



PEEKSKILL SCHOOLS: *Literacy and Transitioning*

Las Escuelas de Peekskill: *Alfabetización y Transición*



2014-2015

A Message From the Superintendent



Dear Peekskill Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

I welcome you to the 2014-2015 school year and hope that you and your families have enjoyed a relaxing and productive summer.

We at Peekskill City School District are excited to begin the year by focusing on our theme for 2014-2015: Literacy and Transitioning. Throughout last school year we saw over \$1,000,000 in grants awarded to Peekskill schools. These funds, with an increase in state aid, have afforded us the opportunity to introduce numerous new resources and improve existing ones, all which will benefit

our students, parents and teachers not only this year, but for years to come. Coupled with our District's recent Reorganization Plan, these resources have equipped our schools for a successful academic future focused on student learning.

Back in May we welcomed three new Principals to Peekskill: Ms. Cassandra Hyacinthe (Peekskill High School), Mr. Jamal Lewis (Peekskill Middle School) and Mr. Rolando Briceño (Woodside/Uriah Hill). These individuals have spent the summer familiarizing themselves with our schools and will now begin the exciting journey of acquainting themselves with our students.

In addition to our new administrators, I am eager to announce the implementation of many new programs throughout our District that includes a new District Theater Program; Peekskill High School's Freshman Academy and Summit Academy; an Enrichment Program for all elementary students; a Gifted and Talented Program; and Hillcrest Community School Initiative. You can read more about these programs on our District calendar posted on our website at www.peakskillcsd.org.

In our ongoing effort to improve school safety and security, the District will be implementing the most current best practices recommended by school security experts. Starting this school year, all school visitors will be asked to identify themselves and state the purpose of their visit before being allowed to enter our schools. Having a picture identification is very important. Once you enter the school, procedures will essentially be the same insofar that you will be required to sign in and a badge will be provided. Please check our District website for more information.

In closing, I want to wish each of you the best for the upcoming fall season and encourage all residents to attend our bi-monthly Board of Education meetings to stay up-to-date on our District's happenings. A schedule of these meetings can be found within the District calendar posted on our website. For those unable to attend these meetings, I will be providing post-meeting updates on our District website. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (914) 737-3300 ext. 303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Licopoli".

Larry Licopoli, Ph.D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Peekskill City School District Administration

1031 Elm Street, 737-3300 www.peakskillcsd.org

Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Interim Superintendent of Schools

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Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business

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Janice Reid, Manager, Educational Technology/CIO

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Paul Guglielmo, School Administrator (Transportation)

David Santiago, Director of Security

Laura Belfiore, Communication Specialist

Mission Statement

The 2014-2015 mission of the Peekskill City School District is currently under revision and will be available shortly on our website: www.peakskillcsd.org. Please visit the Board of Education tab for this updated information.

BOARD GOALS

A. Aspirational Goals:




1. By the year 2020, graduation rates will increase to 100%
2. By the year 2020 all students, (cohort 2015) will achieve grade level literacy by the end of grade 3.

B. 2014-2015 Deliverables

1. Develop and implement District plans for:
 - Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
 - School Learning Teams
 - New programs and other program Initiatives
 - Plan for District wide program reviews
 - Plans for transparent Financial Planning and cost effective operations

Please read through this calendar before you hang it up.

Please note that: In an effort to save resources and district funds, starting this year this calendar will not be mailed home. A paperless version of this calendar is posted on our website at www.peakskillcsd.org for parents to view and/or download. If you don't have access to a computer, you may call the Superintendent's office at 737-3300 ext. 303 and a copy will be printed for you to pick up.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	2 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day</i> <i>No School for Students</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg.</i> <i>Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	3 <i>1st Quarter Begins Schools Open (K-12)</i> <i>Woodside 1st Grade Full Day</i> <i>Woodside Kindergarten Half Day (12:15 Dismissal)</i> <i>Modified Sports begins</i>	4 <i>Kindergarten Half Day (12:15 Dismissal)</i> <i>PKMS PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	5 <i>Kindergarten Half Day (12:15 Dismissal)</i>	6 <i>V Football – Palisades Prep at Peekskill – Depew Park 1:30pm</i>
	Uriah Hill Pre-K School Visits by appointment – 9/3 - 9/9					
7	8 <i>PHS PSAT Registration– Guidance Office</i> <i>Woodside 1st Full Day of Kindergarten</i>	9	10 <i>Uriah Hill First Day for PreK</i> <i>Woodside Grade 1 Meet the Teacher Night 6:30pm</i> <i>Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Mtg. @ Woodside 7pm</i>	11 <i>We Remember!</i> <i>PKMS Sports Physicals</i> <i>PHS Open House 7pm</i> 	12 <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 10/11/14 Test</i>	13 <i>PHS Senior Pictures</i> <i>V Football-Peekskill @ Early College Yonkers</i>
14	15 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night 6:30pm</i> <i>Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Mtg. @ Woodside 7pm</i>	16 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	17 <i>Constitution Day</i> <i>Hillcrest 4th Grade Back to School Night 6:30pm</i> <i>Hillcrest PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	18 <i>Hillcrest 5th Grade Back to School Night 6:30pm</i> <i>Hillcrest PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	19	20 <i>Coffee with the Superintendent – PKMS Cafeteria 10am-12pm</i> <i>V Football – Peekskill @ Yonkers High School</i> <i>PHS Senior Pictures</i>
21	22 <i>Oakside Grade 2 Meet the Teacher Night/ PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	23 <i>PKMS Picture Day</i> <i>Oakside Grade 3 Meet the Teacher/ PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	24	25 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> <i>Buildings open</i>	26 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> <i>Buildings closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	27 <i>V Football – Riverside @ Peekskill</i> <i>Depew Park 1:30pm</i>
28	29	30 <i>PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 10/11/14 Test</i> <i>Woodside Picture Day</i>				

Board of Education

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Trustees:

Michael Simpkins
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2014-2015 Board Of Education Meeting Dates

Regular Board of Education meetings begin at 5:30 PM. If executive session is called, public session will resume at approximately 7 PM. Board of Education meetings are videotaped for broadcast on our educational channel, Channel 77 or FIOS Channel 32.

