

Superintendent's Communication Brief: June 3 - 7, 2019

As part of his weekly School Supports visits, Dr. Mauricio met with Uriah Hill's Early Childhood Director Mrs. Carmen Vargas and Peekskill Middle School Principal Mr. Jamal Lewis this week. Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Mr. Dan Callahan joined Dr. Mauricio at PKMS as well. At Uriah Hill, Dr. Mauricio and Mrs. Vargas visited the cafeteria to greet food service staff and enjoyed eating breakfast with students. Dr. Mauricio and Mrs. Vargas also toured the Parent Center and classrooms during the visit. After walking the building, the two summarized the school year and discussed plans for next year. At PKMS, the group also discussed finishing out the current school year and plans for next year.



After touring Uriah Hill, Dr. Mauricio stopped by the Transportation Department and visited with Ms. Jennifer Samson, who was hard at work with department tasks. Ms. Sampson is one of the many behind the scenes workers who help manage the day-to-day operations at Peekskill CSD and we thank her for work throughout school year.



Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey presented a Proclamation to our community partners, Inner Being Yoga at Hillcrest Elementary School this week. The City recognized the organization for

helping to promote wellness throughout the Peekskill community. As part of Inner Being's efforts, instructors offer an after-school yoga program at Hillcrest for students with special needs and their families. Those attending the program are able to enjoy time together while learning new relaxation techniques. Two sessions remain in this year's schedule with limited space available. Those interested in participating in these last two sessions can contact PCSD Parent, Family and Community Liaison Maria Olivier-Flores at: molivierflores@peekskillcsd.org



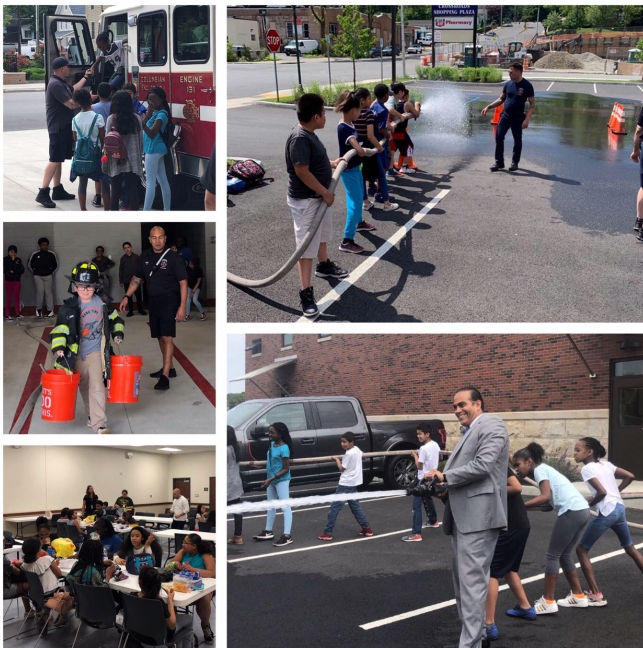
We are excited to continually welcome various community-based organizations to our Parent Resource Center. The venue is quickly becoming a hub for community engagement! A local Peekskill networking group consisting of members representing Hudson River HealthCare, WJCS, Family Services of Westchester and others offering student/community support met at our Parent Resource Center this week. The group held their monthly meeting at the center so they could see our space and learn more about our offerings.



Congratulations to Peekskill HS seniors Francesca Snipes and Ronald Scott, III, who signed their college commitment letters this week! Ms. Snipes is headed to SUNY Orange to play basketball and Mr. Scott is going to Plymouth State in New Hampshire to play football!



A few of our students from the D.A.R.E program visited Peekskill Firefighters at the new Central Station this week. Dr. Mauricio, who happened to be passing by and saw the students outside the firehouse, also decided to stop and join in the day's fun! The group had the chance to use real equipment and enjoyed lunch inside the station. Thank you once again to these wonderful community partners for welcoming our children with open arms!



The PCSD Athletic Department hosted their Varsity Spring Sports Awards in the Peekskill High School cafeteria this week. Congratulations to the following honorees, and to all of our coaches and athletes on their successful season!

Team 90 Athletes:

Kayani Alcantara, Kaia Patterson, Kaitlyn Quezada, Jordan Alexander, Lamar Kingwood, Kyle Moran, Jr. Jacques Vermandois, Steven Ayala, Jarrett Lloyd, Kayli Brown, Xuhelin Cabrera, London Claxton, Estephani Flores, Jada Frye-Samuels, Hannah Hidalgo, Kaitlan Nelson, Vivica Wilson, Afua Yeboah, Jamely Curipoma

All-League Winners:

Steven Henson (Track and Field)
Kayani Alcantara (Softball)
Kaitlyn Quezada (Softball)
Yunior De La Rosa (Baseball)
Kyle Moran (Baseball)
Scott Zeboris (Baseball)

Spring Red Devil Award Winners:

Brianna Ellis (Softball)
Darius Snipes (Track and Field)
Oscar Vigil (Boys Lacrosse)
Vania Diaz (Track and Field)
Yunior De La Rosa (Baseball)

Scholar-Athlete Team Recognition:

Girls' Varsity Track and Field

See more photos from our Sports Awards [here](#).



Dr. Mauricio met with District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) leaders this week to continue discussions regarding the DCIP planning process for next year.



Congratulations to all of our Grade 8 students who were honored at the 2019 Peekskill Middle School Awards on June 6! Students were recognized in the areas of academics, music, art, attendance, character and more! See additional photos from the event [here](#).



