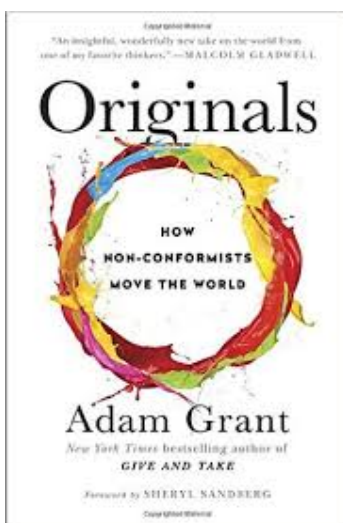




December 2016

"Love" The Tennis Courts

We are excited to announce that the four new tennis courts at Springhurst Elementary School are ready for play. The courts are open to the community on weekends and when school is NOT in session. During the school year, weekdays are reserved for school use only. The new courts are being used by Physical Education classes, the High School Boys and Girls Tennis teams and by the children during recess.



Community Book Chats with Dr. Lisa Brady

Let's Talk! Superintendent Brady, in collaboration with the [Dobbs Ferry PTSA](#), hosted a series of book chats this fall for parents in neighborhood homes. The informal discussions centered around the book ***Originals - How Nonconformists Move the World*** by Adam Grant. The Board of Education will host a Work Session on January 17th for interested community members around the book's themes. Topics include creative destruction, leadership, strategic procrastination, birth order and siblings and other ideas about how we can create the conditions that we want and value in our schools.

[Watch the TED Talk with the author](#) or [read the New York Times Op Ed](#) piece about this subject.

School News



High School Science Research

Senior Blake Hord is seeing stars! He was named both a Regional and a National Finalist in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology. There were only 20 finalists in the nation and he was the only one in New York State! He headed to Washington DC earlier this week to compete in the final phase of the competition where he came in 6th and earned a \$10,000 scholarship. His research project improved on a computer simulation of a planet in

formation. Shout out to science research teacher Erica Curran on Blake's stellar achievement. Click here to see [Siemen's press release/video](#).

Middle School Makey Makey Kits

Middle School STEM 7 students in Lynette Colon's class are exploring the "connection" between electrical circuits and their Google Chromebooks. The current flows out of their Chromebooks, through electrical wires to an external Makey Makey board. At that point, students can continue the circuit using any materials including a piece of fruit, a ruler or their own bodies. Imagine tapping a banana or your nose to insert spaces into your Google document! Thank you to the [Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation](#) for providing funding for STEM equipment.



Springhurst Pajamas Stuff-a-Bus

Students (K-5) collected 120 pairs of new pajamas and 280 new books to donate to the [Pajama Program](#). The PJ's and books will be distributed over the holidays to needy children of all ages throughout Westchester County, including organizations in the Rivertowns. Thank you Holly Cicero, Sue Frey, Lisa Doty and the DASA committee for organizing this wonderful event. Springhurst was the first stop this fall for the "Stuff a Bus" campaign.

Mark Your Calendar

2016-2017 School Calendar



Springhurst 5th Grade Concert
December 13, 2016 @ 7:00pm



Holiday Recess
December 26, 2016-January 2, 2017



Middle School Winter Concert
December 15, 2016 @ 7:00pm



Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16, 2017 Schools Closed



Winter Recess
February 20, 2017 - February 24, 2017



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