

Superintendent's Report

Dr. David Fine

Peekskill City School District:

A System Focused on Every Student; Every Day.



Meeting of the Board of Education

July 28, 2015



Summit Academy teacher Bridget Connor stands with her students on a recent trip to Lake Compounce.



Techknow: Our future leaders in technology! Thank you to Margery Rossi for sharing this photo of our students as they head off to the TechKnow workshop at IBM's TJ Watson Research Center earlier this week.



Peekskill High School students Devin and Mya Guardino are doing a community service project with SolesforSouls.org, an organization which collects shoes and donates them to families in need. The Guardino's are currently looking for donations to help support this cause and to help them reach their goal of 250 pairs of shoes by August 2. All shoes will be taken in any condition and will be repaired if needed. Pairs are preferred, but singles are welcome, as they will be used in the repair process. If you would like to donate shoes of any size, please bring them to the drop box at Peekskill High School or contact Yolanda Guardino at yguardino@optonline.net.



*Building Beautification: Students Shanti Darby and Natalie McIntosh decorate the PCSD Administration Building podium and bulletin board under the guidance of art teacher Elizabeth Tabone.



Top-Ten (10) Reasons Peekskill is a Wonderful Place to Live and Learn

10. Delicious Pizza
9. Summer Curriculum Writing (choices/options)
8. Jazz Festivals
7. Dedicated and Passionate PTO/SEPTO
6. Our own Lincoln Museum
5. Talented musicians on staff (Paul G, Wed., Riverfront Green)
4. Fed over 2,300 lunches (grant funded)
3. Homestyle Bakery
2. The historic Peekskill Military Academy
1. The 5k Fun-Run in October (website)



Staff Recognition

Thank you Scott Gazzigli for his years of service in the Peekskill City School District.

- Scott Gazzigli has worked for the custodial/maintenance department for over thirty years.
- Scott developed significant relationships with some of our students who needed a caring adult to look up to and to spend time with. At Oakside we often would see Scott with a young second or third grader helping set up chairs for an assembly, carry Science 21 boxes to classes, or simply chatting about their days.
- We especially thank him for exemplifying what it means to be a “caring community” and for understanding that it truly “takes a village”. Scott is an avid traveler and we know he will continue to explore new and exciting places and we wish him well in his journeys.

District Information

- Community Update
- Proposal to Change Board Meeting Date:
Change August 18 meeting to August 25



Contract and Donations

Contracts Under \$10,000

- Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD); Provides Assistive Technology Evaluations for Special Education; Not to exceed \$10,000 and funded by IDEA 611 grant.
- City of Peekskill Youth Bureau; Provide Boatworks Project (Build a Boat) services for LEAP; Not to exceed \$5,000/ Funding is from the LEAP 21st Century Grant.
- Paul Kwame Johnson; Provide Drama Workshop (Decroix/Marceau technique) services for LEAP; Not to exceed \$9,000/Funding is from the LEAP 21st Century Grant.

Donations Under \$5,000

- Stop & Shop School Rewards Program/Woodside; Support of instructional programs; \$342.67
- IBM/Hillcrest Elementary School; Purchase of six (6) chromebooks; \$2,000
- Ms. Lois Cook/PCSD; Binders and File Folders; Valued at approximately \$200.00

***This Concludes the Superintendent's Report**

--Be Good to Yourself and Each Other--

"Be the Change you wish to see in the World."

M. Ghandi



Thank You and Enjoy the Evening