) - intervention
- Skills Block, "How to Plan Differentiated Reading Instruction" (DRI), Gr. K-2
- All Block, Gr. 3-4



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.
- Bridges Math Intervention - Tier 2



Crew:

- Social and Emotional Learning using NYS SEL Benchmarks

Super Subjects:

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

School Hours

Doors open: **7:30 am**

Breakfast is served: **7:30 am - 7:55 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 upcoming school year.

Sample Kindergarten Schedule

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7:50-8:00	Arrival				
8:00-8:30	Crew				
8:30-9:30	EL Modules	EL Modules	EL Modules	EL Modules	EL Modules
9:30-10:00	Skills Block	STEAM	Skills Block	Skills Block	Skills Block
10:00-10:30	Bridges		Bridges	Bridges	Bridges
10:30-11:00	Recess				
11:00-11:30	Lunch				
11:30-12:00	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
12:00-1:00	Dance	PE	Library	Music	Art
1:00-2:00	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
2:00-2:30	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition
2:30-3:00	Dismissal				
3:00-3:45	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning

PHYS. ED



STEAM



Super Subjects



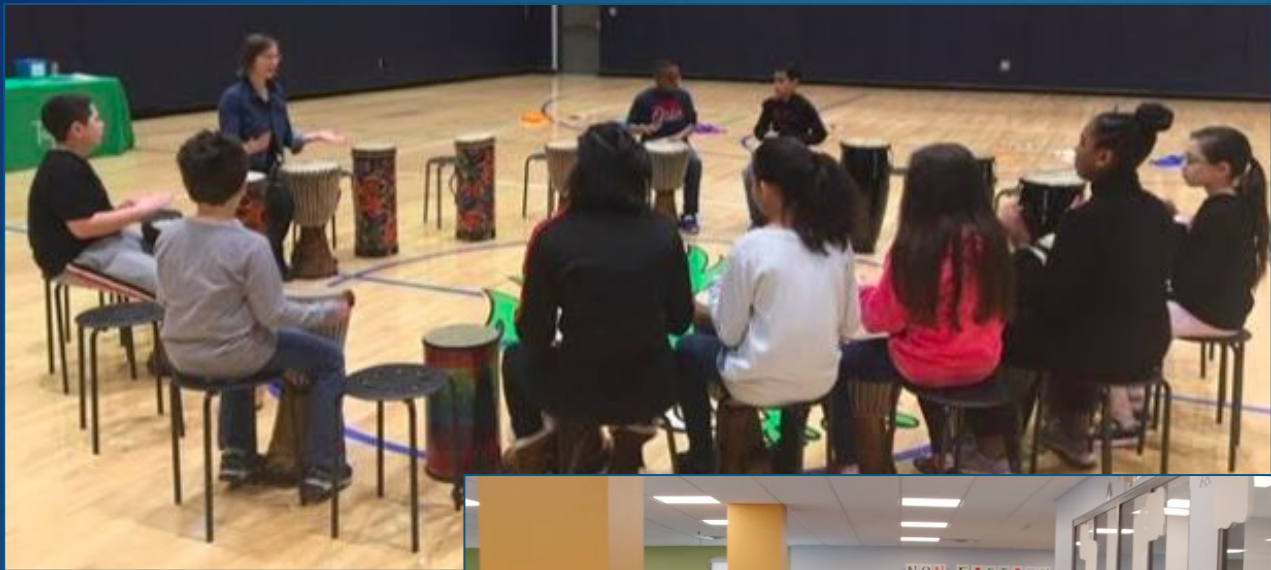
ART



DANCE

STEAM





MUSIC



LIBRARY



ART

Super Subjects

Perseverance

"Never, never, never give up."

Winston Churchill

Respect

*"Do unto others as you
would have others do unto
you."*

The Golden Rule

TAPESTRY COMPASS

Integrity

*"Real integrity is doing the
right thing, knowing that
nobody's going to know
whether you did it or not."*

Oprah Winfrey

Responsibility

*"You cannot escape the
responsibility of tomorrow by
evading it today."*

Abraham Lincoln

Perseverance, Integrity, Respect & Responsibility

Tapestry K-4 Core Values



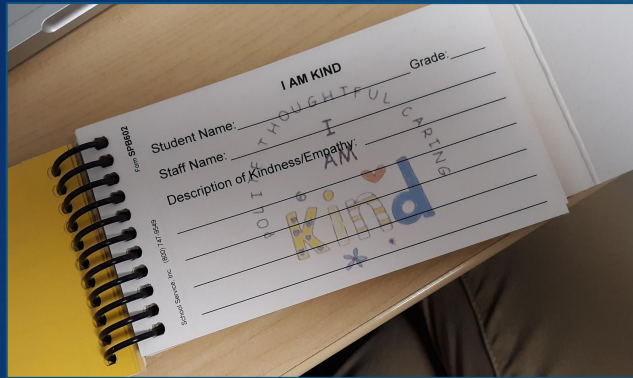


- Mindfulness
- Kindness Initiatives
- Crew

School Counselor/Social Work and Support Staff:

