

In Our Schools

Peekskill City School District News

May 2016

Dear Peekskill Community,

This year we have focused on growing together as a school community and have stood side by side as our schools and children flourish in a supportive educational environment. The new programs introduced this school year have welcomed our eager learners, and we remain focused on increasing opportunities for our students in the 2016-2017 school year. Our motto of "Every Student; Every Day" exemplifies the philosophy that drives our academic and programmatic successes.

On April 12, 2016, a school budget totaling \$86,564,193 was adopted by the Board of Education, resulting in a budget increase of 3.48% and a tax levy increase of 1.11%. On behalf of the Board of Education, I am pleased to announce that our lobbying efforts to recover state aid resulted in a 6.6% overall increase in funding for our school district. As you peruse through this newsletter, please note the highlights from our 2016-17 Educational Plan and Budget. Thanks to our state aid increase we are able to add needed programs and enhance existing programs, which align to our Board and District goals with respect to literacy, graduation, community collaboration, safety, and fiscal management.

This summer, our staff and administrators will continue their work as School Leadership Teams. Together they will partake in professional development sessions to review data, examine grants, align curriculum and discuss best instructional approaches while designing programs to meet our learners' needs.

As we head towards the close of the 2015-2016 school year, I look forward to sharing the joy of our graduates as they set off to pursue their post high school dreams. I also look forward to the continued development of our District's growth mindset as we celebrate our work and achievements together, while adding value to our students' experiences in Peekskill schools.



In closing, I urge you to exercise your right to vote at the Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote on May 17, 2016.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Fine
Superintendent of Schools

School Board Election

Three, three-year seats are up for election: Incumbent Michael Simpkins, Incumbent Maria Pereira and Incumbent Jillian Villon. Voters will elect three members to the Peekskill City School District Board of Education.

All Individuals Must Be Qualified to Vote

A qualified voter is a person who is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, and a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

When and Where to VOTE

The vote on the annual budget and for school board candidates will take place on Tuesday, May 17 from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. To vote you must be registered for either the school elections or general elections. Voting will take place at Peekskill High School, 1072 Elm Street

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Board of Education provides for absentee ballots for the election of members of the Board of Education, the adoption of the annual budget, and propositions.

Applications for absentee ballots are available in the office of the District Clerk, 1031 Elm Street, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4 P.M.

Absentee ballots are available in the office of the District Clerk after April 29, 2016. Absentee ballot applications must be filled out and returned to the District Clerk by mail, or in person, by May 10, 2016. After an absentee ballot application is received by the District Clerk, an absentee ballot is mailed to your home. You are to return the absentee ballot in person to the District Clerk at the Administration Building by May 16, 2016 no later than 4 P.M. or by mail on May, 17, 2016 no later than 5 P.M. Call District Clerk Debra McLeod at (914) 737-3300 ext. 342 with any questions.


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Contact Us: You may contact the District with any questions or comments by emailing budgetideas@peakskillcsd.org, or by calling 914-737-3300, ext. 303.

Proposed 16-17 Budget: \$86,564,193

Budget Increase: 3.48%

Tax Levy: 1.11%



Multilingual Poetry Café

In honor of April being National Poetry Month, Woodside Elementary School hosted the 1st Annual Multilingual Poetry Café. The Emergent Bi-lingual Leadership Team (EBLT) designed the event as a night that would integrate poetry with world languages as part of an initiative with CUNY NYSEIB to use bi-lingualism as a resource for instruction.

