



Peekskill City School District A System Focused on Every Student; Every Day

The Mission of the Peekskill City School District is to educate students in a caring, inspiring environment characterized by a spirit of excellence and high expectations; prepare graduates to meet or exceed standards; graduate students who respect and appreciate cultural diversity; and prepare students to pursue adult lives as contributing citizens of our local and global community.

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Dear Peekskill Middle School Students and Families,

Welcome to another great year of instruction, learning, achievement, friendship, and growth. Hopefully, you are enjoying the great weather, taking some time out to read and expand your minds, reviewing last year's work, and enjoying the arts.

Our students worked very diligently last year to meet the ever-growing social and academic expectations. We experienced our fall and spring concerts, our first musical production (Once on This Island), and participated in numerous school-based activities and events. Our staff received ground-breaking professional development for this upcoming work and school year. We have increased our accelerated sections to include mathematics and science in grade six.

As we prepare for this school year, please remember our expectations relative to **DOING THE WORK** and being prepared for school daily. Toward that end, please be sure to contact the main office should you need to purchase a school shirt. As a reminder, school shirts are to be worn Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On Friday, students are free to wear an appropriate shirt of their choosing. If students chose to bring cell phones with them to school, the cell phones will remain in their lockers and not on their person during the school day. We are excited about the 2015-2016 school year as we have a great deal of surprises and exciting instruction and learning on the horizon.

The Middle School is truly at the peak of excellence and will reach new heights this school year. I will send a back-to-school letter in mid- August.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you in September where we will **DO THE WORK** as we **MOTIVATE, EDUCATE, and EMPOWER!**

Sincerely,

Jamal Lewis
Principal