July 22	December 2	April 7
August 19	December 16	April 21
September 2	January 13	April 28
September 16	January 20	May 5
October 7	February 3	May 19
October 21	February 10	June 2
November 4	March 3	June 16
November 18	March 17	July 7 at 4 P.M.



Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a link on the Peekskill City School District's Web sites that parents and guardians can follow to view their children's attendance and grades. It is very easy to use, secure and confidential. The Parent Portal helps students succeed. To get started, parents need to create an account with the District. Fill out the Access Request Form and sign the Parent Portal Agreement. These forms can be downloaded from www.peekskillcsd.org, or, call your child's school and ask for a copy or pick them up in the school office. You can find these forms, as well as the Parent Portal link, under "Parent Resources" on each school's website.

Return the signed forms with a copy of an official photo ID to the school. (We need this to protect your child's confidentiality.) The District Technology Office will email you an access code and instructions to log on to the Parent Portal. That's it!

For questions, email parentportal@peekskillcsd.org



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1 <i>PHS Picture Day Grades 9 -11</i> <i>LEAP Extended Day Begins</i> <i>Uriah Hill Back to School Night "Come Play Our Way" 6pm</i></p>	<p>2 <i>National Custodial Workers Day</i> <i>PKMS Back to School Night 6:30pm</i> <i>No PM LEAP</i> <i>V Football-Peekskill @ Saunders</i></p>	3	4
5	<p>6 <i>District PTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i></p>	<p>7 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i> <i>Hillcrest Picture Day</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Mtg. and Summer Reading Celebration @ Woodside 7pm</i></p>	<p>9 <i>Oakside Literacy Night/ PTO Mtg. and Summer Reading Challenge 7pm</i> <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 11/8/14 Test</i></p>	<p>10 <i>15 Minutes Early Dismissal for Emergency Evacuation(County-Wide)</i> <i>Professional Learning Academy- Early Release Prek-12 (No PM PreK)</i> <i>PHS/PKMS Quarter Progress Report Mailed</i></p>	<p>11 <i>V Football – Peekskill @ Lincoln (Yonkers) PHS SAT I & II Cafeteria 7:30am</i></p>
PFFA/Local 2343 National Fire Prevention Week – Poster Contest Grades K-6 10/6-11						
12	<p>13 <i>Columbus Day</i> <i>Buildings Closed - No District Transportation</i></p>	14	<p>15 <i>PHS PSAT Registration Closed</i></p>	<p>16 <i>PKMS PTO Mtg. 7pm</i></p>	17	<p>18 <i>PHS PSAT 8:00am</i> <i>Homecoming</i> <i>V Football – Gorton @ Peekskill – Depew Park 3:00pm</i></p>
19	<p>20 <i>Hillcrest Summer Reading Challenge 6pm</i> <i>Hillcrest PTO Mtg. 7pm</i></p>	<p>21 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i> <i>Uriah Hill Picture Day</i></p>	22	<p>23 <i>PHS Mini College Fair 8:50am</i> <i>Woodside Picture day</i></p>	<p>24 <i>PHS Senior Picture Retakes</i></p>	<p>25 <i>PHS Interact Club Safe Halloween 1am – 1 pm</i></p>
26	27	<p>28 <i>SEPTO Meet and Greet Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i> <i>PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 11/8/14 Test</i></p>	<p>29 <i>Professional Learning Academy Early Release Prek-12 (No AM PreK)</i></p>	<p>30 <i>PHS Winter Sports Physicals @PHS</i></p>	<p>31 <i>Uriah Hill Costume Parade</i></p>	

Literacy and Transitioning: Peekskill District Schools



Uriah Hill Jr Elementary School

Grades PreK

Rolando Briceño, Principal
Pemat Ave - 739-0682
School Nurse's Office - 739-0682
ext. 235

Class Times:
Full Day: 8:30-2:30
AM Session: 8:30 - 11:00
PM Session: 12:00 - 2:30

PTO Officers:

President: Toni Ortiz
Vice President: Marissa O'Leary
Treasurers: Ha Thi Ho
And Christine Bishoff



Woodside Elementary School

Grades K, 1

Rolando Briceño, Principal
Depew Street - 739-0093
School Nurse's Office - 739-0093
ext. 235

Breakfast: 8:45 a.m.
Classes Begin: 9:20 a.m.
Student Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.
Early Dismissal Half Day: 12:15 p.m

PTO Officers:

President: Toni Ortiz
Vice President: Marissa O'Leary
Treasurers: Ha Thi Ho
And Christine Bishoff



Oakside Elementary School

Grades 2-3

Staci Woodley, Principal
200 Decatur Avenue
737-1591
School Nurse's Office - 737-1591
ext. 235

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.
Classes Begin: 8:35 a.m.
Student Dismissal: 2:50 p.m.
Early Dismissal Half Day: 11:35 a.m.

PTO Officers:

President: Sam Ali



Hillcrest Elementary School

Grades 4-5

Jacqueline Liburd, Principal
4 Horton Drive
739-2284
School Nurse's Office - 739-2284
ext. 234

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.
Classes Begin: 8:35 a.m.
Student Dismissal: 2:50 p.m.
Early Dismissal Half Day: 11:35 a.m.

PTO Officers:

President: Robert Brownell
Secretary: Margery Rossi



Peekskill Middle School

Grades 6, 7, 8

Jamal Lewis, Principal
Dr. June Campolongo, Assistant
Principal
Naima Smith-Moore, LEAP
Coordinator
212 Ringgold Street - 737-4542
School Nurse's Office - 737-4542
ext. 2530
Guidance Office - 737-6925
Attendance Office - 737-5589
ext. 2550

Breakfast: 7:55 a.m.
Classes Begin: 8:30 a.m.
Student Dismissal: 2:42 p.m.
Early Dismissal Half Day: 11:30 a.m.