2016-2017 BUDGET VOTE: TUESDAY, MAY 17
Polls Open 7AM to 9PM at Peekskill High School

Proposed Budget: 2016-2017 Budget at a Glance

| | 2015-16 BUDGET | 2016-17 PROPOSED BUDGET | \$DEC/INC | % INC |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT | | | | |
| 1010....BOARD OF EDUCATION | \$7,137.00 | \$15,500.00 | \$8,363.00 | 117% |
| 1040....DISTRICT CLERK | \$15,268.00 | \$17,714.00 | \$2,446.00 | 16% |
| 1060....DISTRICT MEETING | \$14,474.00 | \$19,214.00 | \$4,740.00 | 33% |
| 1240....OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENCY | \$392,841.00 | \$398,080.00 | \$5,239.00 | 1% |
| 1310....BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION | \$438,166.32 | \$439,390.87 | \$1,224.55 | 0% |
| 1320....AUDITING | \$69,186.00 | \$70,569.72 | \$1,383.72 | 2% |
| 1325....TREASURER | \$63,814.95 | \$66,778.33 | \$2,963.38 | 5% |
| 1380....FISCAL AGENT FEE | \$25,500.00 | \$26,010.00 | \$510.00 | 2% |
| 1420....LEGAL | \$445,000.00 | \$345,000.00 | (\$100,000.00) | -22% |
| 1430....PERSONNEL | \$375,691.00 | \$389,894.00 | \$14,203.00 | 4% |
| 1480....PUBLIC INFORMATION & SERVICES | \$126,759.72 | \$150,538.47 | \$23,778.75 | 19% |
| 1680....CENTRAL DATA PROCESSING | \$47,907.00 | \$49,090.20 | \$1,183.20 | 2% |
| 1910....UNALLOCATED INSURANCE | \$346,875.00 | \$356,760.50 | \$9,885.50 | 3% |
| 1920....SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES | \$26,530.00 | \$29,500.00 | \$2,970.00 | 11% |
| 1981....BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS | \$307,660.00 | \$314,573.00 | \$6,913.00 | 2% |
| 1983....BOCES CAPITAL EXPENSES | \$2,276.00 | \$10,023.00 | \$7,747.00 | 340% |
| 2010....CURRICULUM DEVEL & SUPERVISION | \$618,948.50 | \$595,122.79 | (\$23,825.71) | -4% |
| 2020....SUPERVISION-REGULAR SCHOOL | \$2,230,726.53 | \$2,296,192.66 | \$65,466.13 | 3% |
| 9099....EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | \$1,913,897.00 | \$1,900,685.87 | (\$13,211.13) | -1% |
| TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT | \$7,468,658.02 | \$7,490,637.41 | \$21,979.39 | 0.29% |
| PROGRAM COMPONENT | | | | |
| 2020....SUPERVISION-REGULAR SCHOOL | \$20,876.00 | \$20,268.00 | (\$608.00) | -3% |
| 2070....INSERVICE TRAINING-INSTRUCTION | \$10,838.00 | \$11,510.00 | \$672.00 | 6% |
| 2110....TEACHING-REGULAR SCHOOL | \$24,277,206.26 | \$24,940,936.91 | \$663,730.65 | 3% |
| 2250....PROGRAMS-STUDENTS W/ DISABIL | \$13,574,362.88 | \$13,532,616.64 | (\$41,746.24) | -0% |
| 2280....OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION | \$854,880.00 | \$866,079.00 | \$11,199.00 | 1% |
| 2610....SCHOOL LIBRARY & AUDIOVISUAL | \$486,574.67 | \$433,044.65 | (\$53,530.02) | -11% |
| 2630....COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION | \$1,933,516.69 | \$2,200,130.01 | \$266,613.32 | 14% |
| 2805....ATTENDANCE-REGULAR SCHOOL | \$21,484.00 | \$25,342.74 | \$3,858.74 | 18% |
| 2810....GUIDANCE-REGULAR SCHOOL | \$963,024.20 | \$973,680.62 | \$10,656.42 | 1% |
| 2815....HEALTH SERVICES-REGULAR SCHOOL | \$601,221.00 | \$683,956.00 | \$82,735.00 | 14% |
| 2820....PSYCHOLOGICAL SRVC-REG SCHOOL | \$658,294.50 | \$682,392.77 | \$24,098.27 | 4% |
| 2825....SOCIAL WORK SRVC-REG SCHOOL | \$495,547.05 | \$512,690.94 | \$17,143.89 | 3% |
| 2830....AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PROG. | \$1,425.00 | \$1,453.50 | \$28.50 | 2% |
| 2850....CO-CURRICULAR ACTIV-REG SCHL | \$138,223.00 | \$138,481.20 | \$258.20 | 0% |
| 2855....INTERSCHOL ATHLETICS-REG SCHL | \$594,637.13 | \$652,209.04 | \$57,571.91 | 10% |
| 5510....DISTRICT TRANSPORT | \$240,707.60 | \$297,515.26 | \$56,807.66 | 24% |
| 5540....CONTRACT TRANSPORT | \$4,080,215.00 | \$3,937,788.50 | (\$142,426.50) | -3% |
| 9099....EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | \$15,409,537.00 | \$16,065,796.93 | \$656,259.93 | 4% |
| TOTAL PROGRAM COMPONENT | \$64,362,569.98 | \$65,975,892.71 | \$1,613,322.73 | 2.51% |
| CAPITAL COMPONENT | | | | |
| 1620....OPERATION OF PLANT | \$3,141,184.00 | \$3,223,270.88 | \$82,086.88 | 3% |
| 1621....MAINTENANCE OF PLANT | \$1,267,971.00 | \$1,289,828.20 | \$21,857.20 | 2% |
| 1950....ASSESSMENTS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY | \$45,900.00 | \$46,818.00 | \$918.00 | 2% |
| 1964....REFUND ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES | \$200,000.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0% |
| 9740....CAPITAL NOTES-OTHER (SPECI | \$59,760.00 | \$0.00 | (\$59,760.00) | -100% |
| 9901....TRANSFER TO SPECIAL AID | \$4,938,986.00 | \$5,294,766.00 | \$355,780.00 | 7% |
| 9950....INTERFUND TRANSFERS | \$802,892.00 | \$750,000.00 | (\$52,892.00) | -7% |
| 9099....EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | \$1,367,862.00 | \$2,292,978.00 | \$925,116.00 | 68% |
| TOTAL CAPITAL COMPONENT | \$11,824,555.00 | \$13,097,661.08 | \$1,273,106.08 | 11% |
| TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET | \$83,655,784.00 | \$86,564,192.55 | \$2,908,408.55 | 3.48% |

