



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 Parents/Guardians:

The beautiful fall colors and unusually mild temperatures have afforded us many exciting outdoor opportunities during the past two months of school. In October, PHS enjoyed the school spirit week activities, the first Superintendent's 5K Run, Homecoming soccer and football games, class trips to the Ring Homestead Ropes Course, and a walking tour at the Peekskill Waterfront for several of our art classes.

The first marking period has ended and report cards will arrive in the mail during the week of November 16, 2015. Please reach out to teachers and school counselors to set up parent-teacher conferences if you have any concerns or questions. You can contact teachers via email or schedule an appointment with Ms. Khan at (914) 737-0201, Ext. 311.

Please note that this is the last report card that will be sent by mail. If you have not done so, please sign up for the Parent Portal on the district website (www.peakskillcsd.org) or stop in the high school to pick up an application. This will allow you to receive electronic copies of future progress reports and report cards.

We have also been busy working on creating a positive school culture among students and staff. The Freshman Academy, PACE, and Summit staff and students have participated in Power of Peace Workshops conducted by Mike Aterberry, trainer and director for Inner Voices, Incorporated. These training sessions take place over a two-day period and focus on developing students' competencies in conflict resolution and increasing staff's cultural sensitivity and responsiveness.

Be sure to catch the fall drama production of *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet* on November 12, 13, and 14 at 7:00 PM in the PHS Auditorium. It promises to delight your soul, tickle your ribs, and bring joy to your spirit. Congratulations to Terry Sandler, Fay Gerbes-Pacht, Laura Belfiore, John Harrison and all the faculty, staff and students who have contributed to making this performance successful for a job well done.

Don't miss these upcoming events:

November 17—Board of Education Meeting—7 PM

November 18—Pre-K to 12 PTO General Meeting@ PKMS, 6:30 PM

November 19—Mandatory Winter Sports Parent Meeting @ PHS, 6:30 PM

Lastly, I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving filled with fun moments, good food, laughter, appreciation and peace! Enjoy the Thanksgiving Break—November 25-27, 2015.

Warmly,
Dr. Cassandra Hyacinthe, Principal