Peekskill City School District

Year in Review
July 25, 2023
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
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
NY Seal of Biliteracy

New York State Seal of Biliteracy
Veteran (5+ Years)

2022-23 Seal School
Honor Society Inductees (PKMS)
Honor Society Inductees (PHS)
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

Dear Peekskill Families,

It was an exciting week at Peekskill Schools! We began the week by celebrating our senior scholars at Troy Field during our annual Senior Finals Awards events. We also put the ribbon on the Great (Hil) SteamLab and are excited to have students using this new engaging space. Our goal to have all STEM classrooms in each school will be realized this fall. On Tuesday evening, we honored our Senior candidates and graduates 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 their pre-graduation gatherings!

Calendar Reminders

Please see our electronic calendars for an updated listing of district event dates and times. Below, please find important dates related to the academic end of the school year for our students and families.

- **June 10 (Tuesday)**, 6:30 PM at Haverstraw: **Senior Finals Awards**
- **June 10 (Tuesday)**, 6:30 PM at PMHS - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony
- **June 15 (Monday)**, 6:30 PM at PMHS - Grade 12 Commencement
- **June 15 (Monday)**, 6:30 PM at PMHS - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony
- **June 16 (Wednesday)**, 5:30 PM at PMHS - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony
- **June 17 (Thursday)**, 6:30 PM at PMHS - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony
- **June 18 (Friday)**, 6:30 PM at PMHS - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony
- **June 21 – Grade 12 End of the Year Celebration at Woodside (other times by class coming soon!)
- **June 22 (Saturday)**, 6:30 PM at PMHS - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony
- **June 24 (Monday)**, 6:30 PM at PMHS - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony
- **June 24 (Monday)**, 6:30 PM at PMHS - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony
- **June 25 (Tuesday)**, 6:30 PM at PMHS - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony

City of Peekskill June/Summer Celebration

Peekskill City Schools will once again join the City of Peekskill in celebrating June/Summer with a freedom walk on June 18 at Depot Park. Kicks will take place at 6PM. We encourage everyone to join us and show your pride! Please click here for a flyer.

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. (Apps available on iTunes and Google Play.)

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In Our Schools

Peekskill City School District

May/2022

Dear Peekskill Families,

I began by thanking the Peekskill Board of Education and our school community for the continued honor of serving as Peekskill Superintendent of Schools. I cannot say enough about the dedication, persistence, and hard work of our families, students, and community.

I would like to start by thanking everyone for your patience and support as we have made some adjustments to our plans. I also want to recognize the hard work of our teachers and staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our students have the best possible experience.

As part of our commitment to the community, we will continue to work closely with the district to ensure that we meet the needs of all our students. We will continue to work with our teachers, staff, and families to ensure that our students receive the best possible education.

The budget process is underway, and we are looking forward to having a successful budget process. We have been working closely with our Board of Education to ensure that our budget is well positioned for the future.

Safely and Security

We have made significant investments in the safety and security of our students and staff. We have updated our security protocols and procedures to ensure that our schools are safe and secure.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all our students and staff.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Superintendent of Schools

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2022-2023 Budget Vote

May 17, 2022

7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

School Board Elections

May 17, 2022

7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Voting for district board elections is open to all eligible voters. All district residents (over the age of 18) are eligible to vote in the regular school board elections. The election will take place at Peekskill High School, 2022.

Absence Reporting

The Board of Education has established an online absence reporting system. All students who are absent from school will receive an automated email or text message asking them to report their absence. You can also report absences by calling the attendance office.

General Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the district administration.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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Superintendent of Schools
Website Upgrade
Sharing Our Work Beyond Peekskill’s Borders
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
- Robotics Program
- STEM Program (PLTW) (2 course sequence)
- Computer Science (3 course sequence)
- Music Technology
- Telecommunications
- Construction Trades
- Various Science Electives

 High School
Before & After: Woodside STEAM Lab
New Oakside STEAM Lab
New STEAM Spaces
STEAM in Our Schools
Robotics Continues to Grow
New Leadership Team Members

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Leadership Matters - School Leadership
District Executive Leadership Team

Assistant Superintendent
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Superintendent
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Directors
Oakside Elementary School

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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!