



Peekskill City School District

Year in Review July 25, 2023



The City of Peekskill Youth Bureau
in collaboration with the
Peekskill Police Department
present

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

"Fun for the whole family"

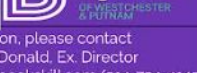
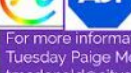
Tuesday, August 1, 2023

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Pugsley Park
1036 Main Street,
Peekskill, NY 10566



COMMUNITY PARTNERS



For more information, please contact
Tuesday Paige McDonald, Ex. Director
tmcdonald@cityofpeekskill.com/914-734-4149



Peekskill's Promise

Our Mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.



**Rigorous
PreK-12 Aligned
and Culturally
Responsive
Academics**



**Robust
Literacy
and STEAM
Opportunities**



**Whole-Child
Commitment**



**Enrichment
Experiences
For All**



**Powerful
Parent, Family
and Community
Partnerships**



First Day for Students





Social Emotional Wellness

What do we currently have in our schools?

- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
- Zones of Regulation
- Commitment to Character
- Parent / Community Engagement and Communication
- Restorative Practices & Restorative Circles
- Conflict Resolution
- External Partners: School-based Supports: (WCJS, Andrus, Westchester Peer Mediation, Guidance Center)
 - Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Services
 - My Brother's Keeper / G.E.M.S.
 - Student Crisis Intervention

What are we exploring for This School Year?

- SEL Curriculum
- Greater Home Connections / Communication (DASA, Social Media Safety, Bullying Prevention, etc.)
- Social-Emotional Homeroom Period
- Alternative student counseling seats
- Mental Wellness / Awareness Education for the Whole Family
- Greater Engagement with Faith Based Organizations
- County Services (Exploring Family Counseling, LGBTQ+, Greater Number of Counseling Clinics)

Input:

- Black Community Leaders' Meeting
- Latino Community Leaders' Meeting
- Administrator's Retreat
- Round Table Meeting (August)
- Engagement with Parents and Families



Dual Language Transformation





NY Seal of Biliteracy





Honor Society Inductees (PKMS)







SUNY WCC Early Admissions





Culturally Responsive Education





Monthly Recognitions & Celebrations





Professional Development Anti-Bias and CRE





My Brother's Keeper (MBK)





Girls Empowerment Movement and Sisterhood (GEMs)





Communications and PR

June 10, 2022

Superintendent's

Weekly Message



Highlights...



Dear Peekskill Families,

It was an exciting week at Peekskill Schools! We began the week by celebrating our varsity athletes at Torpy Field during our [annual Varsity Sports Awards event](#). We also cut the ribbon on the [Uriah Hill STEAM Lab](#) and are excited to have students using this new engaging space. Our goal to have a STEAM classroom in each school will be realized this fall. On Tuesday evening, [we honored our tenure candidates and retirees](#) at our Board of Education meeting. Congratulations to all those who were recognized. Additionally, today was the last day of school for our high school students as they prepare for regents assessments over the next two weeks. We cannot wait to see our seniors at this year's graduation ceremony!

Calendar Reminders

Please [see our electronic calendar](#) for an updated listing of district event dates and times. Below, please find times/locations for [in-person](#) end of the year experiences for our students and families.

- June 10 (tonight), 4-5:30PM at Hillcrest - [Family Information Night](#)
- June 14, 6:30PM at PKMS - Grade 8 Awards Ceremony
- June 15 at Woodside - [Kindergarten Stepping Up Ceremony](#) (2 guests per student)
- June 15, 6PM at PKMS - PKMS Coffee with the Principal
- June 16, 9:30-11AM at PKMS - Uriah Hill Graduation
- June 16, 4:30PM - [Senior Banquet](#)
- June 16, 6:30PM at Hillcrest - [Moving Up Grade 3 & 5 Ice Cream Social](#)
- June 21, 5:30-7:30PM at PKMS - Grade 8 Dance
- June 21 - Grade 1 End of the Year Celebration at Woodside (Flier with times by class coming soon)
- June 22, 6:30PM at Paramount - PKMS Graduation
- June 24 - Half Day for Students
- June 24, 7PM at Torpy Field - PKMS Graduation
- Save the Date! July 26, 12-2PM - [Elementary STEAM Expo](#) (Location TBD)

City of Peekskill Juneteenth Celebration

Peekskill City Schools will once again join the City of Peekskill in celebrating Juneteenth with a freedom walk on June 18 at Dewey Park. Kickoff will take place at 12PM. We encourage everyone to join us and show their Peekskill Pride. Please click here for a [link](#).

Peekskill App Video

Did you know that the Peekskill City School District has its own free mobile app? You can add it to your phone in just a few quick steps. [Watch this video](#) for download directions. (App available on iTunes and Google Play.)

SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE | ASUNTO ESPECIAL DEL PRESUPUESTO



In Our Schools

Peekskill City School District

May/Mayo 2022

Dear Peekskill Families,

I begin by thanking the Peekskill Board of Education and our school community for the continued honor of serving as Peekskill's Superintendent of Schools. I am joined by a dedicated team of administrators, faculty and staff as we all work together to keep the "Peekskill Promise" as our districts guiding light for our children, families and the community.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that the past couple of years have been a challenge for everyone, however, I remain hopeful that the greatest challenges of the COVID-19 health crisis are behind us as we transform into new routines.

As part of our commitment to the community this year, our district completed the capital construction projects which voters approved in October 2019. The commencement of this work includes a new Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics (STEAM) Lab at Hillcrest Elementary School, as well as a STEAM Innovation Center at Peekskill High School. Our students have already been actively using these spaces this school year, and it is inspiring to see the excitement about their new facilities. In addition to new STEAM focused opportunities for students, we have also heavily invested in our literacy and math initiatives district wide, introduced Spanish classes at our middle school, and have added additional college courses as well as a Culinary program at Peekskill High School. In this newsletter, you will learn more about additional enhancements that the 2022-23 Educational Plan and Budget will support.

Some of the many highlights of this school year included the return of in-person concerts, sporting events and theater performances. Our Dual Language and Elementary Enrichment programs continued as well, and our Community Schools initiatives are thriving thanks to our staff and numerous partner organizations. Our scholar-athletes also enjoyed a return to competition and the addition of our new Torpy turf field complex has been a "game changer" for our football teams and the community.

Our District graduation rate for 2021 is 89% (this includes all Peekskill students, including those in out-of-district special schools). Our high school graduation rate is 89% (this includes only students who attend Peekskill High School on Elm Street). This indicates that we have increased our graduation rate 15% from just five years ago. We continue to strive towards our goal of a 100% graduation rate. The New York State graduation rate for all schools is 86%.

Moving forward into the 2022-2023 school year, our proposal includes a budget to budget increase of 3.97%. Our proposed levy is 2%. You may review additional details and presentations on our website ([www.peakskillcsd.org](#)) by navigating to the 2022-2023 Budget Information section on our homepage.

I encourage you all to do your part in helping us to keep the "Peekskill Promise." Exercise your right to vote on the Budget and in our School Board Election on Tuesday, May 17 from 7AM-9PM at Peekskill High School. By actively participating in our vote and election you are showing your Peekskill pride!

I close this letter by wishing all of our students and their families a successful end to the school year, and thanking the Peekskill community for their continued support.

Sincerely,

David Mauricio

Dr. David Mauricio
Superintendent of Schools

2022-2023 Budget Vote May 17, 2022 7AM-9PM

Proposed 2022-2023 Budget:
\$105,395,111
Budget Increase: 3.97%
Tax Levy: 2%

Estimated Homeowner Impact:
Average Monthly Increase: \$14.71
Average Annual Increase: \$176.55

School Board Elections May 17, 2022 7AM-9PM

Three, three-year seats are up for election: Incumbents Jillian Villon, Maria Pereira and Michael Simpkins. Voters will select 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, 2022 from 7AM to 9PM. 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 9AM and 5PM, and online. You may request an absentee ballot if you are concerned about contracting COVID-19.

Check box "I temporarily illness or physical disability." An application for an absentee ballot must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the Annual Election. Absentee ballot applications must be filled out and returned to the District Clerk by mail, or in person, by May 10, 2022. Absentee ballots will be available in the office of the District Clerk on and after April 29, 2022. 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, 2022 no later than 5PM or by mail on May 17, 2022 no later than 5PM. Call District Clerk Debra McLeod at (914) 737-5300 ext. 1532 with any questions.



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Website Upgrade





Sharing Our Work Beyond Peekskill's Borders





Lisa A. Rolleri

Family Resource Center





Saturday Academy





Enrichment & the Arts





Thank You PEF!



