

In Our Schools

Peekskill City School District News

July 2015

Dear Peekskill Community,

It is my honor and pleasure to write this letter to you as the Superintendent of Peekskill Schools. As you know, our District has set forth ambitious goals and I am eager to continue working with our students, parents, administration, faculty and community members as we all remain committed and dedicated to these endeavors.

Looking back on an exciting 2014-2015 school year, I would like to congratulate our Peekskill High School Class of 2015 and wish our graduates the best of luck as they will soon venture off to college/university, trade school and/or the armed forces. Additionally, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to acknowledge all of the educational stakeholders that made this achievement possible for our graduates. It truly takes a village to raise a child and we are all part of this success each and every day.

As we move into the 2015-2016 school year, I would like to begin by thanking the members of the Peekskill community who took the time to take part in our Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election this past May. Because of your actions, the Peekskill City School District will be implementing 21st century programs, which provide competitive-course opportunities for our students with respect to higher education expectations. Additionally, we will see a new District Dance program, the rebirth of our Astronomy program, and improved support for literacy across all grade-levels. At the elementary level we look forward to the start of a new Strings program that will introduce violins, cello and bass at Grade 3. We have also been able to lower class sizes and have designed transitional programs to support our youngsters between grade-levels. PCSD is ensuring our students have access to a well-rounded, quality education that focuses on student learning and best instructional practices while maintaining a collaborative approach with our community and schools. All of these efforts will provide our students with rich opportunities, which will allow them to exit school with the skills and experiences needed to successfully compete in today's world.

In other exciting news, this fall we will be hosting our first Annual Superintendent's 5K and Fun Run in conjunction with the Peekskill Education Foundation. This event will kick off our Homecoming events on October 10. Please make sure to save the date. More information about this event can be found on our website and on the back page of this newsletter.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a safe, peaceful, and healthy summer. We look forward to September when we welcome staff and students back to

our schools, where we are committed to providing the best educational opportunities for every student, every day. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions feel free to contact me anytime at dfine@peekskillcsd.org or (914) 737-3300 ext. 303.

Sincerely,



Dr. David Fine
Superintendent of Schools



PCSD Welcomes Colleen Hardiman as Woodside Elementary Principal



Colleen Hardiman,
Woodside Elementary
School's new principal

Please welcome Ms. Colleen Hardiman, who has joined the Peekskill City School District as our new Woodside Elementary Principal. Ms. Hardiman will be working with staff, parents, students, and community partners to help our students achieve their highest potential.

Ms. Hardiman comes to Peekskill from North Rockland Central Schools where she has spent the last 14 years as a classroom teacher, reading teacher, and instructional leader. In addition, Ms. Hardiman has over 18 years of educational experience spanning grades K-8, and most recently served for four years as a district-wide instructional leader. She brings to Woodside specific expertise in literacy instruction, the Common Core Standards, and second language development.

Ms. Hardiman is bilingual. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Syracuse University, a Master's degree in Elementary Education from Bank Street College, and a CAS in School Administration from SUNY New Paltz.

Coming Soon! "Real Talk"

Tailgate Back to School Event
Helping to Foster a Safer Community
August 27, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

The City of Peekskill Police Department and the Peekskill City School District are happy to announce their new collaborative initiative aimed at fostering a safer community for all stakeholders in our beautiful city. Our Real Talk program is scheduled to begin in the fall of the 2015-2016 school year.

This summer, we have organized a Back to School Tailgate event for high school students and parents at PHS on August 27, 2015 beginning at 1:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for officers and families to interact in a friendly, casual environment. We hope you will consider joining us for this event.

School Starts Thursday, September 3!
PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the Peekskill High School Class of 2015

On June 28, over 165 Peekskill High School students walked across the Paramount Theater stage to accept their diplomas and earn the long-awaited title of "graduate." As a District, we could not be prouder of these students' accomplishments and are grateful to have had the opportunity to equip them with skills which they will carry with them as they continue to grow as life-long learners. We hope their fond memories of Peekskill Schools will stay with them for years to come. Congratulations graduates! We wish you the best of luck in all that you do.



Matthew John Adams
Genesis Rebeca Aldana Pestana
Nyssa Lea Alicea
Rony Salvador Alonzo Julian
Cristen David Anguisaca
Mayra Veronica Anguisaca Lazo
Anthony Julio Aponte
Ricardo Ariel Archila Mendez
Juan Pablo Aucapina Tepan
Stephanie Michelle Barahona
Diana Carolina Barreto
Prince Nana Yaw Bartels
Tiana Charlese Battle
Robinesha Tecoria Yvette Bell
Adasa Zahkeea Tamu Bennett
Isa Tariq Blackman-Pugh
Symphony Alize Boyd-Roberts
Gabriela Beatriz Bravo Coello
Quincy Alan Britt
Brianna Felicia Bush
Quameik Shaquor Byrd
Elwin Wilson Cabrera Lorenzo
Jesse Alexis Carchipulla-Londa
Brian Fernando Cardenas-Jaramillo
Jhonson D Cardona