PTO Officers:

President: Yolanda Guardino
Vice President: Denise Lopez
Treasurer: Ginael Alexander
Secretary/Spanish Liaison: Sonia
Lopez Romero



Peekskill High School

Grades 9-12

Dr. Cassandra Hyacinthe, Principal
Margie Daniels, Assistant Principal
Kent Picou, Assistant Principal
Griselda Reyes, Assistant Principal
1072 Elm Street - 737-0201
School Nurse's Office - 737-0201,
ext. 317
Guidance Office - 737-7282
Attendance Office - 737-7933

Breakfast: 7:15 a.m.
Classes Begin: 8:00 a.m.
Student Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.
Early Dismissal Half Day: 11:04 a.m.

Parents' Club Officers:

President: Robin Hayward
Vice-President: Leslie Reaves
Treasurer: Liz Lazo
Secretary:






Opportunities for Parent Involvement

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is an important part of school life, helping with programs and activities, enhancing positive communication between the school and parents, and organizing fundraisers and other special events. PTOs meet monthly, and all parents and guardians of children who attend Peekskill schools are automatically members of the PTO. At Peekskill High School, there is a Parents' Club. The District Council PTO coordinates the voices of the school PTOs. Liz Lazo is the corresponding secretary of the District Council.

Please take note of our District's new Security procedures for ALL visitors:

In our ongoing effort to improve school safety and security, the District will be implementing the most current best practices recommended by school security experts. Starting this school year, all school visitors will be asked to identify themselves and state the purpose of their visit before being allowed to enter our schools. Having a picture identification is very important. Once you enter the school, you will proceed to the school greeter, a professional who is trained in using our protocol, and you will be required to sign in and a badge will be assigned. Please check our District website for further updates.

S.E.P.T.O. is our District's special education PTO. The S.E.P.T.O. officers for 2014-2015 are President; Ro Sibrizzi, Vice President: Rosa Rodriguez and Treasurer: Nancy Flaherty. To learn more about S.E.P.T.O., call 737-3300 ext. 352 or visit our District website at www.peekskillcsd.org and click on SEPTO under the parents tab.

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2	3	4 <i>Election Day</i> <i>Superintendent's Conference Day</i> <i>No School for Students</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	5 <i>Woodside Picture Retakes</i> <i>PHS Student Council Blood Drive 8:30am – 3pm</i> <i>Woodside/Uriah Hill PTO Mtg. @ Woodside 7pm</i>	6 <i>Fall Sports Awards Night, Varsity, JV and Modified Teams – PKMS Cafeteria 7pm</i> <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 12/6/14 Test</i>	7 <i>1st Quarter Ends</i> <i>Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner – Colonial Terrace 7pm</i>	8 <i>PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria 7:30am</i>
9	10 <i>2nd Quarter Begins</i> <i>Hillcrest PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> <i>Buildings Closed - No District Transportation</i>	12 <i>Hillcrest Picture Retakes</i> <i>Parents/Coaches Winter Mtg. @ PHS Cafeteria 6:30pm</i> <i>PHS Picture Retakes Grades 9–11</i>	13 <i>Oakside PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	14 <i>PHS/PKMS 1st Quarter Report Cards Mailed</i>	15 <i>Winter Sports Begin</i>
16	17 <i>District PTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	18 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	19	20 <i>No PM LEAP</i>	21	22
23	24 <i>PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 12/6/14 Test</i>	25 <i>SEPTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	26 <i>Thanksgiving Recess</i> <i>Buildings Open</i>	27 <i>Thanksgiving Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed - No District Transportation</i>	28 <i>Thanksgiving Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed - No District Transportation</i>	29
30						

General Information

ATTENDANCE:

Students achieve better academically when they attend school every day. Parents, school staff and students all have a responsibility to contribute to a pattern of regular attendance. Unexcused absence, tardiness and early departure may affect a student's class participation grade.

For a full copy of the District's attendance policy, visit our District Website at www.peakskillcsd.org and click "Board Policies" under the Board of Education tab or contact the District Clerk at 914-737-3300 ext. 342.

RESIDENCE:

According to State Education Law, a child's legal school district residence is generally considered to be the legal residence of the parents, unless there is evidence that the parents have relinquished parental control. Questions of residence for children who do not reside with their parents, and who have not been placed in a foster home by a recognized social service agency, should be referred to the Registrar's Office. The school district will seek tuition reimbursement from families who illegally send their children to our schools. Periodic residence checks will take place during the school year.

Parents of students under the age of 18 or students 18 years or older have the right to inspect and review the education records including all materials in the student's folder.

REGISTRATION:

New registrants must contact the Registrar's Office located at Uriah Hill Elementary School at 739-0682 ext. 248 for information regarding registration of their children in Peekskill schools. A birth certificate, photo ID such as a driver's license, and proof of residence are required. A copy of medical documentation of state-required immunizations must be presented before registration can be completed.

BOARD POLICIES AND REGULATIONS:

Board policies and regulations, which are matters of public record, are available for perusal at the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill. Many of the policies can also be found on our website, www.peakskillcsd.org, click Board Policies under the Board of Education tab.