What does the 2016-2017 Educational Plan and Budget Support?

DISTRICT-WIDE RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI)

Rtl is a three tiered approach to providing differentiated instruction to all learners. Targeted and scaffolded interventions are implemented in response to assessment data to support and push students' reading development. Currently, the State mandate is to implement an Rtl program K-4, yet in Peekskill, we are looking to align a support structure K-12. That support will look different at each level K-5, 6-8, and 9-12, however the emphasis is on providing supports to address students' needs in the area of literacy across all grade levels. In order to address students at all levels, a K-12 Rtl Design Team was created that worked on specific sub-components of an overarching Rtl plan. The new plan will be piloted in 2016-17.

AT THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL:

Transitional Kindergarten

In 2016-2017 PCSD will continue to support Transition Kindergarten and Transition Classrooms in Grades 1 and 2, producing literacy rich environments that provide a two-year opportunity for students to succeed academically. Three classes are in year two of this program. New year one classes will be created pending student identification and need. In this program, the classroom teacher "loops" with the same cohort of students. Students will learn through play-based and project-based multi-disciplinary units of study. Acceleration will be individualized and movement to the next grade will be fluid. This unique program provides time for students to catch up academically, to keep moving forward each year, and eliminates the traditional retention model.

Elementary Enrichment Program

The Elementary Enrichment program provides project-based learning experiences for all students in research, science, technology and the arts. The enrichment for all programs will be in its second year of implementation.

Elementary Strings Program

After introducing violins in the 2015-2016 school year, the Elementary Strings program continues to grow with cello and bass being introduced in 2016-2017 for students in Grades 3 and 4. The goal of a middle school and a high school orchestra will be realized over time. Students will perform at least annually in a concert or recital.