Joseph Carrasquillo
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Sandrika Simone Carty
Diamonte Benit Chestnut
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Tania Gabriela Chunchi Yunga
Gregory Clark
Tyler Kendrick Bryce Connell
Michelle Carolina Contreras Tapia
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Joel Cruz
Julio Rafael Cruz
Lilly Ann Tazmoye Jr. Cummings
Brian Paul Cureton
Amoni Breanna Curry
Aubrey Dominique Dabbs
John Anthony Samuel Nicholas
Derossier

Sha Dieq Anthony Desland
Kierra Ann Dillard
Tierra Lynn Dillard
Leon Marcus Dos Remedios
Chukwuemeka Michael
Ekwerekwu
Anthony Fernandez-Fermin
Emma Rose Flaum
Anna Marie Fong-Tom
Jahaad Franks
Leticia Del Carmen Garcia Rivas
Anthony Joseph Gentile
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Nashaya Godfrey
Brooke L Gordineer
Elizabeth Granda
Juan Granda
Jylene Nelida Guaba
Veronica Priscila Guapisaca
Jaime Enrique Guevara
Marta Ludi Guevara Chavez
Julius Enrique Gutierrez
Ashly Guzman
Johnna N Hayward
Alex Sebastian Hidalgo Abad

Courtney Alexis Hill
Ruchana Allia Hill
Michael Hinton
La Asia Holley
Raul Alonso Hurtado Pacheco
Jordan ALI Ingram
Terrence J Jenkins
Renato Jiron Basay
Ojetta Fannell Jones
Yetta Shannell Jones
Jaysiah Jordan
Rahmel Malik Knowles
Dwayne Augustus Lamont
Christine Landry
Adrianna Lawrence
Cristian Fernando Lazaro Ortega
Kyle R Lazevnick
Tyrel Dajuan Lee
Jared Lido
Jada LaShae Lindsay
Wilson M. Loja
Kevin Anthony Lopez
London Lopez
Raphael Jr. Lopez
Jorge Salvador Magarin Cerda
Jessica Maldonado
Amanda Nicole Markley
Nicole Aja Matros
Jada McCrae
Dana Saretta McHayle
Brandon Marcos McKenzie
Gabrielle A McMillan
Christopher Joel Melendez
Naim M Mickens
JaQuilla Summa Minter
Heidy Monge
Shawna Moran
Jennifer A Morocho
Freddy Mauricio Morocho Ayavaca
Mishnori Mosley
Anthony Murphy
Michael Anthony Murphy
Vondel Charles Stephens Nelson
Nancy Alana Nube-Lopez
Nia Nilata Nuri
Nicole Ossa-Munoz
John Otavalo
Jacqueline Asia Parker-Davis
Ariel Estuardo Patino Criollo
Muhammed Patterson
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Ann Marie Virginia Pascual
Pederigan
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Rumipulla
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Stephany Caroline Sanchez
Saeteros
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Nia Simpkins
Jahnai Smith
Vanecia Smithson
Kyomi Soto
Samara Stith
Serita Stith
Conor Terrell
Jalen William Tookes
Cynamon Travis
Jovan Brian Tucker
Jorge I Vasquez
Jonathan E Vele
Katie Vele
Diego Vicente Velez
Erick A Vintimilla
Jordan Cole Vogt
Emmett Matthew Warmbrand
Lysandra Monique Warren
Kristen M White
Andy Williams
Ja'da Fa'nes Williams
Kyana Jean Wilson
Antonio Woods III
Deniz Faik Yagci
Gabriella Yeagley
Zhane Young



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Our graduates are off to do great things! After receiving nearly one million dollars in scholarships, members of the Class of 2015 are beginning the next chapter of their lives as they head to colleges, universities, trade schools and the armed forces. We know they will represent Peekskill well as they venture off to the following schools this September...

Adelphi University
 Alfred University
 American University
 Anne Arundel Community College
 Baruch College
 Berkeley College
 Binghamton University
 Borough of Manhattan Community College
 Brandeis University
 Buffalo State College
 Central Connecticut State University
 Central Maine Community College
 Coastal Carolina University
 College of Agriculture & Technology at Cobleskill
 College of Mount Saint Vincent
 College of New Rochelle
 College of Staten Island
 College of Technology at Delhi
 Columbia Greene Community College
 Community College of Baltimore County
 Concordia College
 Cornell College
 Curry College
 Dominican College
 Drexel University
 Dutchess Community College
 Eastern Connecticut State University
 Farmingdale State College
 Franklin Pierce University
 Hartwick College
 Harvard University
 Hofstra University
 Howard University
 Hudson Valley Community College
 Hunter College
 Iona College
 Johnson & Wales University
 Lincoln Technical Institute
 Long Island University, Brooklyn
 Manhattan College
 Manhattanville College