PEEKSKILL EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

The Peekskill Education Foundation (PEF) is a not-for-profit, 501(c) (3), community based organization dedicated to enriching and expanding the educational experiences and opportunities of students within the Peekskill City School District. Since its founding in 2002, the PEF has raised and donated more than \$100,000 to the Peekskill City School District for a wide range of projects, including classroom and library books; new science and technology equipment; musical programs and instruments; cultural and arts programs; and innovative teacher initiated classroom projects. For more information, or to get involved, please visit the PEF's website at: www.peakskilleducationfoundation.org

PARENT RESOURCE CENTER:

Located at Uriah Hill Elementary School, the Lisa Roller Parent Resource Center offers support for families whose children attend our schools from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. The Center provides services including but not limited to parenting workshops, and houses a parent computer with access to the internet and word processing programs. The Center is open during school hours and on specific evenings when workshops and events are scheduled. Call the Uriah Hill Elementary School at 914 739-0682 ext. 248.

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

The Special Education Department is located at the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street. The Peekskill City School District provides a continuum of special education programs for students with a broad range of educational disabilities. Classified special education students can receive (depending on their disability) related services, Resource Room, Integrated co-teaching program, consultant teacher model, and self-contained classrooms. There are also out-of-district programs for students

who require a more restrictive environment. Related services include: speech, counseling, vision, occupational and physical therapy. For further information, please contact the Office of Special Services 737-3300 ext 326. The Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) is located at Uriah Hill Elementary School and their contact number is 914-739-0682 ext. 237.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Our elementary schools Grade K through Grade 5 offer an enrichment program for ALL students one period weekly. This school-wide enrichment model offers literacy through the arts, through athletics, through clubs and through science and math. Each school has a designated weekly period where every child is given the opportunity for academic enrichment. In addition, students who are identified as academically talented and are reading above grade level participate in a four period a week enrichment program that incorporates project-based learning with content area subjects. We are committed to meeting the unique academic needs of every child.

THEATER PROGRAM

The Peekskill City School District is excited to introduce a new Theater Program which will include opportunities for elementary, middle and high school students, including a Theater Elective course at Peekskill High School. We also anticipate fall and spring performances at both PKMS and PHS.

HILLCREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL INITIATIVE (HCSI)

The Hillcrest Community School Initiative (HCSI) works in partnership with Family Ties of Westchester, the Hudson River Health Center, Andrus and Peekskill Agencies Together (PAT). The school will focus on improved literacy outcomes for all students while providing physical and mental/social health support and services. This program provides opportunities for parents and families to engage in the daily life of the school supported by parent liaisons and quality workshops. Please contact Hillcrest's Main Office at (914) 739-2284 for more information on this program.

PHS FRESHMAN ACADEMY

Freshman Academy is a new Peekskill High School program in which a team of teachers welcome incoming freshman to high school by offering the educational foundation necessary to prepare students for their future college and career ventures. For more information on this program, please visit the Peekskill High School website.

PHS SUMMIT ACADEMY

Summit Academy is a new alternative learning program for students in grades 9 through 12. The goal of Summit Academy is to help every student find a pathway to graduation from Peekskill High School and to success in life. The program provides an environment of individualized attention, differentiation, and focus on social and emotional learning to promote confidence and self-assurance. Here, young people will understand the importance of taking ownership over their education. Summit Academy is located on the ground floor of the Uriah Hill School. For more information on this program, visit: <http://www.summitacademypeekskill.com/>

HASS' WAY

Hass' Way is an out-of-school suspension program that provides tutoring and counseling to students from Peekskill Middle School and Peekskill High School. The goal of Hass' Way is to enable students to return to their regular classes having gained some additional tools for academic and social success, including a more positive attitude towards school. All Hass' Way classes are taught by certified teachers.

GED PROGRAM

Peekskill has designed a GED program which will provide eligible students opportunities to attain a high school equivalency diploma. This program may be utilized as a bridge towards graduation for our youngsters as success leads to success within. Classes will take place in the District Administration Building and follow a state regulated and aligned curriculum.

Here's What To Do "If"

- You have a problem: Call your child's principal for help.
- You want to meet with a teacher: Call your child's school to arrange a conference.
- A student becomes ill at school: He or she will be taken to the nurse's office. If it becomes necessary to send your child home because of illness, you will be notified and requested to provide transportation.
- You want homework assignments: Call your child's school and leave a message for the teacher.
- Your child is absent: Call your child's school within the first hour of the day of the child's absence. If you do not call, a member of the staff may call your home on that day. You must send a note listing the dates of absence and the reasons for the absence with your child upon return to school. The note must be received within 3 days or the absence will be considered illegal.
- Your child will be home for more than 2 weeks due to illness or injury: Send a doctor's note to the school. Arrangements will be made for a home tutor for that period of time.
- You want a message delivered: Only emergency messages may be delivered to students. In case of emergency, give the message to the building principal or school secretary and it will be transmitted to the student.
- A lunch is left home: Deliver it to the school office. Students who leave lunches at home are responsible for coming to the office to claim them.
- Your child loses something: Have the child look in the school lost and found. Call the school office. Labeling articles with your child's name can avoid confusion in identifying lost items.
- You change your address or telephone number: Please inform your school office immediately.
- You plan to move: Please give the school office the information needed to forward your child's records to the new school.

In Case of Emergency

The Peekskill City School District is committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of its students and staff. Our Emergency Management Plan has been guided by and coordinated with the Peekskill and Westchester County Emergency Management Offices, PNW BOCES and the State Education Department.

Each school has plans for emergencies and a staff team trained to assist students. Radios and walkie talkies are in place should a loss of electricity occur, and a cell phone contact list has been established. In-classroom and central location drills are held periodically. In the event that schools must be evacuated, the County Emergency Management Office and PNW BOCES will coordinate transportation efforts, and decisions as to where to transport students will be based on the actual emergency and what is the safest place for students.

In the event of an emergency in which schools are the safest place, the District is prepared to keep the children until it is safe for them to leave. Should a situation arise where it is best to close schools and send students home or to safer locations in Peekskill, the district will ensure that all children are kept safe until an approved adult arrives to pick them up.



