



Principal's Newsletter – Summer 2016



**Summer's Here
Summer's here!
Another year of school is at an end.
We've learned a lot and grown a lot
and made a lot of friends.
We'll say goodbye,
now summer's here,
it's time for us to part.
But we'll remember all our friends
and keep them in our hearts.
-Helen H. Moore**



Dear Parents,

- *Thank you for being an important teacher in the lives of your children.
- *Thank you for being active in your child's education.
- * I know we will have a great partnership with you this school year – as we watch your children learn and grow!

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents. – Jane D. Hull



Dear Students,

- *Thank you for your being safe, responsible and respectful bees.
- *Enjoy your summer and remember to READ, READ, and READ.
- * If you're off to Hillcrest, have an amazing year and come back to visit Oakside if you can!
- *If you are new to Oakside – We WELCOME you!! We are going to have a great 2016-2017 school year.

One of the very important characteristics of a student is to question. Let the students ask questions. – A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



Dear Teachers,

*Thank you for your dedication to our school community, it is evident every day.

*Enjoy these last summer days.

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops. - Henry Adams



Please click the Summer Reading Challenge link on our webpage for favorite Summer Books for incoming 2nd and 3rd graders. You can also get a copy of the summer reading challenge packet to complete. You can also find our supply lists as well!



Upcoming Events:

- Peekskill Youth Festival on Friday, August 12, 2016 from 12:00-6:00PM @ the Peekskill Riverfront
- Mt. Olivet Baptist Church is hosting their 2nd Annual Community Back to School Rally on Friday, August 19, 2016 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.
- DADS BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY – SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Actively involved fathers are a positive force in the lives of their children and their community. “Dads Take Your Child to School Day” is a statewide event that promotes father involvement by encouraging fathers and significant male caregivers of all kinds to take their children to school or Head Start. All who participate in this event are asked to accompany their student into our school building on the morning of September 20 and sign in at their school’s welcome table. At this time, there will also be an opportunity for our father figures to commit to staying involved with our schools throughout the year by volunteering for upcoming events. Father figures have an undeniable effect on the children in their lives. Studies overwhelmingly show that positive male role model involvement is associated with improvements in children’s: Academic performance Cognitive development Behavior Confidence Health and well-being Household economics

Share your moments with us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @PeekskillCSD #dadbethere #peekskillpride

Calling ALL Father Figures! Tuesday, September 20, 2016. Mark your calendars!

I am excited about the new school year and I am committed to serving you.

It's not too late to get some more reading done before school starts! The new school year will be here before you know it. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Class assignments will be mailed the week of August 15, 2016.

Staci Woodley

Oakside Principal