



SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION BRIEF

MAY 18 - MAY 30, 2020

Please [click here](#) for the most recently distributed Superintendent messages to families.

School spirit is strong with the Class of 2020! Over the past two weeks, a handful of volunteers from the senior class met with PHS staff to help add blue and red ribbons and balloons to the high school campus. Special thanks to PHS parent Ms. Tamikha Sims for lending a hand as well.



The Peekskill City School District proudly honors its “Class of 2020” graduates. The City of Peekskill proudly displayed this banner up on Hudson Avenue for all to see. Want to learn more about what we are doing to recognize our graduates? Tune in to our Virtual Town Hall meeting for seniors. Read below for details.



Director of Multilingual Learners Ms. Madeline Sanchez recently partnered with Ossining Schools' Mrs. Nancy de la Cruz-Arroyo to host a virtual professional development workshop about Spanish Language development in the home. The event was well attended by participants from both districts.



The Peekskill City School District Athletics Department created [this video](#) to commemorate all of our students, coaches, teachers and staff that made our 2019-2020 seasons memorable. Thank you to Athletic Director Mr. Goldberg for this tribute.



Peekskill Athletics 2019-2020



In an effort to gauge how our students are doing with distance learning, [we have created this brief survey for parents](#). Please take a few moments to share your important feedback if you have not done so already. We will use this to plan in the event of virtual learning next year.



Our virtual "Meet the Principal" nights will be happening soon! Check out these videos from PKMS Principal Mr. Lewis and Uriah Hill Principal Mrs. Vargas as a fun prequel to these events...

- [Click here](#) to watch Mr. Lewis' message to incoming sixth graders.
- [Click here](#) to watch Mrs. Vargas' message to Pre-K families.

See below for a flyer with event dates and times for each school to get you and your children informed and excited about next year during these challenging times.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL TRANSITION MEET & GREETINGS

Meet Your Principals!

Uriah Hill, Jr. Elementary School	Woodside Elementary School	Oakside Elementary School	Hillcrest Elementary School	Peekskill Middle School	Peekskill High School
					
JUNE 8	JUNE 1	JUNE 2	JUNE 3	JUNE 4	JUNE 5
6:30PM	6:30PM	6:30PM	6:30PM	6:30PM	6:30PM

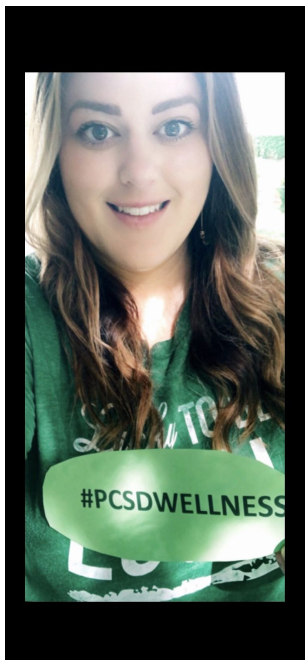
Is your child starting a new school next year?

Join us for a virtual school tour & learn new information about each building!

Dr. Mauricio, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Mary Keenan Foster and Woodside Principal Mrs. Aviles-Rodriguez participated in the City of Peekskill's weekly Zoom meetings to update the Peekskill community on our District's happenings during our COVID-19 school closure. This is just one of the many ways our District is partnering with the City to help distribute important information to our stakeholders. These live meetings take place on the City's Facebook page at 9:30AM on Thursdays.



PCSD celebrated Wellness Week to help raise awareness about Mental Health issues. Each day, students and staff embraced different themes to embrace the cause.



PCSD WELLNESS WEEK!
 In support of Commitment to Character
 let's celebrate May's theme of
 Attitudes and Values!
 MAY 26th-29TH

Wear Blue for A Symbol of Hope!

Post a pic of you wearing blue doing something to relax
 Tag #PCSDWellness
 Visit our NEW Family Health & Wellness page for Yoga Videos with Karen! www.peakskillcsd.org

Tranquil TUESDAY

Wear Green for Mental Health Awareness Month!

Wellness Town Hall Meeting
 Hear information from our local partners.
 May 27th 5-6pm.
 Watch live on www.peakskillcsd.org

Wellness WEDNESDAY

Wear Red & Blue to show your Peekskill Pride!

Post something that you value!
 Tag #PCSDWellness
 As a thank you to our staff join Pat Taylor for a Mindfulness Session at 3:30pm

Thankful THURSDAY

Wear Orange for Physical Fitness Month!

How are you staying active?
 Tag #PCSDWellness

Fitness FRIDAY
Made with PosterMyWall.com

As part of Wellness Week, Director of Special Services Mrs. Ellen Gerace and Parent, Family & Community Liaison Mrs. Maria Olivier-Flores hosted a wellness forum with our community partners. During the forum, Dr. Mauricio gave special greetings and providers described the services offered to PCSD families, while informing viewers on how to access these resources. Thank you to all of our partners that participated in the forum!



This week, Oakside students in Mrs. Lynch's class joined Principal Hernandez and Mrs. Goggins to play a fun game with their "thinking caps". Adults described different literary characters, while the students guessed which favorite book the characters belonged to in the story.



A big thank you to our PHS City Singers who recorded this version of, "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" remotely and to PHS Choral Director Mr. Kevin Larsen for editing the individual tracks together to create [this beautiful video](#).