December 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Modified Winter Sports Begin</i>	2 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i> <i>Uriah Hill Picture Retakes</i>	3	4 <i>PKMS Picture Retakes</i> <i>Fall Drama Production 7:00pm</i>	5 <i>Fall Drama Production 7:00pm</i>	6 <i>PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria 7:30am</i> <i>Fall Drama Production 7:00pm</i>
7	8 <i>Hillcrest Evening Book Fair 6pm</i> <i>Hillcrest PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	9 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Holiday Sing-A-Long 9:30am & 1pm</i> <i>Oakside PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	10 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Sing-A-Long 9:45am</i> <i>Woodside/Uriah Hill PTO Mtg. @ Woodside 7pm</i>	11 <i>Woodside Grade 1 Sing-A-Long 9:45am</i> <i>PHS Student Council Silent Auction 6pm</i> <i>Hillcrest Winter Concert @ PKMS 7pm</i>	12 <i>Professional Learning Academy – Early Release Prek-12 (No PM PreK)</i>	13 <i>SEPTO Breakfast With Santa @ PKMS</i>
14	15 <i>District PTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	16 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	17	18 <i>Oakside 2nd Grade Sing-A-Long 1:40pm</i> <i>PKMS PTO 7:00pm</i>	19 <i>PHS/PKMS 2nd Quarter Progress Report Mailed</i> <i>Oakside 3rd Grade Sing-A-Long 1:40pm</i>	20
21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed - No District Transportation</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	26 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	27
28	29 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Open</i> <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 1/24/15</i>	30 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Open</i>	31 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>			

Bus Safety Rules

Bus transportation is a privilege and can be denied based upon violation of The Code of Conduct. The following are the rules for bus safety:

- Students must obey the instructions of, and show respect for, the school bus driver and monitor.
- Bullying, physical abuse, or sexual harassment of any kind will not be tolerated on the school bus.
- Defacing or any act of vandalism on or to the school bus will not be tolerated.
- Use of drugs or alcohol while riding the school bus is prohibited.
- Smoking, eating or drinking while riding the school bus is prohibited.
- All students must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- The use of seat belts is recommended.
- Cussing, loud or abusive language of any kind is prohibited on the school bus, and may result in suspension of bus privileges.
- Large toys, hand held electronic games or other objects (including radios) are not permitted on the school bus.
- Live animals are not permitted on the school bus.
- Students must keep their head, arms and hands inside the school bus at all times.
- Students must keep the aisle clear at all times.
- Students must be prepared to board the school bus 5 minutes prior to pick-up time.
- Repeated violations of bus rules will result in progressive student discipline consistent with school district policy and the law.

Inclement Weather Procedures

In bad weather when it seems likely that weather and street conditions will improve later in the day, opening of school will be delayed. When inclement weather is severe enough, school may close for the entire day. As soon as this decision has been made, the announcement will be carried over the radio and television stations listed below, and on the District website: www.peakskillcsd.org. The District will also make notification phone calls through the automated ConnectED service.

Peekskill: WLNA 1420 AM, WHUD 100.7 FM, www.pamal.com/stormcenter/whud.php

NYC: WABC

Poughkeepsie: WEOK 1390 AM, WRNN-TV NEWS 12 TV PCSD Cablevision Channel 77 -Verizon Fios Channel 32

Facebook and Twitter



Transportation

The Peekskill Board of Education has approved transportation for any K through Grade One student who lives between one-half mile and four miles from school, and any Grade 2 through Grade 5 student who lives between one mile and four miles from school. Transportation is also approved for any high school student in Grades 9 through 12 to a state-accredited private or parochial high school that is in a minimum of four miles and a maximum of fifteen and six-tenths miles limit. By New York State law, our Transportation Department must determine the shortest driving route from home to school using public roads. The mileage must meet the eligibility requirements. The Board acts by resolution each year to determine private and parochial school transportation for the upcoming school year. If approved, requests for such transportation must be received in the District by April 1 of each year. Bus passes will be issued to all students eligible for transportation. Any student not in possession of a bus pass may not be allowed to board the bus. Inquiries concerning any transportation matter or problem should be directed to the Transportation Department, located at the Uriah Hill Elementary School, 980 Pemart Avenue, Peekskill NY 10566, (914) 739-0682 ext. 248. Any questions regarding lost items left on the bus should be directed to Montauk Student Transport at 914-428-1400.

Traffic Safety

Standing or parked cars in unauthorized areas on school property are a hazard to the safety of students. We ask the cooperation of parents and visitors in helping us keep these areas and other approaches to school properly clear at all times. Please obey all traffic signs and give your fullest cooperation to the traffic officers. Illegally parked cars may be towed at owner's expense.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>1 <i>New Year's Day Holiday Recess Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i></p>	<p>2 <i>Holiday Recess Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i></p>	3
4	<p>5 <i>Classes Resume District PTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i></p>	<p>6 <i>SEPTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i></p>	<p>7 <i>PHS Band and Chorus Concert 7pm</i></p>	<p>8 <i>PKMS Winter Concert 7pm No PM LEAP</i></p>	9	<p>10 <i>Basketball Alumni Day @PHS</i></p>
11	<p>12 <i>Hillcrest PTO Mtg. 7pm</i></p>	<p>13 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 1/24/15 Test</i></p>	<p>14 <i>Woodside/Uriah Hill PTO Mtg. @ Woodside 7pm</i></p>	<p>15 <i>PKMS PTO Mtg. 7pm</i></p>	<p>16 <i>Professional Learning Academy – Early Release Prek-12 (No AM PreK)</i></p>	17
18	<p>19 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i></p>	<p>20 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i></p>	21	<p>22 <i>Oakside PTO Mtg. 7pm</i></p>	23	<p>24 <i>PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria 7:30am</i></p>
25	26	27	28	<p>29 <i>PHS Senior Financial Aid Workshop 7:30pm</i></p>	<p>30 <i>2nd Quarter Ends</i></p>	31
PHS NYS Regents 1/26-29						

