

In Our Schools

Peekskill City School District News

September 2018

Dear Peekskill Community,

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve the school community as your new superintendent, and to welcome everyone to the 2018-2019 school year. I thank our Board of Education, our Superintendent Search committee and the Peekskill community for selecting me to lead this great district. As we embark on this journey together, I must first further express my gratitude as coming to Peekskill has provided me with the chance to return to an area I have always loved. As a child, I grew up in Queens and worked for a number of years across the river in a summer camp for children. It truly feels wonderful to be back.

Since joining the district this July, I have had the privilege of meeting many of our parents, faculty, staff, students and community leaders. For those of you I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, I look forward to seeing you at our events throughout the school year.

My summer days in Peekskill have been filled with productive listening, learning and planning meetings. The information collected through these activities will allow me to work with district, school and community leaders to create a plan which builds on our many successes and provides new opportunities for all students. Our critical focus remains on educating students to meet their greatest potential and working together to improve family engagement through strong community partnerships. I am a firm believer in the adage that, "it takes a village to raise a child." Together, we can ensure that Peekskill will serve as a model urban district and achieve great outcomes.

Our parents and guardians are our students' first teachers, and with that they are charged with ensuring that children attend school daily and arrive ready to learn. As an educational institution, the District will continue to use every resource available to provide excellent educational opportunities for our learners as we work hand-in-hand with a community that supports us in our efforts. Collectively, we must hold our students to high standards while demonstrating support and showing that we believe in them, so that they rise to meet and exceed our expectations. Most importantly, our students must approach their educational experiences with 100% effort.

In an effort to keep you informed and connected to the district, please remember to regularly visit our district/school websites and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. I will be holding my first Conversations with the Superintendent event on Thursday, October 4, at 5:30PM at the Peekskill High School. I look forward to seeing you there.

Working together, our district and community will realize the mission of the Peekskill City School District, "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."

Sincerely,



Dr. David Mauricio
Superintendent of Schools



NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS for the 2018-2019 School Year

Beginning July 1, 2018, all New York State public school students must have a health exam when they enter school:

- as a new entrant
- in Pre-K or Kindergarten
- in Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11

These examinations should be completed on the New York State School Health Examination Form.

The required NYS School Health Examination Form was developed to provide consistency throughout the state in the health care information provided to schools. We understand that your medical provider's office may not yet be aware of the change, so if you have already had a physical examination completed for the 2018-2019 school year on a different form, the school will accept the physical on that form. Starting in the 2019-2020 School Year, only the Approved NYSED School Health Examination Form will be accepted.

Medical examinations of pupils attending public schools should be scheduled by the family's private physician whenever possible. Family physicians are the most familiar with the health problems of the pupil and best able to institute treatment when needed. If the examination form is not submitted to the School Nurse, the School Physician (Medical Director) will do a health appraisal on all new entrants and in Pre-K or Kindergarten, and in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. Please visit the PCSD School Health Services page on the district website under the "District Department" tab for more details.

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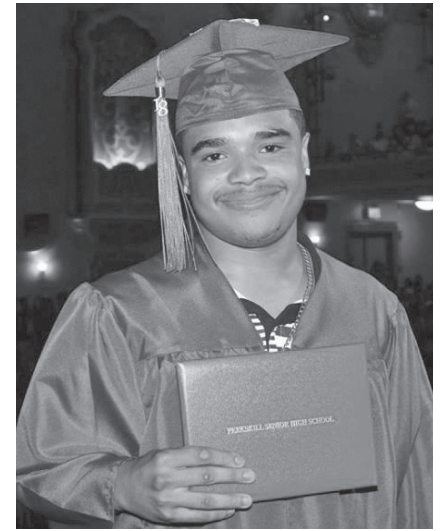
An Important Message Regarding PCSD Email Server and Telephone Extension Changes

Please note that as of Monday, August 20 the district is no longer using the email domain @peekskillcsd.org. We have begun using @peekskillschools.org for ALL district emails. For those outside of the district sending emails to staff, please make a note to update your address books ASAP. Staff will have messages that are sent to "peekskillcsd.org" forwarded until Jan. 1, 2019. After that date, only the @peekskillschools.org email will work. Please also note that we have upgraded our telephone system and extensions throughout the district have changed. You may see our website for updated contact information or use our calling system's dial-by-name directory. We thank you for your understanding and apologize for any inconvenience.

