



SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION BRIEF

MARCH 2-6, 2020

Dr. Mauricio joined Peekskill businessman Mr. Ben Green, Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo and guests from throughout the Hudson Valley at the Clearwater Spirit of the Hudson Gala, which was held at The Garrison. The event helped raise money for several of Clearwater's initiatives, including their "Sailing Classroom" program, which invites students to learn about the Hudson River and its cultural significance from aboard the Clearwater. Thanks to donors from Peekskill and the local community members, 100 Peekskill Middle School students will enjoy an educational sail on this sailboat this spring.



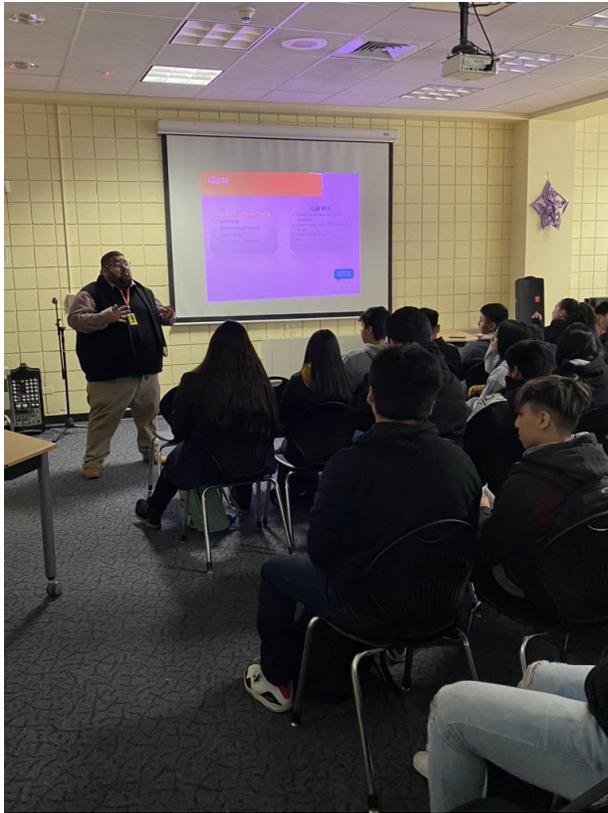
This week, Dr. Mauricio, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Dan Callahan and Athletic Director Mr. Austin Goldberg met with Ms. Cathy Montaldo of the Peekskill Recreation Department and Peekskill Deputy Mayor Ms. Vivian McKenzie. The group discussed the cross promotion of events and the possibility of the Recreation Department recruiting Peekskill students for employment opportunities.



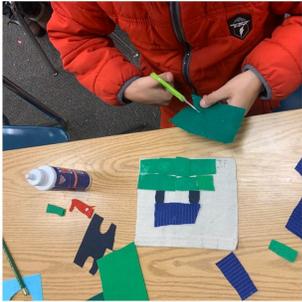
Dr. Mauricio, District staff and building principals joined the Peekskill Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for their executive meeting at the District Office this week. At the meeting, the group discussed ways in which we can further collaborate to support our children and families.



This week, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Program Specialist Isai Fuentes presented to our ENL students. The presentation focused on the dangers of underage drinking and drunk/drugged driving. It is critical that our students are part of the solution.



This week, Hillcrest students collaborated with artists from the Hudson Valley Museum of Contemporary Art (HVMOCA) to make fabric patches that will fill a piece of a collective unity quilt. Look for the finished product in Hudson Valley MOCA's galleries and locations around Peekskill in the near future.



As part of his weekly School Supports Visits, this week Dr. Mauricio was joined by District administrators at Hillcrest Elementary, where Principal Mr. Randy Lichtenwalner led the group on a tour of the building to view student work and visit classrooms. During the visit, the group discussed plans for the second half of the school year.



This week, Mr. Ken Levy, former principal of Peekskill Middle School and former Yorktown principal, facilitated professional development for our district and building leaders. The workshop focused on the importance of building culture and climate in our schools.



This week, Peekskill High School welcomed Pulmonary Therapist Mrs. Jackie O'Connor, who presented the dangers of vaping and smoking to our Grade 9 students. The presentation was informative and well received by students. Thank you to Ms. Lauture and Dr. Daniels for assisting in planning the event.



This week, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef visited Ms. Zorielle Rodriguez-Alcazar's Advanced Placement Government class at Peekskill High School. Assemblywoman Galef spoke with the class about recent legislation and the role of a legislator. Students were engaged and asked questions throughout her visit. Dr. Mauricio attended the visit and thanked Assemblywoman Galef for sharing her time and knowledge with our students!



This week, Dr. Mauricio, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Dan Callahan and Director of STEM Dr. Anchala Sobrin met with Ken Giulante from Giuliante Tools in Peekskill. The company specializes in creating parts for aerospace technology. Giuliante Tools expressed their interest in getting involved with our robotics programs and providing internships. We will be looking into future partnership opportunities for Peekskill students.



The new Peekskill Pioneers program kicked-off this week! Peekskill students are excited to join the league and look forward to playing their first basketball game at Ossining High School on March 11. Please come out and cheer on our newest Red Devil athletes!



Our talented Grade 4 and Grade 5 orchestra and band students showed off their skills at Hillcrest's Instrumental Night, which took place this week. Special thanks to music teachers Ms. Katie Lester and Ms. Allison Kramer for preparing our students for their performance. View more photos from this event [here](#).



PCSD Director of Physical Education, Health & Athletics Mr. Austin Goldberg recently traveled to Cooperstown, NY to present at the Student Athlete Leadership Conference. Mr. Goldberg spoke to conference attendees about the implementation of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Coaches in the Peekskill sports program.



This week's Raising a Reader session was filled with learning, laughter and love. Attendees enjoyed Sandra Boynton books in English and Spanish, and did their own version of Ms. Boynton's barnyard dance! The group also got messy making three types of play-dough. Together, they measured, mixed with their hands, and discussed the similarities and differences between the dough.



This month the Peekskill PTO welcomes the "Fire & Ice " Show by Mad Science! Enjoy spectacular interactive demonstrations about the properties of fire and combustion! Students can also visit the Slippery Slime Station to create their own squishy, gooey cup of madness to take home! After the fun at Saturday Academy, join Peekskill Schools at the City's St. Patrick's Day Parade! We'll be meeting at Assumption Church at 2:30 p.m. The parade kicks-off at 3 p.m.



Please join the City of Peekskill, the Field Library, Peekskill City Schools and other community partners for an informational presentation by a Census Partnership Specialist. The event will be Thursday, March 26th from 7-9PM at the Peekskill Administration Building (note location change). The meeting will cover an overview of the 2020 Census and response confidentiality. The event will conclude with a Question & Answer session.



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CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 1st! **ARE YOU READY?**

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THURSDAY, MARCH 26
7-9 PM

PEEKSKILL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1031 ELM STREET

This meeting will discuss the following topics:

- An Overview of the 2020 Census
 - Response Confidentiality
- Question & Answer Session



Peekskill CSD continues to closely monitor the developments in our region relating to COVID-19. Please [click here](#) for the latest wellness update from Dr. Mauricio, which was distributed this week. Please check our website regularly for updates. Remember, by practicing good hygiene we can all help stop the spread of germs. See the poster below for useful health tips.

COVID
CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE
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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Mauricio, Superintendent of Schools