2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1	Monday	Labor Day - Buildings Closed
September 2	Tuesday	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
September 3	Wednesday	First day of School
September 25	Thursday	Rosh Hashanah - Buildings Open
September 26	Friday	Rosh Hashanah - Buildings Closed
October 10	Friday	Professional Learning Academy (No PM PreK) Early Dismissal
October 13	Monday	Columbus Day - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
October 29	Wednesday	Professional Learning Academy (No AM PreK) Early Dismissal
November 4	Tuesday	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
November 11	Tuesday	Veteran's Day - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
November 26	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Recess - Buildings Open
November 27, 28	Thursday/Friday	Thanksgiving Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
December 12	Friday	Professional Learning Academy (No PM PreK) Early Dismissal
December 22, 23	Monday/Tuesday	Holiday Recess - Buildings Open No Transportation
December 24-26	Wednesday – Friday	Holiday Recess - Buildings Closed No Transportation
December 29, 30	Monday/Tuesday	Holiday Recess - Buildings Open
December 31	Wednesday	Holiday Recess - Buildings Closed No Transportation
January 1, 2	Thursday/Friday	Holiday Recess - Buildings Closed No Transportation
January 5	Monday	Classes Resume
January 16	Friday	Professional Learning Academy (No AM PreK)) Early Dismissal
January 19	Monday	Martin Luther King Day - Buildings Closed No Transportation
February 16	Monday	Winter Recess - Buildings Closed No Transportation
February 17-20	Tuesday-Friday	Winter Recess - Buildings Open
March 20	Friday	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
March 30, 31	Monday/Tuesday	Spring Recess - Buildings Open
April 1, 2	Wednesday/Thursday	Spring Recess - Buildings Open
April 3	Friday	Spring Recess - Buildings Closed
April 6	Monday	Spring Recess - Buildings Open
May 15	Friday	Professional Learning Academy (No PM PreK) Early Dismissal
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day Recess - Buildings Closed No Transportation
June 5	Friday	Professional Learning Academy (No AM PreK) Early Dismissal
June 24	Wednesday	Professional Learning Academy (No PM PreK) - Early Dismissal Last day for AM
June 25	Thursday	Professional Learning Academy (No AM PreK) - Early Dismissal Last day for PM
June 26	Friday	Last Day of School for Students - Early Dismissal

Note: If NO snow days are used, school will be closed 5/22 & 6/26. If 1 snow day is used, schools will be closed 5/22/(6/26 school is in session). If 2 snow days are used, the calendar stands as shown (5/22 & 6/26 school in session).

Note: If more than 6 snow days are used, weather make-up days to be taken in the following order: 3/30, 3/31, 4/1

College Testing Programs — 2014-15

NYS Testing Dates At PHS SAT I & II	Registration Deadlines Without Penalty	Late Registration Penalty
October 11, 2014	September 12, 2014	September 30, 2014
November 8, 2014	October 9, 2014	October 28, 2014
December 6, 2014	November 6, 2014	November 24, 2014
January 24, 2015	December 29, 2014	January 13, 2015
March 14, 2015	February 13, 2015	March 3, 2015
May 2, 2015	April 6, 2015	April 21, 2015
June 6, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 27, 2015

Peekskill High School Test Center Code: 334465

Test Center Code: 33-754

General Information:

1. Registration forms for SAT I and II are picked up in the Guidance Office.
2. Consult application for nearest test center location.
3. Peekskill High School Code is 334465.
4. Peekskill High School will be a center for the above SAT I and II testing dates.
5. Late Online Registration for SAT's: www.collegeboard.com

Advanced Placement Examination Dates

Monday – Friday, May 4 – May 8, 2015

Monday – Friday, May 11 – May 15, 2015

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test Date

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Peekskill High School Cafeteria.



February 2015

Black History Month/ National African American Read-In Month

WWW.PEEKSKILLCSD.ORG

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>3rd Quarter Begins District PTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	3 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	4	5	6 <i>PHS/PKMS 2nd Quarter Report Cards Mailed</i>	7
8	9	10 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	11 <i>PHS Student Council Blood Drive 8:30am – 3pm Woodside/Uriah Hill PTO Mtg. @ Woodside 7pm</i>	12 <i>PHS Parent/Teachers Conference Night 6:30– 8:30pm PKMS PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	13 <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 3/14/15 Test</i>	14
15	16 <i>President's Day Winter Recess Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	17 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Open</i>	18 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Open</i>	19 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Open</i>	20 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Open</i>	21
22	23	24 <i>SEPTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	25	26 <i>Oakside PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	27	28

Graduation Requirements

Diplomas will be granted on the successful completion of the requirements of the Board of Regents, the Commissioner of Education, and the Peekskill City School District Board of Education. Graduation requirements are complex and New York State law has changed. Students and parents must consult with a guidance counselor for exact requirements.

The Board of Education understands that acquiring a high school diploma is an essential step for all adults. Therefore the Board amends the cohort policy to allow students 4 or 5 years to obtain a diploma.

In order to qualify for a Peekskill High School Local Diploma*:

- A student who was a Freshman in the years 2006 and 2007 must earn 22 units of credit and score 55-64 on 5 Regents exams. For students who have entered high school in September 2008, the Local diploma is no longer offered, unless they are students with disabilities.
- For students with disabilities who first enter grade 9 in September 2005 and thereafter, a score of 55-64 may be considered a passing score on any Regents Examination for graduation with a local diploma.
- All students entering grade 6 as of September 2010 must pass a swim proficiency test to meet graduation requirement. **

In order to qualify for a Regents Diploma:

- A student must earn 22 units of credit and score 65 or above on 5 Regents exams.
- All students entering grade 6 as of September 2010 must pass a swim proficiency test to meet graduation requirement. **

In order to qualify for a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation:

- A student must earn 22 units of credit and score 65 or above on 7,8, or 9 Regents exams (depending on the subject).
- All students entering grade 6 as of September 2010 must pass a swim proficiency test to meet graduation requirement. **

Generally, all students must complete 4 credits of English Language Arts, 4 credits of Social Studies, 3 credits of Mathematics, 3 credits of Science, 3.5 credits in Electives, 2 credits in Physical Education, 1 credit in the Arts, and ½ credit in Health. There are exceptions to these requirements, so students and parents should be sure to consult with a guidance counselor.