Margaux Acasio
 Kiara Adams
 Amber Alava
 Agustin Alberro
 Majaci'd Alexander
 Jonathan Alvarez
 Daisy Anguisaca Lazo
 Neida Anguisaca Lazo
 Tatyanna Arceneaux
 Shon Arnold
 Kennedy Aspinall-Morgan
 Xsavier Avila
 Yingzhi Baisley
 Fantejah Barker
 Marcos Barragan
 Erika Barrera Lopez
 Junior Barreto
 Najah Barrett
 Juan Bayas Chavez
 Gervanah Beach
 Mahalia Beadle
 Brittani Belin
 Innes Belshe
 Bradon Brickhouse
 Gabrielle Brown
 Jakai Brown
 Nasier Bush
 Lillian Calderon
 Samantha Campbell
 Jarlen Carcelen
 Elvis Carchipulla
 Rocio Cardenas Caceres
 Jeremy Carrera
 Edgar Castillo
 Carlos Cedillo Zuna
 Rosy Ceropin Cetino
 Robert Chacha
 Joseph Cilento
 David Cintron
 Temia Clanton
 Travis Clark
 Zachary Clausen
 Tiombe Cowan-Hudson
 Jonathan Crespo Zhina
 Monica Criollo
 Alonso Cruz Gonzalez
 Tiera Cureton
 Elijah Dabbs
 Katherine Damian
 Myazia Daye
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 Kayla Dell
 Maybe Diaz Alarcon
 Dylan DiBisceglie
 Manielvic Diplan Castillo
 Matthew Elam
 Cyrious Ellis
 Willan Erraez Arias
 Andrew Espinoza
 Gordon Evans
 Damek Fountain
 Steven Francisco Chevalier
 Nicole Furtado
 Imani Galloway
 Angela Gamboa
 Brayan Garcia Alvarez
 Esvin Garcia Julian

Samantha Gershenson
 Yulisa Giron
 Yasmen Giron-Ramos
 Jodi Glickert
 Dayana Gomez
 Johannah Gonzales Giron
 Alphonso Gouridine Jr.
 Raul Gregorio
 Mark Guaicha
 Alma Guardado
 Josseline Guardado
 Juan Guerra
 Marlen Guevara
 Justin Hahn
 Kyra Hall
 Annaleise Harvey
 Kiara Haughton
 Diego Herrera Gordillo
 NeTonia Holliman

Ernest Hongach
 Lauren Hunt
 Anthony Illescas Barbecho
 Raul Illescas Correa
 Bryan Illescas Mosquera
 Justin Inoa
 Bryana Jimenez
 Jaden Johnson
 Chelsea Johnson
 Christine Johnson
 Jessica Johnson
 Tyanna Johnson
 Shilleena Jones
 Kelsey Karasinski
 Eric King
 Devin Lalji
 Stanley Landivar
 Aaron Landry
 Tejahn Lawrence



Congratulations to Peekskill High School's CLASS OF 2018

On Sunday, June 24, Peekskill High School held its 94th commencement ceremony at the Paramount Theater in downtown Peekskill. We congratulate our 219 graduates from the Class of 2018 and wish them the best as they begin a new chapter of their lives.