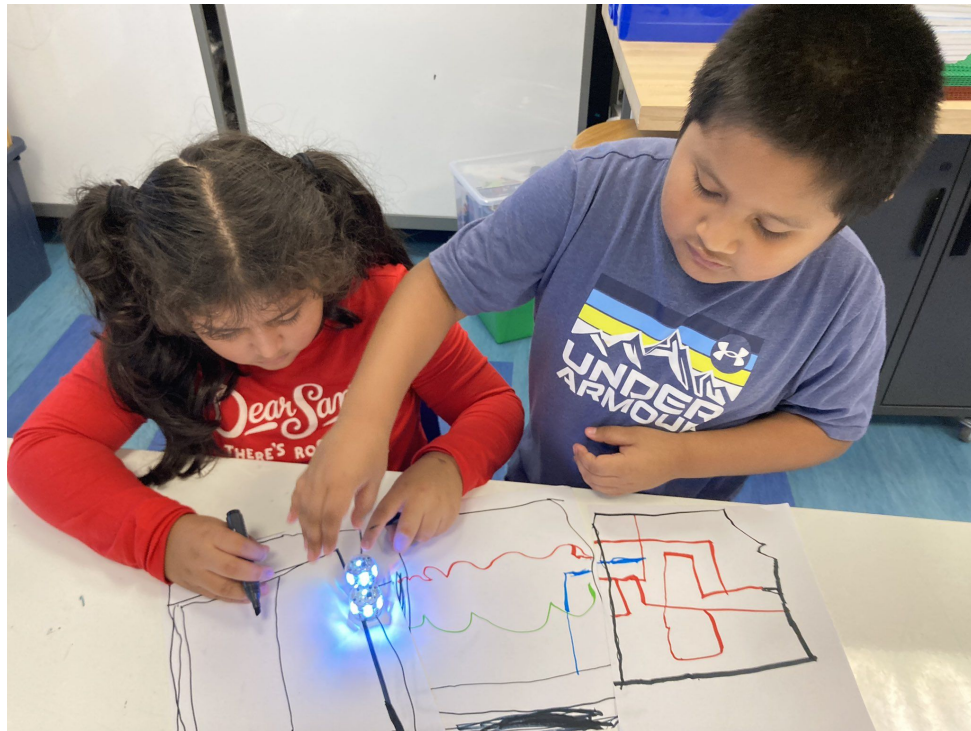
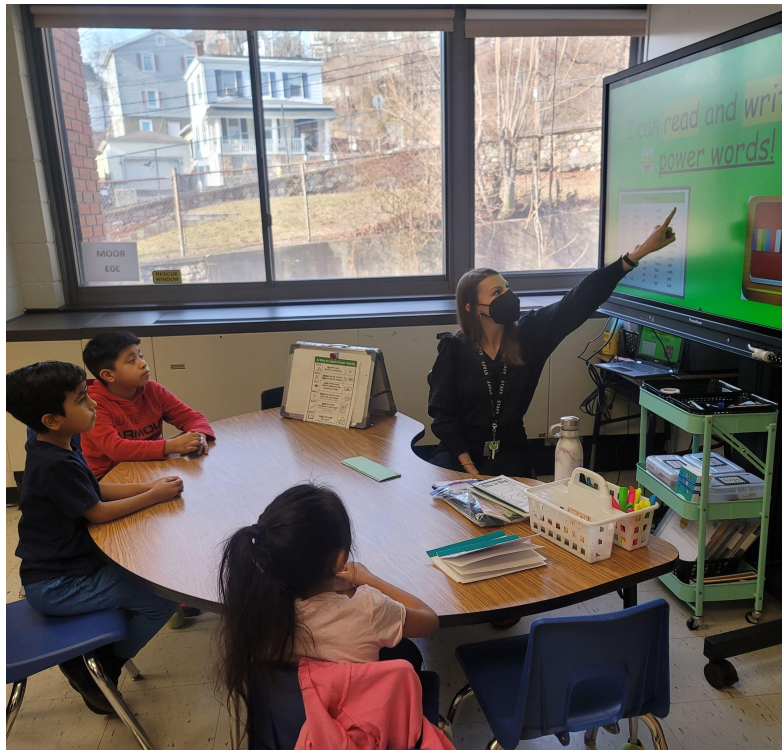