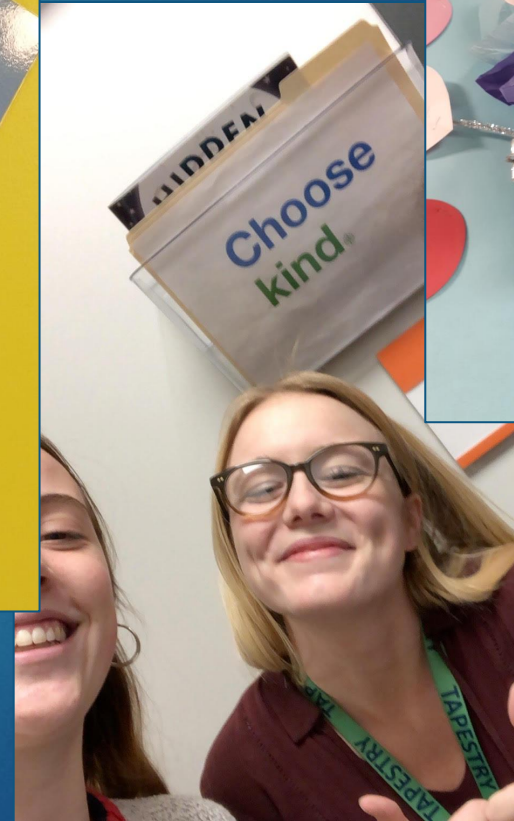
- Engaging students collaboratively to motivate students to achieve goals
- Promoting student safety (both physical and emotional)
- Facilitating opportunities for choice, to enable students to recognize they are the drivers of their future
- Empowering students by aiding them in recognizing their strengths
- Helping students develop and foster positive relationships and establish healthy coping skills.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)



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


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 2024 Fall Student Led Conference attendance rate was 94%!

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.



Little Free Library



- Food Drives with City Mission
- Community Food 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 I pads - 1:1 device to student ratio
- Dance Studio
- Secure, enclosed playground
- Dedicated STEAM classroom
- All classrooms have integrated technology (ex. smart boards)





VISUAL
ART



LIBRARY



DANCE
STUDIO



PLAY
GROUND



GYMNASIUM



MUSIC



Room 125



Kindergarten Classroom

Tapestry Charter School

2025-26

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	4 classes of 22	4 classes of 22	1 class of 8	21 classrooms
1 to 11 teacher/student ratio	1 to 11 teacher/student ratio	1 to 11 teacher/student ratio	1 to 11 teacher/student ratio	1 to 11 teacher/student ratio	1 to 4 teacher/student ratio	448 students

Academic Support Staff

7 SPED teachers
3 reading specialist/literacy support
1 speech therapist

1 ELA specialist
1 Instructional specialist
1 visual arts teacher
1 music teacher

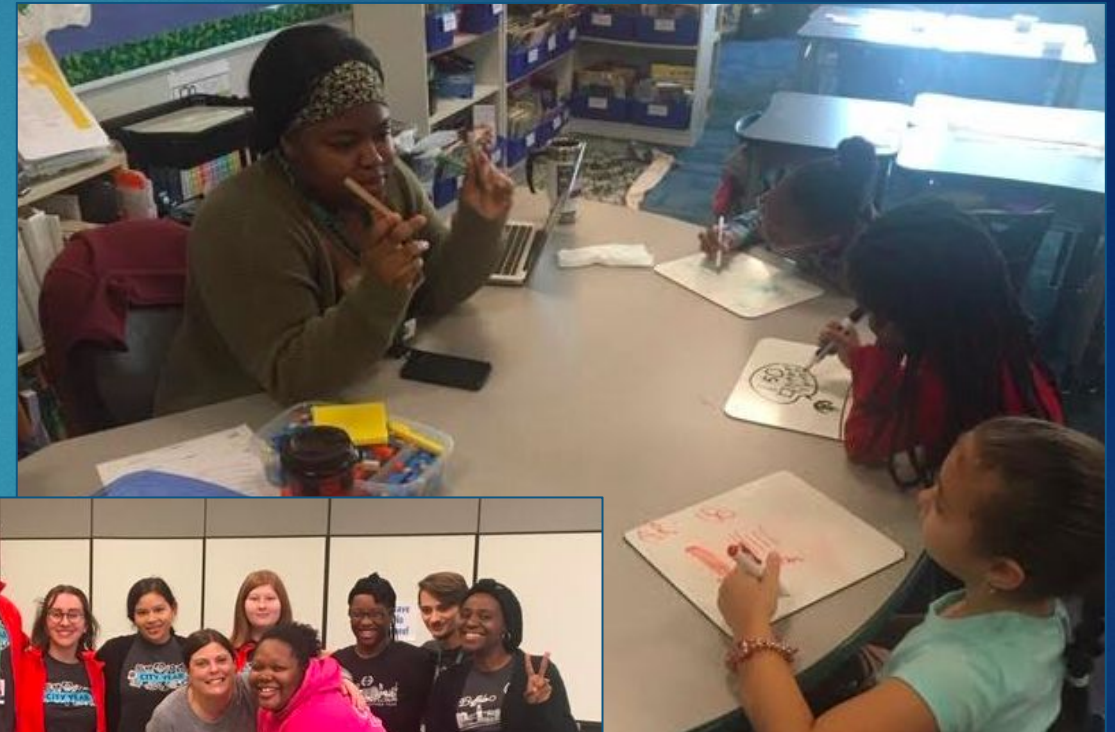
1 STEAM teacher
2 physical education teachers
1 dance teacher
1 librarian