Hugo Lazaro Nova
 Kevin Lema Sagnay
 Ryan Lent
 Cristina Lido
 Jameliah Litchmore
 Valentina Loaira
 Marcelo Loja
 Diego Lojano
 Luis Lojano Duchitanga
 Marilla Lopez
 Susan Lopez
 George Lopez Pagan
 Diego Louzau
 Jasmyyn Lucas
 Emily Lyles
 Junior Machisaca Ordonez
 Denilson Machuca Mendia
 Melanny Maeda Alveno
 Kimberly Maeda Alveno
 Gineliz Maldonado
 Jeffrey Marquez
 Joshua Martinez
 Debora Martinez
 Shane Mason
 Lorenzo McCoy
 Gerald McCoy
 Andre McLeod
 Jessica Melgar
 Sonia Melgar Duque
 Fabian Mendez Ortega
 Daniel Mendez Uday
 Joseph Mogrovejo
 Elliot Molina
 Melanie Monge Siguenza
 Jeydy Monroy-Jordan
 Mariuxi Moreira-Sanchez
 Romane Mundy
 Lottayah Mundy
 Tywan Murray
 Camille Murray
 Tyrone Murrell
 Julie-Ann Muschette
 Meliza Narvaez
 Joshua Nauratan
 Vu Nguyen
 Gerard Nieves
 Jerome Niles
 Irene Oleas Montano
 Camila Orellana Cardenas
 Mark Orlando
 Ariana Otero
 Olivia Pacheco
 Vanessa Padilla
 Maria Palma
 Stephanie Panza
 Andre Parris
 Mary Kate Pauta
 Jason Pauta Pani
 Rowell Perez
 Emily Perez
 Maya Phillips
 Julissa Quezada
 Carlos Ramirez
 Brian Ramos Diaz
 Tamia Reed
 Andrew Reid
 Xavier Reyes



Da-neyah Ridenhour
 George Rios
 Rashad Roberson
 Jayda Robinson
 Lesly Romero Vera
 Mario Roque Rodriguez
 Tania Ruedas Hernandez
 Jason Sacasari
 Leidy Salazar Asencio
 Anabel Sanchez
 Kristina Santos
 Jessica Sari
 Kiran Sarwar

Deonte Scott
 Alexis Scott
 Maky Sherman
 Turae Simone
 Johanna Sisalima Lituma
 Deja Smalley
 Rasheem Smith
 Versace Smith
 Steven Soto
 Ashley Spooner
 Brittany Taylor

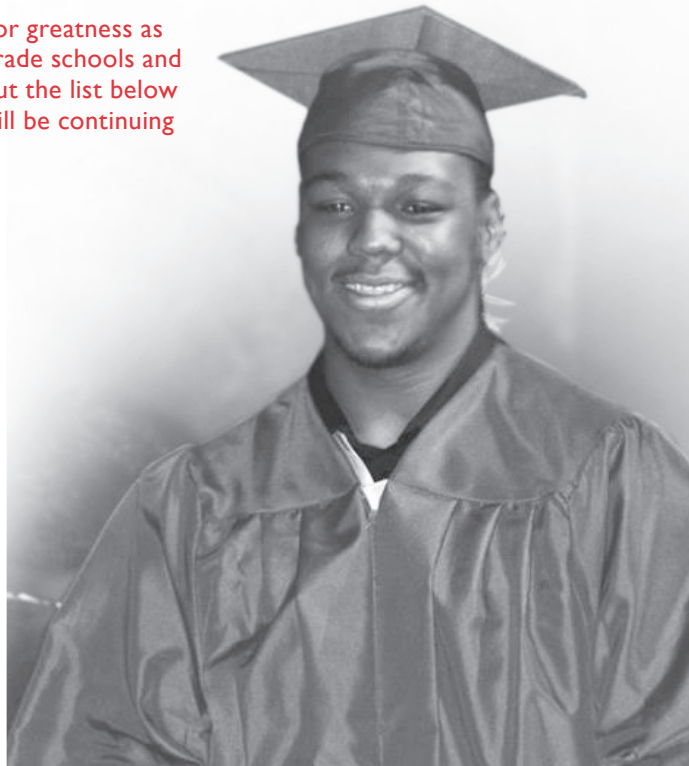
Joseph Tenecela Arevalo
 Diana Tenesaca Chapa
 Jonnathan Tenesaca Guaman
 Dylan Torres
 Kaylyn Vazquez
 Serenity Vazquez
 Keilin Velasquez
 Karen Vele
 Melissa Velecela
 Briana Velez
 Juan Velez Mogrovejo
 Vincent Vesce
 Julianna Vivencio
 Antwan Walker
 Armani Ward
 Richard Whinstanley
 Karen Yunga DeLeon
 Kevin Zambrano
 Kaitlin Zani
 Jessie Zhanay Fernandez
 Siying Zheng



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Our graduates are bound for greatness as they head off to colleges, trade schools and the armed forces. Check out the list below to see where our alumni will be continuing their journeys this fall.

