



Peekskill City School District
*Our mission is 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.*

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Week in Reflection (9.30.19)

Special Thanks to Staff/Students/Community Partnerships - This Week:

- Thank you to Cami and Jonathan
- Thank you staff for being present during our 2019 Residency Program
- Thank you to staff who continue to support one another as we transition to the 2019-2020 school year
- Thank you to everyone for this past week's professional conversations and work in our learning communities
- Thank you to staff for parent and family outreach and meetings conducted this week
- Thank you to everyone who work diligently to de-escalate situations and hearing your students - second (third, fourth) chances mean a great deal
- Thank you to our school counselors for operating Town Hall meetings
- Thank you to the staff who will be working in our MBK Program this year- Thank you Robin Hayward and Ms. Simon for your redesign and leadership
- Thank you to our security: Chemay, Nigel, and Peter for their work
- Thank you to our nurses who have helped us transition - We should have an assigned school nurse very soon
- Thank you to our Clinical Team for continuing to support students, families, and staff
- Thank you to our staff for supporting students in class, during lunch supervisory, recess, and one another (teamwork in excellence and collaboration!)

Students & Staff At Work with from a Scientific and Mathematical Lens:

- Students conducting quantitative and qualitative observations - science inquiry obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information- engaging in argument from evidence - using patterns, scale, proportion, and quantity - examining systems and system models - understanding stability and change - using scientific tools - rewriting formulas to isolate specific variables - solving one-step and multiple-step inequalities and explaining each step involved - performing checks to determine if the solution is correct - identifying solutions to inequalities as sets of solutions that can be plotted on a number line - using proper notation to define solution sets - identifying integer values within solution sets and determining if a specified integer value is within a solution set - solving linear equations in one variable with rational number coefficients - fluently adding, subtracting, multiplying,

and dividing multi-digit decimals using the standard algorithm for each operation -
identifying all operation key terms in real-life word problems involving decimals numbers

Quote of the Week:

"Respect yourself and others will you respect you." - Confucius

"Respétate a ti mismo y a los demás te respetarás".

Work Ahead of Us:

● **Supervisory**

- **Monday, October 7** - Angela Gonzalez - Perez the Vice President of New York Presbyterian will be joining us during 7th and 8th grade Town Hal - **Thank you, Josh Fernandez for the community partnerhip**
- **Monday, October 21** - Maura Rawlins - Margaret's Place Conversation & Expectations for Participation- Grades 6 - 8
- **Tuesday - Friday**
 - **Work Completion Day** - Please structure it so that students can complete homework, work on projects, and get work from other teachers
 - **Fun Day** - Students who have met behavioral expectations will enjoy recess or whatever classroom activity designed

● **Department Meeting**

- **"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." - Andrew Carnegie**
- **October 8th** - Meet as a Full Department to discuss Interim Assessment I
- **October 15th** - Designing Interim Assessment I - administered week of October 28, 2019
- **October 22nd** - Designing Interim Assessment I - administered week of October 28, 2019
- **October 29th** - NO MEETING
- **November 5th** - Superintendent's Conference Day
- **November 12th** - Meet as a Full Department
- **November 19th** - **Dept Members present latest assessment data analysis using District Data Analysis Form with Action Plan - Please focus your analysis on a population subset - ELLs, Spec Ed, African American, etc. - Boys, Girls, etc**
- **November 26th** - **Dept Members present latest assessment data analysis using District Data Analysis Form with Action Plan - Please focus your analysis on a population subset - ELLs, Spec Ed, African American, etc. - Boys, Girls, etc**

● **Grade-Level Meetings**

- **October 2nd** - Continue the Review of the SCEP
- **October 16th** - Administration and Clinical - How's it Going and RtI Conversation

- **October 23rd & 30th** - Reintroducing the Data Driven Instruction Model & Examining NYS ELA & Math Level I Reporting (What do the indicators tell us)
 - **October 23rd & 30th** - RtI Meetings where applicable - Leslie Detres will communicate specifics
 - **November 6 & 13** - Administration and Clinical - How's it Going and RtI Conversation - Closer look at The Struggling Student
- **Literacy Taught in Your Content Area**
 - **Be sure to embed literacy into your everyday instruction**
 - **Be sure to update your gradebook weekly**- remember, your percentages in regards to homework - Policy must be consistent within depart/grade as well as similar number of assessments- see Mr. Lewis if any questions, thoughts, concerns
 - **Be sure to review, in detail, all 504 and IEP documents** - these are legally-binding documents

Important School/District Dates:

- **October 2nd - Formal Observations Begin**
- **October 3rd - Data Team Meeting @7:45AM in Library**
- **October 4th - Teacher Web Pages - Up and Running**
- **October 4th - Early Emergency Dismissal (2:41PM)**
- **October 7th - Faculty Meeting @3PM in Auditorium - Katie Geider (Student Assistance Services) presentation & De-Escalation & Student Removal Conversation**
- **October 9th - NO SCHOOL - Yom Kippur**
- **October 10th - Technology Team Meeting @7:45AM in Room 230**
- **October 11th - BERT Meeting @7:45AM in Library**
- **October 14th - NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day**
- **October 15th - SLT Meeting @7:45AM in Library**
- **October 17th - New Staff Meeting @7:45AM in Library**
- **October 18th - Department Leader Meeting @7:45AM in Main Office Conf. Room**
- **October 21-23 - Book Fair - more information to follow**
- **October 25th - Half Day - PLA - more info to follow**
- **October 28 - November 1- Interim Assessment I**
- **October 29th - ELA Simulation I (during class time)**
- **November 4th - Faculty Meeting @3PM in Auditorium- Review work for Superintendent's Conference Day**
- **November 5th - Superintendent's Conference Day (NO STUDENTS) - Interim Assessment Data Analysis & Other Topics**
- **November 14th - Author Thanna Lai Workshop - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (Grade 8)**

Teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross; then having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own. - **Nikos Kazantzakis**

