Memorandum

To: Albert Ganem, Interim Superintendent of Schools
From: Lisa Sequeira, Principal, Tahanto Regional Middle High School
Date: January 14, 2025
Re: Report to School Committee

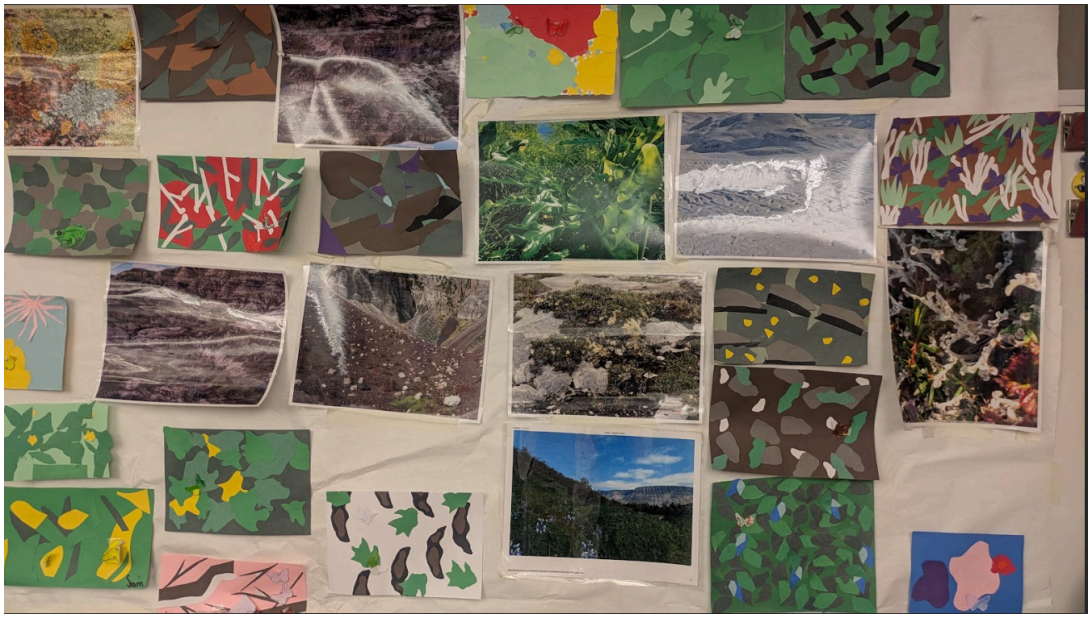
Tahanto Highlights

It is my pleasure to highlight several initiatives and accomplishments at Tahanto that demonstrate our commitment to fostering interdisciplinary learning, leadership, and support of student transitions.

1. Cross-Curricular Innovation: Art and Biodiversity Collaboration

This winter, our 7th-grade students participated in a unique cross-curricular project that explored the intersection of art and biodiversity. Guided by the question, *How are art fundamentals necessary in nature?* students discovered the concept of adaptation through hands-on learning.

Each student created a camouflage pattern tailored to a specific environment using only four shapes and four colors. They then demonstrated an animal's adaptability by disguising a butterfly within their chosen environment. This activity not only highlighted the importance of color, shape, and texture in nature but also fostered critical thinking and creativity. The results were outstanding, and we are incredibly proud of the students' work highlighted in this innovative project.



2. Expanding Opportunities for Leadership and Pathways

We have continued to seek opportunities for our students to engage with their community and explore diverse interests. Thanks to a representative from the Berlin Conservation Commission who presented to our School Council, we have established opportunities for active community participation and leadership development.

Additionally, we have been surveying students to better understand their interests and career aspirations. Early results indicate a strong desire for expanded pathways in business, carpentry, and enhanced use of the media center. These insights will help us tailor our offerings to align with students' passions and prepare them for future success.

3. Strengthening the High School Transition Program

To ensure a seamless transition for our 8th-grade students moving into high school, we are holding our transition program earlier this year. This proactive approach allows students to become familiar with the many opportunities available at Tahanto. A wide range of clubs and activities will be present during the event, providing students with a comprehensive view of the extracurricular experiences that await them. This initiative underscores our commitment to fostering a sense of belonging and excitement as students embark on this next chapter of their educational journey.

We are incredibly proud of the work that is happening at Tahanto. Thank you for your continued support as we strive for educational excellence.