Adelphi University
 Alfred University
 American International College
 Baruch College of the CUNY
 Bay Path University
 Baylor University
 Becker College
 Bennett College
 Berkeley College of White Plains
 Binghamton University
 Bronx Community College of the CUNY
 Cabrini University
 Capitol Technology University
 Castleton University
 Cazenovia College
 Cedarville University
 City College of New York CUNY
 Clark Atlanta University
 Clarkson University
 College of Mount Saint Vincent
 College of New Rochelle
 College of Staten Island - CUNY
 Concordia College - New York
 Coppin State University
 Cornell University
 Cornerstone University
 CUNY New York City College of Technology
 Daemen College
 Dartmouth College
 Dean College
 Dominican College
 Drexel University
 Dutchess Community College
 Elmira College
 Erie Community College, North Campus
 Florida State University
 George Mason University
 Gordon College
 Grace College
 Graceland University
 Hampton University
 Hartwick College
 High Point University
 Hillsborough Community College
 Hofstra University
 Houghton College
 Hudson Valley Community College
 Hunter College of the CUNY
 Husson University
 Iona College
 Ithaca College
 John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the CUNY
 Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
 Keystone College
 Kingsborough Community College of the CUNY
 Le Moyne College
 Lehman College of the CUNY
 Liberty University
 Lincoln Technical Institute
 Manhattan College
 Manhattanville College
 Marist College
 MCPHS - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences



(Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Worcester))
 Medaille College
 Medgar Evers College of the CUNY
 Mercy College - All Campuses
 Mercyhurst University
 Messiah College
 Mitchell College
 Molloy College
 Monroe College
 Mount Aloysius College
 Mount Ida College
 Mount Saint Mary College
 New England College
 New Jersey Institute of Technology
 New York Institute of Technology
 New York University
 North Carolina Central University
 Northeastern University
 Nyack College
 Pace University
 Paine College
 Pennsylvania State University
 Purchase College State University of New York
 Queens College of the CUNY
 Queensborough Community College of the CUNY
 Quinnipiac University
 Regis College
 Roberts Wesleyan College
 Rockland Community College
 Siena College
 St. John's University - Queens Campus
 State University of New York at Albany
 State University of New York at New Paltz
 Stony Brook University
 Sullivan County Community College

SUNY Alfred State College
 SUNY Buffalo State College
 SUNY College at Brockport
 SUNY College at Cobleskill
 SUNY College at Geneseo
 SUNY College at Old Westbury
 SUNY College at Potsdam
 SUNY College of Technology at Canton
 SUNY Delhi
 SUNY Empire State College
 SUNY Fredonia
 SUNY Morrisville State College
 SUNY Oswego
 SUNY Plattsburgh
 SUNY Polytechnic Institute
 Syracuse University
 Tallahassee Community College
 The College of Saint Rose
 The College of Westchester
 The University of Scranton
 The University of Tampa
 Tompkins Cortland Community College
 Universitat Ramon Llull
 University at Buffalo The State University of New York
 University of Bridgeport
 University of Central Florida
 University of Connecticut
 University of Florida
 University of Hartford
 University of Massachusetts, Boston
 University of Massachusetts, Lowell
 University of New Haven
 University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
 University of South Florida
 Utica College
 Valencia College
 Virginia State University
 Westchester Community College
 Western Connecticut State University

SUMMER 2019



MBK mentor Reid Olmstead runs a summer workshop for students.

