

Superintendent's Communication Brief: June 17-21, 2019

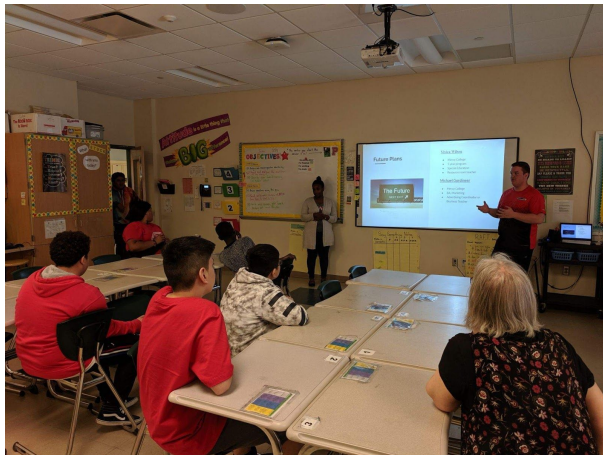
This week's Board of Education meeting was one of our most exciting yet! At the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Mauricio conducted a "[Year in Review](#)" in front of a full house. As always, we also honored students, staff and community members as part of our Peekskill Pride segment. Additional presentations from the evening included a preliminary overview of our proposed capital project, which, if approved by our voters this October, will bring numerous enhancements including STEAM Innovation Center, a new multi-purpose turf field and other necessary upgrades. Thanks to all who came out and filled our administration building auditorium with love and support. It was great to cheer on our accomplishments as a PCSD family!



Powerful family and community engagement - that's what Peekskill CSD's Saturday Academy is all about! [Check out this video](#), which was unveiled this week, to see how our community schools initiative is building bridges in Peekskill and beyond. Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Saturday Academy events this year - we can't wait for next year's sessions to begin!



Peekskill High School students and PIES program interns Vivica Wilson and Michael Gordineer have been working at the middle school with Mr. Tabone's Core X class, helping students reinforce their literacy and math skills. In one of their final sessions with the class, Miss Wilson and Mr. Gordineer shared academic advice for high school success with the middle school students. Both Miss Wilson and Mr. Gordineer will be heading to Mercy College in the fall!



Woodside Elementary students recently performed, "The Great Kapok Tree," which is based off a book that tells the tale of rainforest conservation. The children enjoyed dressing up as the book's characters and were happy to share this classic folktale with their families.



Hillcrest Hawks don't let rain stand in their way of fun! When this week's weather decided not to cooperate, our Hawks took their Field Day games indoors. As you can see, the day was a success!



Peekskill Middle School recently hosted its annual Jump Start event. This program welcomes incoming Grade 6 students and their families for the opportunity to learn everything they need to know about moving up to middle school. The day included tours of the middle school building, introductions to staff, and a question and answer session.



Peekskill Middle School kicked off a new tradition this week as they held their first ever Eighth Grade Carnival! The students enjoyed playing games and taking part in a variety of activities including: soccer, corn hole, sack races, a three-legged race, dancing and more. Refreshments were served and a DJ was on hand to make sure the fun (and the music) never stopped!



This week concluded with us celebrating our 2019 Uriah Hill Pre-K graduates! Dr. Mauricio and Peekskill Board President Mr. Michael Simpkins attended the event to give greetings and cheer on our students as they received their preschool diplomas. Thank you to Uriah Hill Director of Early Childhood Mrs. Carmen Vargas and her staff for nurturing our littlest learners along their Pre-K journey. Kindergarten, here they come! View more photos from this event [here](#).



The PCSD and the Athletics Department would like to thank Athletic Director Mr. Adam Lodewick for all that he has done for our athletes and the community. We wish him great luck in his new position.



On Monday, June 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. our Parent Center will host a Parenting Workshop: How To Talk So Kids Will Listen. Special thanks to our community partner Ridvan Foxhall and New Era Creative Space for facilitating this workshop. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Parenting Workshop: How To Talk So Kids Will Listen



Do you have challenges with the following?

- Temper tantrums • Disrespect • Power Struggles

And want your children to develop skills such as:

- Respect • Responsibility • Kindness • Honesty and more

This workshop will introduce parents to a few tools that will help improve communication with your child while giving you some effective listening tools.

Facilitated by Ridvan Foxhall, OTR/L, Certified Positive Discipline Parent Educator and Founder of New Era Creative Space a non-profit organization committed to educating and empowering children and youth.

Date and Time: Monday, June 24 at 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Location: PCSD Parent Resource Center, 980 Pemart Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566

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We are in the final stretch of the school year! Here are a few important upcoming date reminders:

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (June 24, 25 and 26) are half days for students.

- The Peekskill High School Senior Awards Night will take place on Monday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Peekskill High School.
- The Peekskill Middle School graduation ceremony will take place on June 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Paramount Theater. (Tickets required.)
- Hillcrest Awards Night will take place on Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Hillcrest.
- The Peekskill High School graduation ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 30 at 2 p.m. at the Paramount Theater. (Tickets required.)

Have a great weekend!

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent of Schools