Intensive Transitional Planning for Literacy Challenged Students K-5

- Low class sizes: K & 1
- Transition Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2
- Promotion of a multilingual ecology, celebrating diversity and recognizing multilingualism as a resource
- A comprehensive Bi-Lingual program K-5, with a special focus on welcoming newcomers and their families

- Increased parent participation
- Elementary student access to the newly renovated PHS planetarium

Expansion of Performing and Visual Arts Program

- Create interdisciplinary units, integrating music, art and technology
- Elementary String Program
- Continue to develop a cooperative learning relationship with the local art community

AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL:

21st Century Electives at PKMS & PHS

Peekskill Middle School and High School will continue to add new and enriching courses for the 2016-2017 school year. Peekskill High School will be adding new courses and enhancing existing courses in the areas of STEAM, Math, English, Social Studies, Art and Music. The Middle School will look at enhancing its second year courses in STEAM and the accelerated classes.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM)

The Peekskill High School Science Department will begin to utilize Google Classroom. Many of the high school science offerings will be enhanced by the use of Chromebooks.

This year we also see the addition of Art (A) to "STEM," thus creating STEAM. This expansion acknowledges the incorporation of the artistic process in both the scientific method and engineering design. While students' final products will vary by subject, similarities regarding the investigation of ideas, problem solving, creative design, technical literacy and collaboration will encompass student projects whether in the art studio, or the science lab.

The 2016-2017 school year will see the Grade 6-12 STEAM program take a step forward as Peekskill adopts the Engineering by Design program. Using constructivist models, students participating in the program learn concepts and principles in a problem/project-based environment. Peekskill teachers in the middle school and high school will be trained this summer.

Grade 9 Humanities

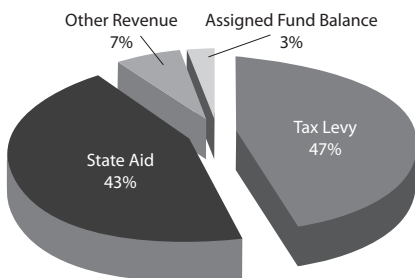
In Grade 9, Peekskill High School will pilot a new interdisciplinary class between Grade 9 English and Grade 9 U.S. History. The curriculum for the class is being jointly written this spring by members of each department. This will be a two credit, team taught block course, blending themed literary works into the U.S. history curriculum.

BOCES Courses for Special Education Students

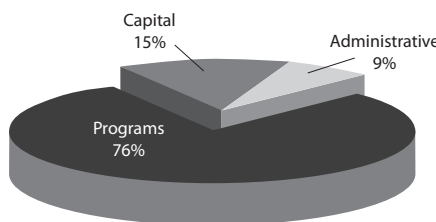
Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES will partner with Peekskill CSD to offer classes in Culinary Arts and Consumer Math at Peekskill High School for special education students.

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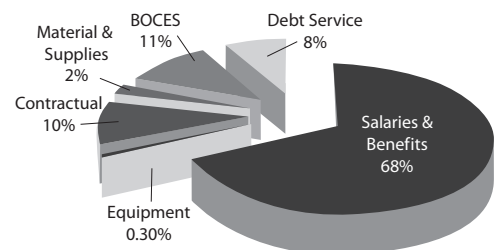
Revenue Projection 2016-17



Three-Part Component Budget



Proposed Budget 2016-17



What does the 2016-2017 Educational Plan and Budget Support? *Continued from page 3*

AHS Albany University in the High School Program

In an effort to continue providing high quality, rigorous college level courses, Peekskill High School will continue to offer courses with dual enrollment possibilities with SUNY Albany through the SUNY Albany University in the High School program. The 2015-2016 school year saw Intro into African Studies added to the high school course offering. The 2016-2017 course offerings added will be Latino Experience and Classism, Sexism, Racism as high school electives.

Five Towns College

The PHS Music Department has developed an articulation agreement with Five Towns College to offer Guitar I as a college credit offering. For students who have gone through Guitar I, PHS is proud to offer these students a second level of guitar, Guitar II.