PCSD Summer MBK Program Offers Workshops & Group Outings

This summer a group of students in Peekskill's My Brother's Keeper program participated in a variety of workshops at Peekskill High School, while others teamed up with the PCSD Art Department to help beautify the locker rooms at the administration building. In the workshops, students were able to set short and long term goals, speak about healthy relationships, work with computers and give feedback on what they'd like to see the program offer in the 2018-2019 school year. After attending the workshops, many of the students who participated in the lessons reconvened on a separate day for a group trip to Great Adventure with some of our MBK mentors. A fun time was had by all!



Students enjoy a day at Great Adventure with MBK mentors.



Summer is not only a time to kick back and relax, it is also a time that provides opportunity for enriching activities both in and out of a school setting. So how did our students, faculty and staff stay busy this summer? See below to find out!

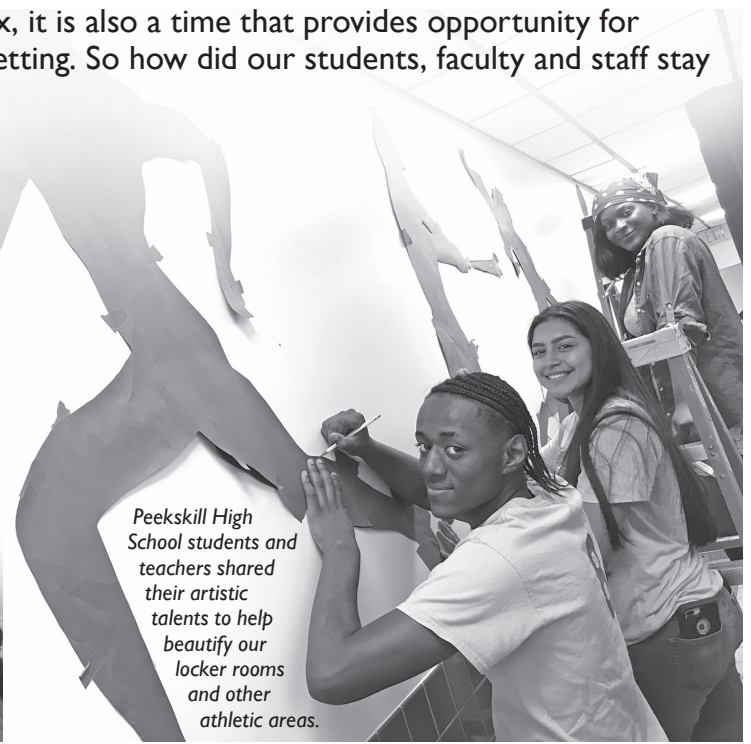


School may have been out for the summer, but many Peekskill children still had the opportunity to join us for lunch thanks to our free summer lunch program at a variety of locations.

Both elementary and secondary curriculum writers spent summer days hard at work preparing for the upcoming school year! Pictured here, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Dr. Mary Keenan Foster leads elementary teachers in a curriculum writing session at Oakside.



Peekskill High School students and teachers shared their artistic talents to help beautify our locker rooms and other athletic areas.



Hillcrest families enjoyed coming out for the school's Summer Reading Check-In events that took place throughout the summer.



Many of our district's modified, JV and Varsity basketball players continued to show their love for the game as they joined local independently run basketball leagues and came out in first place in both the 15U and 11th and 12th grade leagues. Congrats to these talented players!

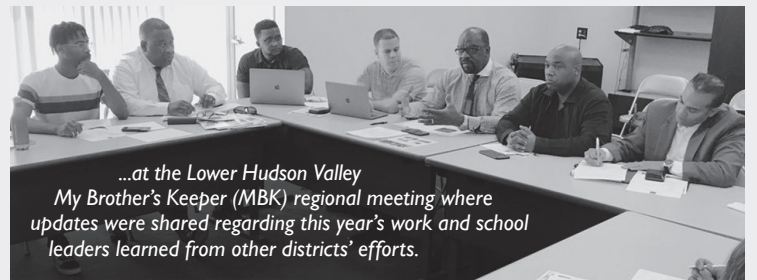


PKMS boys and girls participated in IBM's Go TechKnow Camp at the Thomas J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights. Each group of students spent a week learning about polymers, coding, robotics, DNA extraction and more. They even had the chance to learn how to make ice cream with liquid nitrogen!

