

Superintendent's Communication Brief: January 2-4, 2019

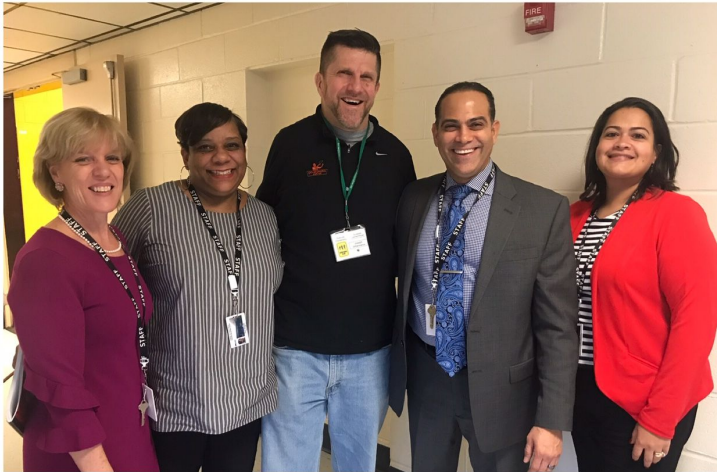
We begin this week's brief by welcoming everyone to 2019! We would also like to welcome our newest administrator, Mrs. Ann Quinones-Narcisse, who has been appointed as the new Assistant Principal at Oakside Elementary.

This week, the Peekskill Rotary welcomed Superintendent Mauricio to their monthly meeting at Cortlandt Colonial. Dr. Mauricio presented on the District's initiatives, including our Saturday Academy, the My Brother's Keeper program and proposed improvements to our athletic fields. At the meeting, Rotarians spoke highly of our students' character based off their previous interactions with our students, as many of those in attendance had been present when our PHS Robotics Team recently presented to the club at a fall Rotary meeting. Other Rotary members commented that they have worked with our students through the high school's Interact Club and other District events such as concerts, and found our students to be polite, dedicated, hard-working and helpful. At the meeting's close, several Rotary members expressed their interest to partner with the District in the future. A follow-up meeting with Rotary President Cathy Johansen will be held next week.



Also this week, Dr. Mauricio and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Mary Keenan Foster visited Oakside Elementary to meet with building leaders and Mr. Joseph Urbanowicz of the Good News Club. The Good News Club, which meets after school in the building is now in its sixth year. Together, the group toured the building to see the children involved in both study and play.

Mr. Urbanowicz re-capped the history of the club for Dr. Mauricio and introduced the Superintendent to many of the dedicated volunteers who help run the club.



The week ended with Dr. Mauricio, Director of Special Services Mrs. Ellen Gerace and PCSD Parent, Family and Community Engagement Liason Mrs. Maria Oliver-Flores meeting with the leadership team of the Student Assistance Services (SAS) Corporation. At the meeting, the group reviewed recent youth survey results. The SAS workers that provide support to our students at the middle and high school will be setting up parent workshops at our upcoming Saturday Academy at Peekskill Middle School, as well as at the Parent Center located at Uriah Hill.



This Saturday, Dr. Mauricio will be attending Hudson River Health Care's Three Kings Day Celebration at Peekskill Middle School. The event's flyer is below should you wish to attend.



Three Kings Day Celebration
Saturday, January 5, 2019
2:00pm - 5:00pm
Peekskill Middle School
212 Ringgold Street, Peekskill, NY 10566

Traditional Latin American holiday music and dance, cultural performances, children's activities, crafts and games and a visit from the Three Kings!

Free blood pressure screening and health information.

Free toys for children 12 years old and under (limited quantities). All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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On Sunday, Board members and Dr. Mauricio, along with PCSD leaders, will gather at the Peekskill High School auditorium to witness the swearing-in of newly elected Senator Peter Harckham.

Have a great weekend!

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent of Schools