Bi-lingual Core Program at Peekskill Middle School

The Peekskill High School ELL program has added to its course offerings as the District continues to meet the needs of our student population while also staying in compliance with New York State Regulations. Peekskill Middle School will see changes to its ENL program as they install new bi-lingual content classes in the middle school.

Middle School Acceleration

In an effort to provide the best educational program possible for our students in Peekskill, the Middle School Acceleration program in Math and Science will move into its second year. The 2015-2016 school year saw new opportunities in Grade 6 and some modifications to the program in Grade 7.

Enhancing Graduation Rate

- More middle school students earning HS credits before entering Grade 9
- Science and STEAM program enhancements
- Bi-lingual Core Program at Peekskill Middle School
- Humanities added to course offerings at Peekskill High School

Increase Equity and Student Choices

- Increased course offerings at AHS, Albany University in the HS Program
- Five Towns College partnerships for Art and Music sequences
- Partnership with PNW BOCES for Culinary Arts and Business Computers for students in PHS' Special Education Program



Hillcrest Instrumental Night

The Peekskill High School and Peekskill Middle School Drama Clubs delighted theater goers with their performances of "The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet" (PHS), "Willy Wonka, Jr." (PKMS), and "Hairspray (PHS)."

THE ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS



Thank you once again to everyone who came out to support our students at our first Music in our Schools Month concert! We had a wonderful night watching as our students showcased their many talents in front of a sold out crowd.



Along with the help of their new art teacher, Taylor Coleman, students at Peekskill High School's Summit Academy have been busy using their talents to transform their cafeteria into a wall-to-wall work of art. Pictured below are Aliyah Young and Lesley Duarte, who are adding their personal touches to the room.



Peekskill City School District's art teachers joined students, parents and community members at our Annual PCSD Art Show Opening Reception at the Peekskill Coffee House. Student artwork spent the entire month of February on display for all to enjoy. Thank you to our teachers for this collaborative effort which showcases our students' creativity!

Top of the Class: Meet the Peekskill High School Class of 2016's Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Peekskill Superintendent Dr. David Fine stands with the Class of 2016's Valedictorian Lander Arpi, (right) and Salutatorian Andy Lin, (left).

Peekskill City School District and Peekskill High School are proud to introduce the Class of 2016's Valedictorian Lander Arpi and Salutatorian Andy Lin. These students have truly shown us how hard work, focus and dedication can result in success. As they prepare to venture forth into their college careers,

Lander and Andy have shared a little bit about who they are and what their future holds for them after graduation.

2016 Valedictorian: Lander Arpi

Mr. Arpi is an active member of the PHS community. He is treasurer of the French Club and a member of the Chess Club, Interact Club, the Latino Culture Club and the Math Team. Arpi has played on both the JV and Varsity Soccer teams throughout his high school career. In his free time, Arpi also volunteers at the information desk at New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital, helping patients with directions and entering or exiting the building safely. This fall, Arpi will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he intends to major in engineering. His dream is to earn his master's degree and to create something as an electrical engineer that can aid the community, or even the world. He also hopes to one day be able to give back to his parents for all they have done for him.

PCSD: What was your favorite class this year and what did you enjoy most about it?

Arpi: My favorite class this year was Robotics. I wanted to learn how to make robots and gain background knowledge in electronics and engineering. I plan on becoming an engineer and I saw that this class would help me.

PCSD: What is your philosophy as a student?

Arpi: As a student, I believe that determination is a key factor in your academic success. Every class is different. Every student is different. We all have our strengths and weaknesses. However, with determination, you can excel at anything you want. You must put your mind and heart to your work in order to be successful. You must also be humble and tell yourself that there are still areas that you can improve on in order to reach your full potential. Be helpful to others as it will only make you feel better and will also solidify your strengths.

PCSD: What words of wisdom would you like to pass on to your PHS underclassmen?