Our new Superintendent Dr. David Mauricio has been busy this summer — from faculty/staff introductions, to productive meetings with administrators/building leaders and networking with community stakeholders from Peekskill and the greater Hudson Valley Region...these are just a few of "Mauricio's Moments." Stay up to date on our Superintendent's activities by following #MauriciosMoments on Twitter!



...meeting with Peekskill Youth Bureau Executive Director Mrs. Tuesday McDonald to discuss how the strong partnership between the school district and the Youth Bureau will benefit our Peekskill students.



...at the Lower Hudson Valley My Brother's Keeper (MBK) regional meeting where updates were shared regarding this year's work and school leaders learned from other districts' efforts.



...volunteering with PCSD staff to assist in our Mobile Food Pantry distribution at Hillcrest Elementary.



...meeting with the Human Relations Commission of the City of Peekskill to discuss Special Education, family engagement, mentoring opportunities and the school registration process.

...visiting students at Torpy Field during their football practice to talk about the three A's for athletes: academics, attendance and attitude — the formula for success in the classroom and on the field.



PCSD WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATORS

The Peekskill City School District welcomes four individuals to our dedicated team of school leaders. We thank our Superintendent Search team for their many hours of work as they sought to find the perfect fit for our district, and it is with joy that we welcome Dr. David Mauricio as our new Superintendent of Schools. We are equally excited to welcome Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez as our new Woodside Principal and Mr. William Toro as our new Assistant Principal at Peekskill High School. Additionally, we congratulate Peekskill's own Dr. Jenna Ferris on her appointment to the position of Assistant Principal at Peekskill High School. See below for more information on our newest administrators.



Dr. David Mauricio was born in New York City. He was raised by his mother and father, both of whom are Latinos. His father was born in the Dominican Republic to a large family. His mother was born in Puerto Rico. While his home was not financially wealthy, Mauricio's life was rich in love, guidance, religion, a sense of family and a strong work ethic. His parents taught him to give to others and this virtue was evident in how the family lived. These realities and perspectives drove Dr. Mauricio to work hard in order to be successful in life. Many mentors and caring adults have assisted him throughout his entire life, leading him to become the person he is today.

A graduate of the New York City Public School system, Dr. Mauricio pursued his post-secondary education in Buffalo where he received the following degrees: BS in Ed., Special Education & Elementary Education from S.U.N.Y. College at Buffalo; MS in Ed., Bilingual Special Education from S.U.N.Y. College at Buffalo; Certificate of Advanced Study, School Administrator and Supervisor from S.U.N.Y. College at Buffalo; and Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University at Buffalo.

Dr. Mauricio began working in education in 1993 and has spent over 24 years serving Buffalo's students in the following capacities: Special Education Teacher (Monolingual and Bilingual) at School #33; Educational Specialist, Committee on Special Education (CSE), Director and Supervisor of Special Education, Principal of Lorraine Elementary School, Principal of Bennett High School, Community Superintendent and most recently in his position as Chief of Strategic Alignment and Innovation.

Dr. Mauricio is also extremely committed to the betterment of the communities he works with, and has received numerous community awards and recognitions for his efforts and achievements including, but

not limited to the following: the Outstanding Leadership Award for Men of Integrity from Utopia Euphoria, LLC, the Proud Latino Award from Hispanics United of Buffalo, the Career and Technical Educator's Guild Award and the U.S. Army Reserve HHD 2nd Brigade, 98th Division Solider of the Year Award.

Additionally, Dr. Mauricio has sat on a number of boards and committees, including Junior Achievement of Western New York, Parent Network of Western New York and the Westside Latino Taskforce. He was also the President, Executive Board Member and Regional Delegate of the New York State Association of Bilingual Education, and a founding member of the New York State Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents.

Today, Dr. Mauricio is able to give back to his mother by helping to care for her in the golden years of life. He is husband to Kimberly and a father to a son and daughter.



Ms. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Woodside Principal

Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez joins the Peekskill City School District as the new principal of Woodside Elementary School.

