



Superintendent Report

**Meeting of the Board of Education
December 2, 2014**



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PKMS Men's Night:

Over 50 Peekskill Middle School students and the special men in their lives recently turned out for the school's second Annual Men's Night, which was put together by PKMS Health Teacher Andrew Kane and the help of other volunteers as well.

The evening was spent focusing on strengthening the male relationships in students' lives by inviting dads, grandpas, uncles, brothers, teachers and friends to participate in bonding activities such as arts and crafts, physical games, brain teasers and intimate discussions. Students and their adult counterparts rotated through a number of stations throughout the night before finally meeting in the cafeteria for refreshments.

As a thank you for participating in the event, at the end of the evening each student was presented with their own copy of "Fitting In, Standing Out," a problem solving board game geared toward middle school aged players.

"I'm really proud of the work we've done here and how supportive the community is of this night," said PKMS Principal Jamal Lewis. "We wanted tonight to positively impact young lives and I believe it did."

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Hillcrest Enrichment Performance: "How chipmunk Got His Stripes"

Enrichment students at Hillcrest Elementary recently put on a special show for parents, teachers and classmates when they performed the Native American tale, “How Chipmunk Got His Stripes.” In preparation for the show students spent weeks researching relevant topics such as Native American folklore, language, and more. The backdrop for the performance was a giant handmade mural that was crafted by Enrichment students and depicted the traditional ways of Native American life.

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Hillcrest Can Sculpture Contest:

Students at Hillcrest Elementary collected almost 1,600 non-perishable food items during their Annual Food Dive which was recently held at the school. Following the collection, the School Leadership Club hosted a Can Sculpture Contest in which each homeroom class was asked to construct a design out of the items they had brought in.

While Ms. Sandomir's class collected the most items at 204 donations, the big winner of the sculpture contest was Ms. Kears's class with their Hillcrest Hawks football stadium.

After the contest all of the donations were made into Thanksgiving baskets that were raffled off to Hillcrest families.

Congratulations Ms. Kears's class!

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