YOUTUBE.COM

"Can You Feel the Love Tonight" by the Peekskill High School City Singers

The Peekskill City School District and Peekskill High School are proud to introduce the Class of 2020 Valedictorian, Miss Sarai Sales and Salutatorian, Miss Samantha Saca. Miss Sales and Miss Saca are shining examples of "Peekskill Pride," and show us how hard work, focus and dedication can lead to success. As they prepare for graduation, Miss Sales and Miss Saca shared a little about themselves and what their future holds for them after graduation. [Click here](#) to read Miss Sales' interview. [Click here](#) to read Miss Saca's interview.



**Peekskill High School
Class of 2020**

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**VALEDICTORIAN:
SARAI SALES**
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"My philosophy as a student is to always strive for excellence. Natural talent can take you but so far, and then grit and a strong work ethic are necessary to take you to the next level."
- S. Sales



**Peekskill High School
Class of 2020**

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**SALUTATORIAN:
SAMANTHA SACA**
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"I will forever hold Peekskill High school near and dear to my heart, taking the words of wisdom and encouragement with me as I pursue my dreams and goals."
- S. Saca



Our School Board Elections will take place by absentee ballot this year, along with our Budget Vote. Absentee ballots will be arriving in the mail shortly if you have not already received them. Please remember to return your ballot by June 9 at 5PM. Our Board of Education and District have made a conscious effort to make fiscally conservative decisions that provide for a great education for our students while recognizing the financial challenges all school districts face. I encourage everyone to make their voices heard by exercising your right to vote. The Peekskill Parent-Teacher Organization will host a virtual "Meet the Candidate Forum" on June 1 at 7PM. You can view this event on our District website (www.peakskillcsd.org). Names will appear on the ballot in alphabetical order. [Please click here for candidate biographies.](#)

Our 2020-21 Educational Plan and Budget information can be found [here](#). Our print Budget newsletter will also be arriving in mailboxes shortly. To read the electronic version of this publication, please [click here](#).

2020 School Board Candidates:



Ms. Branwen MacDonald



Mr. Samuel North



Ms. Eileen M. Sullivan

On Monday, June 1 at 11AM, Dr. Mauricio, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Dan Callahan and Peekskill High School Principal Mr. Rodney Arthur will host a Town Hall Meeting for PHS seniors to give updates on the end of the school year. Assistant principal Dr. Ferris will provide key information on graduation plans. Assistant Principal Mrs. Smith-Moore and Coordinator of Special Services Mrs. Sadika Clarke will provide details on "Decision Day" recognitions. Tune into the District website to watch.

**CALLING ALL
PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**

Join
Superintendent Dr. Mauricio
Assistant Superintendent Mr. Callahan
& PHS Principal Mr. Arthur
for a....

VIRTUAL SENIOR TOWN HALL

**MONDAY
JUNE 1, 2020**

11:00AM

**TUNE IN TO THE PEEKSKILL CSD
WEBSITE:**

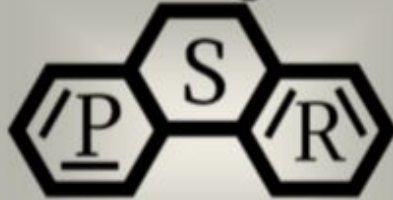
WWW.PEEKSKILLCSD.ORG

**Join to hear important updates about
the rest of the school year.**

Interested in science? Tune in to our High School Science Research Symposium which will be held virtually this year. This yearly exposition of our student's work is led by Mrs. Erum Hadi, MPH, MS.ED., Science Research Teacher at our Peekskill High School and Adjunct Professor at University of Albany. Thank you for all that you do for our students, Ms. Hadi, and congratulations to our student presenters for this recognition of their hard work!

WELCOME

Peekskill High School



Science Research

Designed by: Andrew Espinoza, Class of 2018

SYMPOSIUM

June 1st, 2020

Virtual

<https://sites.google.com/peekskillschools.org/peekskillresearchsymposium/home>



Are your children reaching school age in September? Registration for Pre-K & Kindergarten is open now! Registration documents are available for pick up at the Registrar's office located at Uriah Hill Elementary or on our district website: www.peekskillcsd.org under "Parents">"Registration." Questions? Call 914-739-0682, ext. 7535. This is a perfect time to consider the Peekskill City School District for your child.



Pre-Kindergarten 2020-2021

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.

Full Day Sessions 8:30-2:30 pm

URIAH HILL SCHOOL
980 Pemart Avenue
Peekskill, New York 10566

Pre-K Registration



Registration Information
Registration documents are available for pick up at Registrar's office located @ Uriah Hill or on our district website: www.Peekskillcsd.org under Parents/Registration
FULLY completed registrations packets may be dropped off at Uriah Hill, M-F between the hours of 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Should you have any questions please call 914-739-0682, ext. 7535.

We are continuing to process Pre-Kindergarten registrations

For all Peekskill City Children who will be 4 years old by December 1st, 2020.

Registration Office:
Uriah Hill Elementary School
980 Pemart Avenue
Peekskill, NY 10566
(914) 739-0682 Ext. 7535





Kindergarten Registration

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Starting Kindergarten this Fall?

We are continuing to process Kindergarten registrations

Registration Office:
Uriah Hill Elementary School
980 Pemart Avenue
(914) 739-0682 Ext. 7535

Registration Office:
Woodside Elementary School
612 Depew Street
Peekskill, New York 10566

For all Peekskill City Children who will be 5 years old by December 1st, 2020.

Registration Information
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On behalf of our Board of Education and staff, be well, socially distance yourselves and wear a mask when out in public. Let us all do our part to minimize the spread of COVID-19!

Have a great weekend!

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent of Schools