non academic:
1 full-time licensed nurse (LPN)
1 counselor
1 social worker
2 student support personnel

Professional Relationships

Buffalo State University,
Canisius University,
Daemen University, &
University of Buffalo

Dozens of pre-teacher
candidates & student
teachers gained valuable
experiences at Tapestry over
the years!

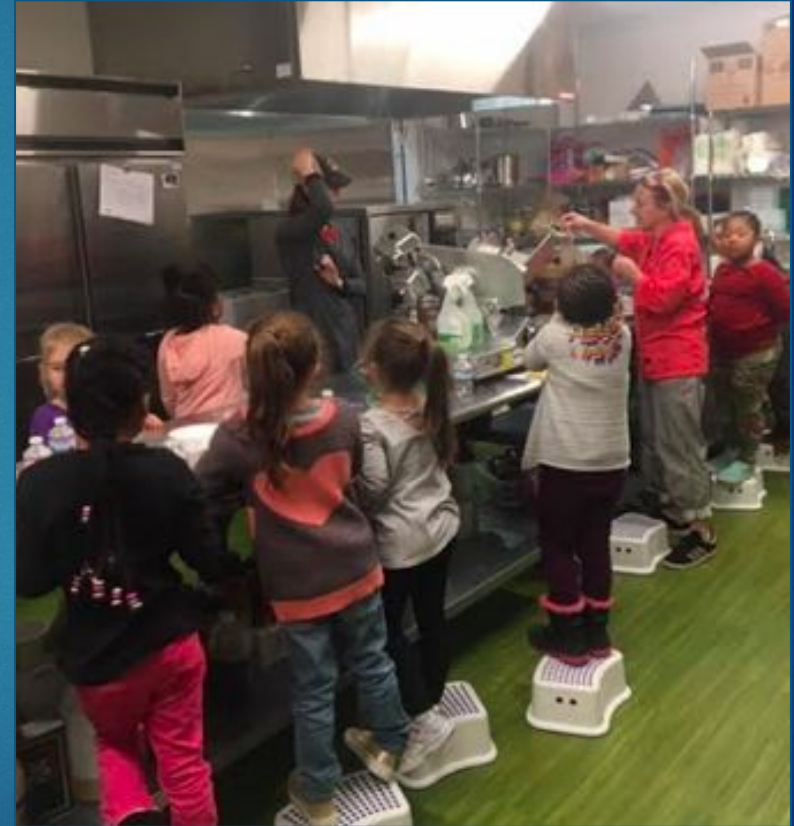


Clubs and After School Activities:

Girls on the Run, Art Club, Athletics Club, Cheer Club, Spanish Club (Enrichment Co.), Dance Club, Science Club, National Elementary Honor Society (grade 4), Snap Circuit (STEAM) Club, Origami Club, Theater Club with Second Generation Theatre

(Clubs vary annually)

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!

The K-4 Administrative Team



J. Pangborn
Interim School
Leader and Chief
Academic Officer



M. Rivera
Principal



J. Tarnowski
Assistant Principal



J. Petrick
K-4 Coordinator
Student Services



K. Coon
Guidance
Counselor, K-4



R. Goggins
Social Worker, K-4



S. Largie
Student Support,
K-4

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

phone: 716-332-0754, enter extension 2103

Lottery/EnrollBuffalo/Avela questions:

email: toberm@tapestryschool.org

phone: 716-204-5883, enter extension 1036

Special Education concerns:

email: petrickj@tapestryschool.org

Health/Medical concerns (nurse):

email: capitanod@tapestryschool.org

Important Dates

Application Available:

December 1st, 2024

Apply Now Through Enroll Buffalo/Avela

Application Deadline:

April 4th, 2025

Lottery:

April 9th, 2025