Marietta College
 Marist College
 Mercy College
 Molloy College
 Monmouth University
 Monroe College
 Montclair State University
 Morgan State University
 Morrisville State College
 Mount Saint Mary College
 Nazareth College
 New England College
 New York City College of Technology
 Ohio University
 Onondaga Community College
 Pace University
 Penn State University
 Penn State, University Park
 Queens College
 Quinnipiac University
 Rider University
 Roberts Wesleyan College
 Rockland Community College
 Russell Sage College
 Sage College of Albany
 San Diego State University
 Southern Connecticut State University
 St. John Fisher College
 St. John's University
 State University College at Cortland
 State University College at Oneonta
 State University College at Oswego
 Stony Brook University
 Sullivan County Community College
 SUNY Broome Community College
 College of Technology at Canton
 Syracuse University
 The Art Institute of New York City
 The College of Saint Rose
 The College of Westchester
 The State University of New York at Potsdam



The University of Tampa
 Tompkins Cortland Community College
 Universal Technical Institute
 University at Albany
 University at Buffalo
 University of Bridgeport
 University of Connecticut
 University of Delaware
 University of Hartford
 University of Maine
 University of Maryland, Baltimore County
 University of New Haven
 University of North Carolina Wilmington
 Utica College
 Virginia Union University
 Westchester Community College



Say hello to the Peekskill High School Class of 2028! Our Uriah Hill Pre-K-ers are off to Woodside Elementary for Kindergarten and we could not be more excited for them. Congratulations to our littlest graduates!

Attendance Matters

Our Attendance Matters campaign will begin this September and run throughout the 2015-2016 school year, so stayed tuned! We will be sharing information about how attendance impacts student success and talking with parents and guardians to help them learn more about what they can do to help students stay on-track in school.



MySchoolBucks

The Peekskill City School District is pleased to now offer MySchoolBucks, a convenient online meal payment service. Parents, you can now login to **MySchoolBucks.com** to pay for your student's meals, manage meal balances, and see what your student has purchased. Never worry about sending cash or checks with your student to school again! Please visit any of our school websites and click on the MySchoolBucks icon to read our welcome letter with more information about how to register for your account. *Click on the MySchoolBucks logo on any of our websites for more information.*

Para obtener este boletín en español, por favor llame al (914) 737-3300 ext. 303, correo electrónico azucco@peekskillcsd.org o pase por el Edificio de Administración del Distrito y una edición en Español le proporcionará.

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October 10, 2015

Join us as we kick-off Homecoming weekend with our
1st Annual 5K and Fun Run!

RAIN OR SHINE!



ChronoTrack Timed Race - Break your best 5K record!

Check-in at Torpy Field (in Depew Park)
1050 Hudson Avenue, Peekskill
Check-in: 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.
Fun Run start time: 8:00 a.m.
5K start time: 8:30 a.m.

Registration fees:
10 years old and younger: Free
11-19 years old: \$10
20 years and older: \$20

Race Package Pick-up at PCSD:
Wednesday, October 7, 9AM-4PM
Thursday, October 8, 9AM-7:30PM
Friday, October 9, 9AM-4PM

**Free t-shirt for all who pre-register for the 5K
by Monday, Oct. 5, 2015!**
(No registration needed for Fun Run)

Register online at www.peekskillcsd.org or deliver the form in person to the PCSD
Administration Building by Oct. 5
Registrations by mail must be postmarked by Oct. 2
(Download a registration form at www.peekskillcsd.org)

Questions? Contact: (914) 737-3300 ext. 347 or email PCSD5k@peekskillcsd.org

Thank you for supporting Peekskill schools!

Octubre 10, 2015

Únase con nosotros mientras iniciamos el fin de semana de Homecoming con nuestra
Primera 5K Anual y Fun Run!

LLUVIA O SOL!



Tiempo de Carrera ChronoTrack - Rompa su mejor record 5K!

Torpy Field en el parque
Depew 1050 Hudson Avenue,
Peekskill
Entrada: 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.
Fun Run Hora de inicio: 8 a.m.
5K hora de inicio: 8:30 am

Costo:
10 años de edad y más jóvenes: Gratis
11-19 años de edad: \$10
20 años o más: \$20
Registración el día del evento será \$25

Recogida de Paquete para la Carrera
Miércoles, Octubre 7th, 9AM - 4PM
Jueves, Octubre 8th, 9AM - 7:30PM
Viernes, Octubre 9th, 9AM - 4PM

Camiseta gratis para todos los pre-registrados para el 5K
hantes del Lunes, 5 de octubre 2015!
(No es necesario registrarse para Fun Run)

Regístrese en línea en www.peekskillcsd.org o traiga la forma en persona al edificio de
administración PCSD no más tarde del 5 de octubre
Las inscripciones por correo deben enviarse no más tarde del 2 de octubre
(Descargue el formulario de registración en www.peekskillcsd.org)

¿Preguntas? Contacto: (914) 737-3300 ext. 347 o por correo electrónico
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Gracias por apoyar las Escuelas de Peekskill !