Our Scholar Athletes





Latest Interactive Technology



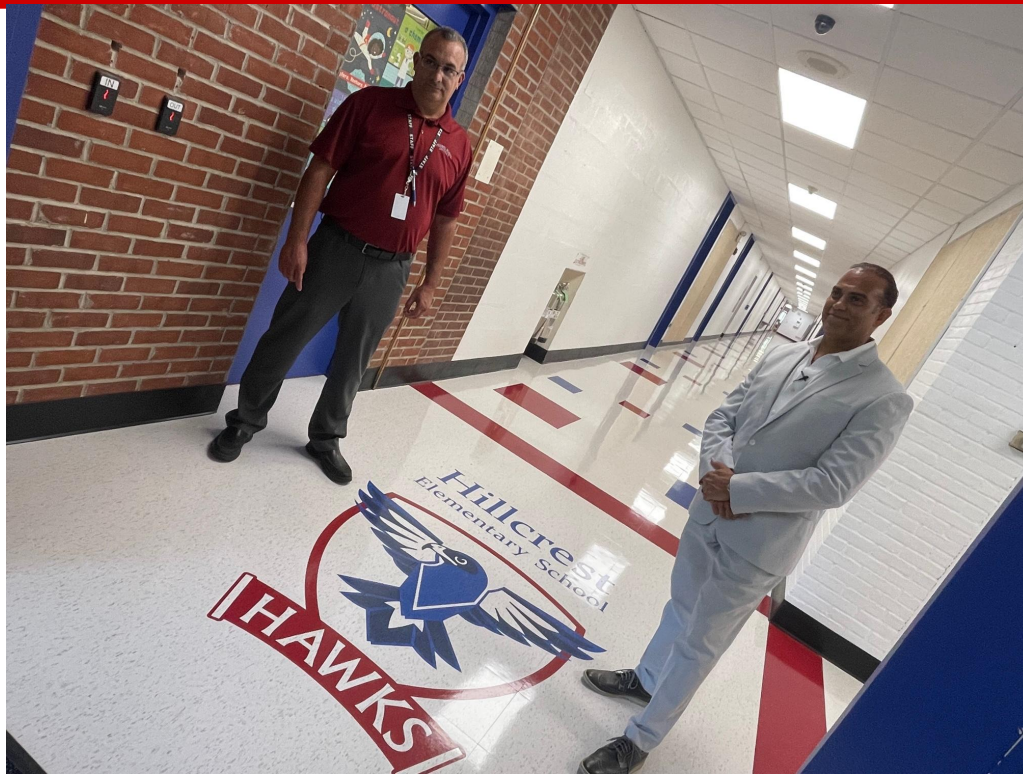


Before & After: Woodside Halls





Hillcrest Halls



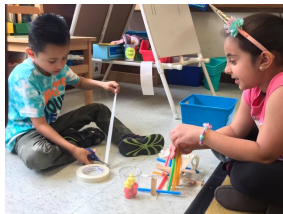


STEAM & Robotics: Enrichment Pathway



Uriah Hill (Pre-K)

- Project- based Learning
- Kibo Robot
- Lego STEAM Park;
- Coding Express



Woodside (Gr. K-1)

- Project- based Learning
- Lego Spike Essentials (coming soon)



Oakside (Gr. 2-3)

- Project- based Learning
- Ozobots
- Beast Academy



Hillcrest (Gr. 4-5)

- Project- based Learning
- Ozobots, Dash/Dot
- Beast Academy; BEAM Enrichment Classes
- Lego Spike Prime



Middle School

- Project Based Learning
- WeVideo
- Code Monkey
- Scratch; Tynker
- Block Coding
- Lego MindStorms
- Tinkercad;
- Floorplanner CAD
- Sphero, VEX EDR
- Robotics
- Code Combat
- Music Technology



High School

- Robotics Program
- STEM Program (PLTW) (2 course sequence)
- Computer Science (3 course sequence)
- Music Technology
- Telecommunications /Construction Trades
- Various Science Electives



Before & After: Woodside STEAM Lab





New Oakside STEAM Lab





New STEAM Spaces





STEAM in Our Schools



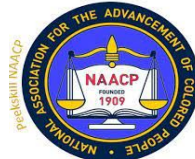
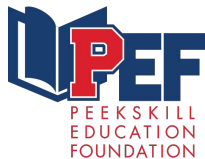
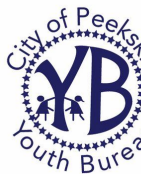


Robotics Continues to Grow





Supportive Community Partners








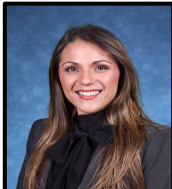











New Leadership Team Members



WELCOME!



Leadership Matters - School Leadership

Uriah Hill	Woodside	Oakside	Hillcrest	Middle School	High School
 Principal	 Principal	 Interim Principal	 Principal	 Principal	 Principal
					
					



District Executive Leadership Team



Assistant
Superintendent



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Directors





Parent Leadership





Oakside Elementary School ... is Off the List





Pre-K Expansion Grant \$1 Million





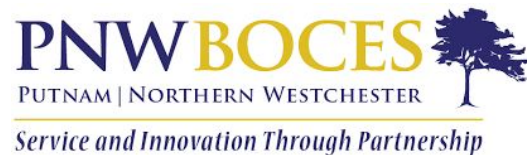
Pathways to Technology Grant - \$2.7 Million



P-Tech Grant

Career Focus Areas:

- Cybersecurity
- Computer Information Systems
- Network IT, Health Information Technologies
- Medical Coding
- Paramedic/Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)
- Internships and work-based learning
- Graduate with a High School Diploma and an Associates Degree





Thank you to our Board





Keeping the Promise!