Arpi: Don't procrastinate. It is very important to attempt your hardest in fixing this bad habit. The work load only gets bigger every year and time management is important to be successful. Stress is not what you want during high school, trust me. By learning to stop procrastinating, your experience in high school will be better and more interesting. It will also be fun as you will have time to hang out with your friends or go out on the weekends. Most importantly, this advice will help you gain a strong work ethic and better prepare you for college, where time management is very important.

PCSD: What will you miss most about PHS?

Arpi: I will miss the teachers and the friends I have made strong bonds with. Without them, my high school experience wouldn't have been the same. Everyone is nice, and the best part is that at PHS, you are bound to be a part of a family. No matter if you are new, or different, there will always be a group of friends that you can make. My best and most memorable moments have come from my years in PHS, and I will never forget that.

2016 Salutatorian: Andy Lin

Mr. Lin is involved in numerous clubs and activities at PHS. He is currently the president of the Math Honor Society and member of the National Honor Society, Science Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. In addition, Lin is the secretary of the Chess club and an active member of the Math Club, Interact Club and the Latino Culture Club. He has played on both the JV and Varsity Basketball teams throughout high school and volunteers with the Peer Tutoring Program, offering studying assistance to his classmates in the areas of math and science. When not in school Lin works at BJ's Wholesale Club as Front Line and Self-Checkout Supervisor, and also helps out at his family's restaurant. After graduation, Mr. Lin plans to attend either the University of Rochester or the University of Connecticut to study software engineering or business. He would one day like to own his own business.

PCSD: What is your philosophy as a student?

Lin: My philosophy as a student is that hard work will always pay off in the end. The tests and quizzes that teachers give out are all based on the notes that you took that week or the weeks before. Therefore, doing the notes and homework is very important in the process of trying to obtain a high grade. When you work hard and complete the assignments given to you, it will pay off when you pass your classes and tests with mastery.

PCSD: What do you think it takes to make an exceptional teacher?

Lin: It takes a good attitude and high expectations of a student to make a teacher exceptional. They have to respect the students and be able to connect with them, but also expect a lot from them with no excuses.

PCSD: What will you miss most about PHS?

Lin: I will miss my friends the most. My friends at PHS have allowed me to express myself without being criticized. Having friends from all different groups such as the basketball team, the honor societies, and the "class clowns," has allowed me to fully experience high school.

PCSD: What words of wisdom would you like to pass on to your PHS underclassmen?

Lin: Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard. Some kids are naturally gifted and don't have to study as hard to achieve high grades. I'm blessed to be one of those kids, but I've seen peers do better than me on tests in the past because I didn't study like they did. Be confident in yourself. High school is all about finding yourself and your norm. Make sure that you believe in yourself before anything. Confidence is a huge key in life, especially when you have to network with business executives or make a presentation.

Student Athletes Honored at Sports Awards Dinner

The Peekskill City School District's Athletic Department hosted their annual Winter Sports Awards Dinner on Wednesday, March 4 in the Peekskill High School cafeteria. The evening welcomed the season's student athletes, coaches and their friends and family members.

The District had 10 teams featuring a total of over 125 athletes who competed this season. While Peekskill didn't see any Varsity League championships this season, at the awards dinner PCSD Athletic Director Lou Panzanaro sang the praises of great team and individual performances, both athletically and academically.

Please see below for a list of those honored at the event.

Scholar Athletes:

TEAM 90 (students must maintain a 90+ average to qualify)

AND HIGH HONOR ROLL: Akua Yeboah, Mya Smith, Krista Godbee, Brianna Ellis, Kyle Moran, Antoine Perpignand, Erik Mavian, Birch Lazo-Murphy, Luke Torres-Rossi, Gordon Evans, Deborah Martinez, Elliot Molina, Jodi Glickert, Kiara Houghton, Yohman Ortiz.

