

Peekskill City School District

A System Focused on Every Student; Every Day

The Mission of the Peekskill City School District is to educate students in a caring, inspiring environment characterized by a spirit of excellence and high expectations; prepare graduates to meet or exceed standards; graduate students who respect and appreciate cultural diversity; and prepare students to pursue adult lives as contributing citizens of our local and global community.



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December 2017

Dear Woodside Families,

December is here and brings with it the holiday season. We are excited to share the good cheer at our Winter Sing-a-Longs! (see dates and times below)

Chilly temperatures and snowy weather are also approaching. As the days get colder, please be sure to send your child to school with appropriate winter coat, gloves, and hat. The students will continue to go out for recess when the snow and cold weather are not excessive.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for taking part in parent teacher conferences. At these meetings, teachers were able to learn about your children, as well as sharing their progress and achievement in school. We value this connection between home and school, which research shows makes a tremendous difference in student success. Your continued participation in your child's education is appreciated.

On behalf of the Woodside teachers and staff, I thank you for all you do and wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with opportunities to share quality time with family and friends. Schools will be closed for the holiday recess Dec. 25-Jan. 1. Classes resume Jan. 2.

During the vacation, we hope that you will spend time reading and sharing the wonders of stories with your child. When thinking about gifts, perhaps consider something literacy-based. Magazine subscriptions, books, and literacy games will help build a culture of literacy for you and the readers among you!

This quote speaks to the importance of taking every opportunity to read: "The more you read, the better you get; the better you get, the more you like it; and the more you like it, the more you do it." ~ Jim Trelease, *The Read-Aloud Handbook*

The calendar below lists the many exciting events coming up at Woodside. We look forward to seeing you at many of these events.

Sincerely,

Colleen Hardiman
Principal



December

Mon Dec 4, 2017	6:30pm – 11:59pm	⊕ PTO Executive Meeting
Tue Dec 5, 2017	7:00pm – 11:59pm	⊕ Board of Education Meeting
Sat Dec 9, 2017	10:00am – 12:00pm	⊕ SEPTO Santa Event at PKMS
Thu Dec 14, 2017	9:45am – 11:00am 1:45pm – 3:00pm	⊕ Kindergarten Sing-a-Long ☒ ⊕ Kindergarten Sing-a-Long ☒
Fri Dec 15, 2017	All day	⊕ Professional Learning Academy (Early Release; No AM Pre-K)
Tue Dec 19, 2017	7:00pm – 11:59pm	⊕ Board of Education Meeting
Wed Dec 20, 2017	9:45am – 11:00am	⊕ Gr. 1 Sing-a-long ☒
Thu Dec 21, 2017	9:45am – 11:00am	⊕ Gr. 1 Sing-a-long ☒
Mon Dec 25, 2017	All day	⊕ Holiday Recess: Buildings Closed; No District Transportation
Tue Dec 26, 2017	All day	⊕ Holiday Recess: Buildings Closed; No District Transportation
Wed Dec 27, 2017	All day	⊕ Holiday Recess: Buildings Open
Thu Dec 28, 2017	All day	⊕ Holiday Recess: Buildings Open
Fri Dec 29, 2017	All day	⊕ Holiday Recess: Buildings Open
Mon Jan 1, 2018	All day	⊕ Holiday Recess: Buildings Closed; No District Transportation
Tue Jan 2, 2018	All day	⊕ Classes Resume
Thu Jan 4, 2018	7:00pm – 11:59pm	⊕ PTO Mid-Year Check-In - Admin. Building