For Students entering the 9th grade in September 2008 and thereafter, all non-classified students must score a minimum of 65% on each of the five (5) required Regents Examinations in order to graduate.

***Medical Exclusion*

Further information is available on the New York State Department of Education Web site: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/>.

School, Parents, and Students Supporting Achievement

Parents and guardians are the most important people in a child's life. Positive parental involvement is essential to student achievement.

To help children achieve, parents, students, and schools should pledge to do the following in the 2014-2015 school year:

PARENTS: We will support learning by:

- Making sure our child attends school
- Making sure that homework is done
- Limiting television
- Volunteering when possible in our child's school
- Participating in decisions regarding our child's education
- Promoting positive use of extracurricular time
- Staying informed about our child's education and communicating with the school regularly.

STUDENTS: We will improve our grades and,

- Do homework every day and ask for help when needed
- Read at least 20 minutes a day outside of school
- Give our parents all notices and information from my school every day

SCHOOLS: We will provide:

- High-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Frequent reports to parents on their child's progress
- Reasonable access to staff for parents
- Opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class and to observe classroom activities

For helpful Web sites and tips for parents, families, students and educators, look at Parent Resources on our Web site, www.peekskillcsd.org.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 3/14/15 Test</i>	4 <i>Winter Sports Awards Night PHS Cafeteria 7pm</i>	5 <i>PHS Sports Physicals</i>	6	7
National Foreign Language Week 3/2 –6						
8	9 <i>Spring Varsity & JV Sports Begin District PTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	10	11 <i>PHS Student Council Blood Drive 8:30am – 3pm PHS National Honor /Math Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7pm</i>	12 <i>Hillcrest Instrumental Night 7pm Spring Parent and Coaches Mtg. @ PHS Library 6:30pm Oakside PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	13	14 <i>PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria 7:30am</i>
Kindergarten Registration 3/9-13 call for appointment 914-739-0682 Ext. 248						
15	16 <i>Hillcrest PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	17 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	18 <i>Woodside/Uriah Hill PTO Mtg. @Woodside 7pm</i>	19 <i>PKMS PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	20 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day – no school for students PHS/PKMS 3rd Quarter Progress Report Mailed</i>	21
22	23 <i>Spring Modified Sports Begin</i>	24 <i>SEPTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	31 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>				

Dress Code

The Peekskill City School District has a dress code, included in the Code of Conduct. Be sure to check with your building principal if you have any questions.

Peekskill City School District students MAY choose clothing from the following:

PANTS

- Any solid color pants or jeans, navy/black/khaki (preferred)
- Appropriate size for waist and length

SHORTS/SKIRTS

- Any solid color, navy/black/khaki (preferred)

SHIRTS

- Any solid color
- Should have collar or turtleneck
- Tee shirts that adhere to the code
- Must be appropriate size for child

SWEATER/VEST

- Any solid color
- Wear dress code shirt underneath

SWEATSHIRTS/JERSEYS

- Any solid color
- No writing except Peekskill school logo shirts
- Must have sleeves

SHOES

- Loafer/slip-on, Lace-up, Tennis/Sneakers (required for PE classes)

BELT

- Color: Black/Brown/Tan (preferred)
- Pants designed for belts must be belted

Peekskill City School District students MAY NOT wear clothing from the following:

PANTS

- No oversized baggy jeans, or cargo pants
- Pants worn below the intended waistline or inside out
- Cut-up pants, no rips or holes may be above mid-thigh

SHORTS/SKIRTS

- No extremely brief garments such as short skirts or short shorts
- Cut-off shorts
- Dresses that have slits above mid-thigh
- No shorter than 3 inches above the knees
- No low riding pants that expose body parts or tattoos

SHIRTS/TOPS: any see-through garments, undershirts, no midriff tops, tube tops, net tops, halter top, oversized tank tops, spaghetti tops, plunging necklines (front and back)

SHOES: bare feet, flip-flops/slippers, cleated shoes, shoe skates, chinese slippers, footwear that is a safety hazard

BELT: large belt buckles

OTHER: hats, sunglasses, hoods, bandanas, do-rags, scarves or headbands except for medical or religious purposes, heavy coats or jackets (not to be worn inside the building), any jewelry or accessory that may be used as a weapon (metal or plastic finger rings, chains, keys, and spiked bracelets, etc.), combs, picks, curlers, or rakes worn in hair, items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, gang related (beads: red, white, green, black) or that denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, promotion and/or the endorsement of use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encouraging other illegal, violent or sexual activities, items not designed to be worn as outerwear in a school setting, including but not limited to: spandex, or nylon tights, leotards, biker pants, bathing suits, underwear (including boxer shorts) exposure of underwear or mid-body area, pajamas, any items that may be considered disruptive to the educational process. (Hats are to be removed upon entering the building. They may be worn in the corridors of the high school.)

TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE

The Board of Education has prohibited the use of cell phones, beepers, and unauthorized tape recorders, radios, CD players and portable listening devices during the instructional day, however, they may be used in the high school cafeteria. Taking digital images or photographs on school grounds without permission of the administrator is prohibited.

Code of Conduct

In keeping with the mandates of Project SAVE legislation (Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act), as well as the Dignity for All Students Act and federal civil rights statutes, the Board of Education has adopted a Code of Conduct. The set of expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty and integrity.