Ms. Aviles-Rodriguez comes to us as a former principal in the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District. Additionally, she has served in the New York City Department of Education for the past 17 years in the various roles of assistant principal, data analyst and as a first and second grade teacher. Ms. Aviles-Rodriguez embraces this new role and is committed to working with staff and families to ensure that Woodside students have the best possible

educational experience. She looks forward to the opportunity to serve this vibrant community and embraces it with enthusiasm and a high level of commitment to public service.

Ms. Aviles-Rodriguez holds a bachelors degree from the College of New Rochelle. Additionally, she earned a Masters of Science in Elementary Education and a Masters of Science in School Administration and Supervision from Mercy College. She is currently in the writing phase of her doctoral dissertation at Concordia University.



Mr. William Toro, PHS Assistant Principal

Mr. William Toro has joined the Peekskill City School District as our new High School Assistant Principal.

Mr. Toro has over 11 years of experience in education and comes to Peekskill from the New York City Department of Education in the Bronx and the Brentwood Union Free School District. Throughout his career, Mr. Toro has worked as a High School and Middle School Mathematics teacher in both Brentwood and the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) and as an Assistant Principal in the NYCDOE.

Mr. Toro is a life-long learner and holds an Associate's degree in Liberal Studies from Suffolk County Community College, a Bachelors of Arts

in Mathematics from St. Joseph's College, a Masters of Liberal Studies from Stony Brook University, an Advanced Graduate Certificate in School Leadership from Stony Brook University and is currently enrolled in St. John's University and is working towards his Doctorate (Ed.D) in Educational Administration and Supervision.



Dr. Jenna Ferris, PHS Assistant Principal

Dr. Jenna Ferris has been appointed to the position of Assistant Principal at Peekskill High School.

Dr. Ferris brings with her over 16 years of experience in education all within the Peekskill City School District. Additionally, she was born and raised in Peekskill, and is a graduate of Peekskill High School as well. Throughout her tenure at Peekskill, Dr. Ferris has worked in the middle school, high school

and most recently at the PHS Summit Academy. She has served on various building and district level committees and has taken on many leadership roles within the programs she has worked in.

Not only is she an active member of the school community, she also supports many youth organizations within the City of Peekskill. The Westchester Business Council has recognized her commitment to children, with their prestigious 40 under 40 award.

Dr. Ferris holds a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from The College of Mount Saint Vincent, A Masters in Education from Mercy College and obtained her Doctorate in Instructional Leadership from St. John's University in 2012. She is a life-long learner who is proud to begin this new chapter of her education career at her alma mater.



NEW BEGINNINGS as the 2018-2019 School Year Kicks-Off

At our July 3 Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Dr. David Mauricio, and newly elected Board members Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson and Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr. were sworn into office. We welcome them and congratulate Mr. Michael Simpkins and Mrs. Maria Pereira on their appointments as Board President (Mr. Simpkins) and Vice President (Mrs. Pereira).

You can read more about our newest board members in their biographies below:



Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr. was born and raised in Peekskill, and currently lives here with his wife and three young children. Mr. Jenkins is the Director of the Evening Division and Special Academic Programs at Monroe College and has worked in higher education for over 15 years in many capacities, including: finance, academics, academic advising, coaching and as a college administrator.

Throughout his career, Mr. Jenkins has organized and established several youth developmental programs through athletics

with an emphasis on building strong ties between the participants, the community, going to college and getting a job. These experiences have given Mr. Jenkins the perspective on what is needed in our community to prepare our student's for higher education and beyond. He is a firm believer in the saying "it takes a village to raise a child."

Mr. Jenkins holds a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Alderson Broaddus University and Master of Business Administration in Business Management from Monroe College. He sits on the Curriculum, Standards, Policies, and Compliance (CSPC) Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee that helps to create policies, introduce new majors and set best practices for the Monroe College community. The success of the youth development programs gives Mr. Jenkins a unique perception and insight into the needs of students and academic institutions.



Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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and her husband, Reginald J. Johnson, have lived in Peekskill for 15 years and have three daughters, one a graduate of Peekskill High School now a senior in college and two attending Peekskill High School.

Mrs. Hallman-Johnson has long been an advocate of quality public school education and has over 20 years of professional experience. She is currently a Special Education English Teacher (Grades 9-12) at New Rochelle High School. Mrs.

Hallman-Johnson has been employed as an accountant for Pepsi, as well as a Trust and Estate paralegal for Clifford Chance Law Firm in NYC. She has worked for Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES, Lakeland Central School District and the New York City Department of Education. Pamela has been employed as a teacher's aide, substitute teacher, and special education teacher all at the secondary level. As an emergent leader, Mrs. Hallman-Johnson has been employed as a Special Education Coordinator and a Transition Coordinator.

Mrs. Hallman-Johnson is a vested member of the Peekskill City School District. She regularly attends and participates in SEPTO meetings. Additionally, she has been employed by the District as a substitute teacher and a LEAP teacher. Pamela has worked as a teacher leader for the Peekskill Middle School LEAP Program and she has served on the school district's FOCUS team under former Superintendent Dr. David Fine. Mrs. Hallman-Johnson has also served as a school building and district leader administrative intern for the district. She holds a B.B.A. in Accounting, Paralegal Certification, M.S. in Adolescent Education, M.S. in Education, an Advanced Certificate in School Building Leadership, an Advanced Certificate in School District Leadership and a NYS School Building Leadership Certification. Mrs. Hallman-Johnson states that her educational philosophy can be summed up as this: "Paving the way for every student, every day."

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Board of Education Meetings

Meetings begin at 6PM. If executive session is called, public session will resume at approximately 7PM. Meetings are videotaped for broadcast on our educational channel, Channel 77 or FIOS Channel 32. BOE videos are on our district website under the Board of Education tab.

September 4, 18	April 9, 23
October 2, 16	May 7
November 6, 20	May 21 (Budget Vote & Election 7am-9pm)
December 4, 18	June 4, 18
January 8, 15	July 2
February 5, 12	August 26
March 5, 19	

Peekskill City School District MISSION:

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.

Postal Customer

Remember, September 15 through October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month! Our schools will be celebrating with themed activities!

Calling ALL Father Figures

Please join us at Peekskill City School District on the morning of Tuesday, September 18, 2018.



Actively involved fathers are a positive force in the lives of their children and their community. "Dads Take Your Child to School Day" is a statewide event that promotes father involvement by encouraging fathers and significant male caregivers of all kinds to take their children to school or Head Start. All who participate in this event are asked to accompany their student into our school

building on the morning of September 18 and sign in at their school's welcome table. At this time, there will also be an opportunity for our father figures to commit to staying involved with our schools throughout the year by volunteering for upcoming events.

Father figures have an undeniable effect on the children in their lives. Studies overwhelmingly show that positive male role model involvement is associated with improvements in children's:

- Academic performance
- Cognitive development
- Behavior
- Confidence
- Health and well-being
- Household economics

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2018 Athletic HALL OF FAME

The PCSD Athletic Department's Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner will be held on November 16, 2018 at the Mansion at Colonial Terrace at 6:30 p.m.

2018 Inductees

- Walter "Andy" Lockett – 1960
- Brenda Hull – 1976
- Lorraine "Lori" Liberatore – 1976
- Craig McKenzie – 1990
- James Rial – 1990
- Garry "PJ" Male, Jr. – 1991
- Girls Volleyball Team – 1979
- Boys Spring Track & Field – 1980

For more information on this event, or to reserve a seat, please call 914-734-4225 or email jsewalk@cityofpeekskill.com.



Mobile Food Pantry 2018-2019 Dates

The Mobile Food Pantry will be returning to Hillcrest for the 2018-2019 school year. Food items will be available for pick up on the following dates: September 13, October 11, November 8 and December 13. Pick up will be held from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise announced. We encourage our families to take advantage of this free resource. To help our efforts, we will also need volunteers to help set up, distribute food and clean up. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact chernandez@peakskillsschools.org