At this week's Board of Education meeting, the Peekskill City School District recognized our 2019 tenure recipients and retirees. Congratulations to all who received tenure - we look forward to many years of working alongside you! We also congratulate our retirees, who, when added together, have over 290 years of service combined! We thank them for their many years

of dedication to our children and wish them all the best in their retirement.

2019 retirees include:

Enid Nieves Lopez (PHS)
Glenn De Muro (MS)
Barbara Borok (Senior Office Assistant)
Marcella Berry (Senior Office Assistant)
Elizabeth O'Donnell (Psychologist)
Kevin Dwyer (PHS)
Susan Olsen (PHS)
Jean Spooner (PHS)
Lawrence Del Casale (PHS)
Robyn Pearl (Woodside)
Joann Gardella (Oakside)
David Khuns (Woodside - Senior Custodial Worker)



Dr. Mauricio, Director of Student Support Services Mrs. Ellen Gerace and Coordinator of Student Support Services Ms. Sadika Clarke met this week with Peekskill Mayor Rainey, Peekskill Youth Bureau Executive Director Mrs. Tuesday McDonald and Peekskill Police Chief Don Hamley to continue discussing a call to action plan and the launch of an anti-bullying campaign throughout the community in the near future.



Woodside and Oakside Elementary held their Field Day activities under sunny skies this week! The students had fun competing against each other and working as a team. Thank you to the school staff and the many family members that came out to help make the events successful!



Congratulations once again to Peekskill High School Valedictorian Ms. Akua Yeboah who was announced as the 2019 Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce (HVGCC) Scholarship recipient at the organization's annual scholarship breakfast this week. The scholarship was presented to Ms. Yeboah by Dr. Mauricio. Peekskill High School Principal Mr. Rodney Arthur, Assistant Principal Mrs. Naima Smith-Moore and Guidance Counselor Mrs. Maria Gordineer were there to show their support as well. Also attending the awards breakfast was District Technology

Manager Mrs. Janice Reid and PHS Robotics Teacher Mr. Carlo Vidrini, who graciously accepted a donation from the Chamber for the Peekskill High School Robotics program. Community partners and AIM '19 collaborators Mr. Ben Green of the Hat Factory and Mr. Jeff Cobelli of Good for You Productions were also on hand to support our Robotics program. Special thanks to HVGCC President Ms. Deb Milone and HVGCC Events Manager/Scholarship Chair Ms. Lauren Brady for their efforts to recognize and support our students and programs.



This week, Dr. Mauricio joined a group of Peekskill parents as they were honored for completing the EmpowerU program at our Parent Center. The 16 session course taught financial literacy, healthy relationship tips and useful parenting techniques. Thank you to PCSD Parent, Family and Community Liaison Mrs. Maria Olivier-Flores and Alba Illescas of EmpowerU for their work coordinating and supporting this program.




This week PCSD Athletic Director Mr. Adam Lodewick accompanied Peekskill High School seniors Tommy Holman and Kaitlyn Quezada to the Rotary Club of Peekskill's monthly meeting where the students were named male and female athletes of the year! Congratulations Kaitlyn and Tommy!



Our community partner, Arts10566 presents their Spring Student Showcase June 10-13. The event will feature acting performances, dance, spoken word and artwork on display. Please come out and support our talented students! See the attached flyer for locations and times.

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Spring 2019 Student Showcase Week

June 10	Kiley Youth Center	6:00 pm
June 11	Oakside Elementary	5:00 pm
June 13	Hillcrest Elementary	5:00 pm

Come see performances of a Greek Myth, Dance, and Spoken Word. Student Art will also be on exhibit.

Movement & Dance Greek Mythology Cooperation Music


Costume Design Improv Collaboration S.T.E.A.M. Inspired

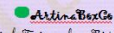
Creativity Graphic Art Spoken Word 3-Dimensional Art


Many thanks to our wonderful Teaching Artists and their establishments


NICOLAS CARTER
 Harpist

BRANDON CRUZ
 Visual Artist

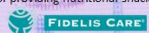

 Erin Hunter-Jarvis
 Justin Winesworth


 Tamara Fernandez-Bridgenster


 Van Elliot Shambliss
 aka Cyph Low


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Thank you for providing nutritional snacks and water!



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We invite you to join the Peekskill City School District and the Peekskill Parent-Teacher Organization as we participate in the 2019 Juneteenth Day Parade on Saturday, June 15! We will be meeting as a

group at the AME Zion Church on Park Street at 11:30 a.m. The parade begins at noon. We hope to see you there!



Please note that the Uriah Hill Pre-K graduations originally scheduled for Tuesday, June 25 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. have been changed to Friday, June 21 at the same times. This is due to the half day now scheduled for June 25. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



The week concluded with Dr. Mauricio attending the Men Who Cook event at the Peekskill Youth Bureau on Saturday. Dr. Mauricio was joined by Board of Education member Mrs. Maria Pereira and her husband, as well as Peekskill High School Assistant Principal Ms. Jenna Ferris and her family. Peekskill Youth Bureau Executive Director Mrs. Tuesday McDonald extended an invitation to the community to attend this event as it provided an opportunity for guests to break bread as a Peekskill family. Each gentleman involved prepared a dish to share with those in attendance. Dr. Mauricio

prepared traditional Latin dishes, including rice and beans, and sweet plantains.



Enjoy your weekend!

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent of Schools