HONOR ROLL: Josh Satur, Lazaro, Granda-Harris, Darius Snipes, Tatyanna Arceneaux, Mariah James, Francesca Snipes, Charles Redd, Prince Marsh, Toluwanimi Jegede, Britney Diaz, Dominique Schweizer, Giavanna Toscano, Tiara Smith, Zachary Clausen, Adrianna Parks, Chelsea Ogindo, Deanna Rodricks, Steven Francisco, Niya Fields, Nycole Mitchell, Sandra Murphy, Taylor Clare, Devin Guardino.

It should be noted that the District also had three teams that ALMOST made the scholar athlete team. They were: Bowling, Girls' Basketball, and Cheerleading. Those three teams finished the season with an 89%+ average, just shy of the 90% needed for the New York State Scholar Team award.

Athletes of the Week:

Dec. 5: Chihe Williams
Dec. 12: CJ Redd
Dec. 19: Justin Velasquez/Nia Fields (Tie)
Dec. 26: Lanay Rodney
Jan. 4: Carlos Nazario
Jan. 11: Chelsea Ogindo
Jan. 18: Nicole Burris/Shion Darby (Tie)
Jan. 25: Jodi Glickert
Feb. 2: Devin Guardino
Feb. 9: Lisanna Burnett
Feb. 16 Nyre Holliman

Individual and team highlights were celebrated as follow:

Lanay Rodney was selected to the All-Section team for Girls' Basketball. In the December Slam Dunk Tournament at County

Center, Lanay Rodney led her team to the championship by scoring a total of 76 points between the two games.

The Girls' Basketball team lost to Albertus Magnus in the quarter finals of the Sectional tournament, but finished second to Ossining in the League. Ossining won the Class AA sectional tournament.

Chelsea Ogindo was selected to the All Section team for the 600m and 100m run in Indoor Track. Chelsea won the 1000 meter run at the Dendy Classic and the 600 meter run at the Rhody Classic in Rhode Island.



Coach Robinson brought back a competitive Cheer team to Peekskill for the first time in 16 years. The girls trained everyday and on some days trained at Gymnastics City. In a competition at Arlington High School, Peekskill finished in third place out of 14 competing schools.

The Bowling team finished third in their league.

Two Peekskill athletes, Brian Lehning and Kaitlin Lehning, competed on our Ski team and went to meets with Hen-Hud.

Peekskill hosted several wrestling meets and for the first time in more than a decade a Peekskill wrestler, Carlos Navario, was named to the All-League Wrestling team.

In the Boys' Swimming Divisionals, Devin Guardino took first place in both the 100 yard butterfly and the 100 yard backstroke and scored 40 points – the highest score possible. Devin also broke two individual school records in the 100 fly, which had previously been held by his uncle, Chris Horton, since 1984, and the 100 backstroke. (Stay tuned for more on this exciting story!) Devin was also a part of three record breaking relay teams – 200 yard Medley Relay, the 200 yard Freestyle Relay and the 400 yard Freestyle Relay.

Congratulations to all of our athletes and coaches on their successes!



PCSD's 1st Annual 5K & Fun Run Update

Thank you to all who came out for our 1st Annual Superintendent's 5K and Fun Run which was held this past fall. We raised almost \$3,000 for our schools and had a fantastic time doing it! We have already begun planning for our 2016 event and are excited to make this year even bigger and better than last's. Save the date for the Second Annual Superintendent's 5K and Fun Run on October 15, 2016! More information coming soon.





Over 80 New Members Inducted into PKMS & PHS Honor Societies

National Honor Society

Senior Inductees:

Jocelyn Diaz
Kevin Fuentes
Briana Jackson
Alana Donabie
Christopher Guinansaca
Rayvin Jones
Catherine Lively

Junior Inductees:

Essence Boyd-Roberts
Prince Marsh
Bryan Quezada
Sheldon Davis
Naieka McTurner
Nia Robinson
Jamila Desir
Erika Mendez
Samantha Robinson
Elizabeth Fernandez
Fermin
Cristian Molina
Deanna Rodricks
Arianna Hurtado
Briana Moran
Kevin Rodriguez
Paulina Inga
Brittney Pauta
Wendy Salazar
Birch Lazo-Murphy
Jose Pimentel
Josh Satur

New York State Mathematics Honor Society

Senior Inductee:

Christopher Guinansaca

Junior Inductees:

Anthony Castro
Elizabeth Fernandez Fermin
Mariah James

Sophomore Inductees:

Elvis Carchipulla
Jodi Glickert
Elliot Molina
Zachary Clausen
Valentina Loaiza
Jason Pauta
Gordon Evans
Junior Machisaca
Anabel Sanchez
Debora Martinez
Diana Tenesaca

Mu Alpha Theta

Senior Inductees:

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Briayanna Johnson
Rebecca Au
Keyana Griffith
Kiara Navarro
Ariel Ortiz

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Brittney Pauta
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Birch Lazo-Murphy
Jose Pimentel
Kevin Rodriguez
Erika Mendez
Wendy Rivadeneira
Wendy Salazar

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D'Nair Joseph
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Michael Meade
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Christina Murphy
Yoham Ortiz
Mariam Osei-Poku
Samantha Saca
Sarai Sales
Jalyssa Smith
Carly Terblanche
William Usticke
Inmay Weinstein
Jordin Wright

CONGRATULATIONS
to all of our
2016 Honor Society
inductees!



Congratulations to our 2016 PKMS Girls and Boys Who Rock and to our Living Legacy Award winners! Thank you to our presenters and to our guest speakers. Also, bravo to our student performers who helped make the evening even more magical.

Peekskill Middle School students represented PKMS admirably on their recent trip to the United Nations. The field trip served as the culmination of the class' exploration into the many refugee crises around the world. Students had the opportunity to meet with Chief of Migration Bela Hovy in the UN offices.

Thank you to Peekskill Police Officer Gorman who recently visited Uriah Hill classrooms to speak with the children about community helpers. Officer Gorman spoke about his job and took questions from the children. As a 'thank you,' for taking the time to visit their school, Ms. Stephens and Mrs. Leff's class drew Officer Gorman pictures.

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Peekskill Education Foundation Awards Over \$7.5K in Grants to PCSD Schools

The Peekskill Education Foundation awards multiple "Beyond the Core" grants to our teachers and librarians each year. These grant opportunities are funded with a focus on enriching the educational experience of students within the Peekskill City School District through the enhancement of curriculum and educational initiatives, piloting classroom programs, lending to technology enhancements and more. As a District we would like to thank all of our staff and faculty who submitted proposals for the benefit of our students. We congratulate the following applicants who were funded in the 2015-2016 school year:

Mrs. Elizabeth Tabone (PHS): **Art Beyond the Classroom** - \$1,000
Ms. Erum Hadi (PHS): **Science Research in the High School Program** - \$1,000
Mrs. Anita Prentice (Summit Academy): **Team Building for Summit Academy** - \$1,705
Jean Spooner (PHS): **Literacy at Lunch** - \$1,500
Nancy Castro (Oakside): **Eager Learners Looking for Literacy** - \$1,350
Michele Bass and Teresa Ferreira (Oakside): **Hovercams** - \$1,300



Thanks to a generous grant from the Peekskill Education Foundation, Peekskill High School Summit Academy students and faculty enjoyed a rewarding day at Ring Homestead, where they worked together to meet many challenges while cheering each other on.

Congratulations to PHS teacher Mr. Carlos Vidrini and the Peekskill Iron Devils Robotics Team who took part in the New York Rube Goldberg competition at the Engineering Expo in White Plains on April 3.

Peekskill students came in second place out of 10 teams from across the state. Way to go Iron Devils!



The Oakside S.W.A.T. Team is a group of third graders who are learning the basic functions of computers. They spent the school year examining a computer's components and hardware, and discussed what it means

to be a "good digital citizen." Most recently, they have been working on projects for a Science-Technology Fair. Projects include: a solar powered rover, a salt water powered robot, a weather observation station and a water bottle rocket.