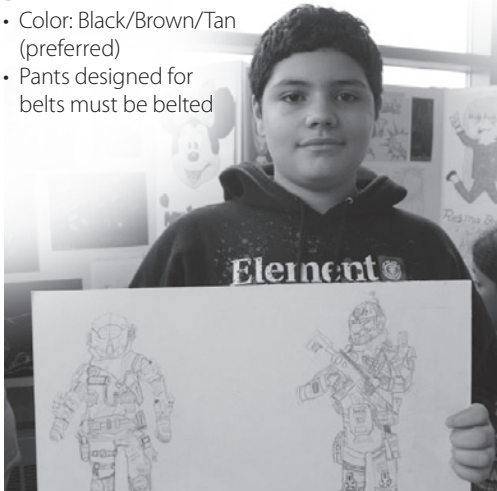
Students are expected to conduct themselves with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students, district personnel and other members of the school and general community. Teachers are expected to maintain a climate of mutual respect and dignity, which will strengthen students' confidence to learn. Parents are expected to recognize that the education of their children is a joint responsibility along with the school community.




The full, 37-page Code of Conduct also includes sections on dress, language and behavior; procedures for detention, removal and suspensions of students; responses to violations of the Code; security and safety of students and school personnel; and referring students to juvenile delinquency proceedings and to human service agencies. A copy of the Code of Conduct may be reviewed at the District's Administration Center, at each of the schools, or on our web site, www.peakskillcsd.org

No student shall be subjected to discrimination based on:

Actual or perceived race	Religious practice
Color	Disability
Weight	Sexual orientation
National origin	Gender identity, or
Ethnic group	Sex
Religion	

The District Coordinators for DASA are the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, Dr. David Fine and Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, Mrs. Mary Foster, 914-737-3300 ext. 324. Each school building also has a DASA coordinator.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	2 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	3 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	4
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i> <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 5/2/15 Test</i>	7 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	8 <i>Woodside/Uriah Hill PTO Mtg. @Woodside 7pm</i>	9 <i>Oakside PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	10	11
12	13 <i>District PTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	14 <i>No LEAP</i> <i>SEPTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	15 <i>No LEAP</i>	16 <i>PKMS PTO Mtg. 7pm</i> <i>No LEAP</i>	17	18
		NYSESLAT Speaking 4/14 - 5/15				
		NYS Grades 3-8 ELA 4/14-16, make up dates 4/17-21				
19	20 <i>Hillcrest PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	21 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7 pm (Adoption of Budget)</i> <i>PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 5/2/15 Test</i>	22 <i>No LEAP</i> <i>Administrative Professional Day</i>	23 <i>No LEAP</i>	24 <i>3rd Quarter Ends</i> <i>No LEAP</i>	25
		NYS Grades 3-8 Math 4/22-24, make up dates 4/27-29				
Administrative Professional Week 4/19 -25						
26	27 <i>4th Quarter Begins</i>	28 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm (Adoption of BOCES Budget)</i>	29	30		

Guidelines for Visiting Our District Schools

The school district extends a warm welcome to parents, guardians and others to visit our schools and classrooms. Active involvement of families and the community in students' education is a key to student success and is one of the goals of the district's strategic plan.

To keep students and staff safe and secure and to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum, the District has developed the following guidelines for school visits.

1. Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the school will be considered a visitor.
2. All visitors to the school must report to the visitor reception area or office of the principal upon arrival at the school. There they will be required to sign the visitor's register and will be issued a visitor's identification badge, which must be worn at all times while in the school or on school grounds. The visitor must return the identification badge to the issuing office before leaving the building.
3. Persons who desire to visit a school building shall do so only with the permission of an appropriate administrative staff member.
4. Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public, such as parent- teacher organization meetings or public gatherings are not required to register.
5. Parents or citizens who wish to observe a classroom while school is in session are required to arrange such visits in advance with the appropriate building administrator, so that class disruption is kept to a minimum.
6. Teachers are expected not to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.
7. Any unauthorized person on school property will be reported to the principal or designee by any staff member. Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave. The police may be called if the situation warrants.

All visitors are expected to abide by the rules for public conduct on school property contained in this Code of Conduct.

Please know that it is the goal of the district to create a safe, secure and positive learning environment for all its students and their families.

District Athletics

Students in our district have the opportunity to choose from among nearly three dozen athletic programs. The following sports are offered:

FALL SPORTS

Football (Varsity, Modified - 7, 8, 9th grades)
Soccer (Varsity Boys, Junior Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, Boys Modified and Girls Modified)
Swimming (Girls)
Tennis (Girls)
Volleyball (Varsity Girls, Junior Varsity Girls, Modified Girls)
Cross Country (Boys and Girls Varsity)
Cheerleading (Varsity)

WINTER SPORTS

Cheerleading (Varsity)
Basketball (Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, Junior Varsity Boys, Junior Varsity Girls, Modified Boys, Modified Girls)
Bowling (Boys and Girls Teams)
Track (Boys and Girls Teams)
Wrestling (Varsity, Modified.)
Swimming (Boys)

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball (Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified)
Golf (Varsity)
Lacrosse (Varsity, Modified)
Softball (Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified)
Tennis (Boys)
Track (Boys and Girls Teams)

Co-Curricular Activities





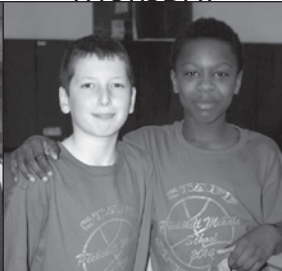
At Peekskill High School, co-curricular activities and clubs offer students the opportunity to develop new skills, make friends, learn more about themselves and the world, and benefit their community. Students who would like to participate should obtain information at the high school office. The roster usually includes most of the following activities:

Academic Competition Club	Interact Club
Art Club	Irish Culture Club
Black Culture Club	Latino Club
Book Club	Literary Magazine Club
Cheerleaders	Math Competition Club
Chess Club	Math Honor Society
Class Councils	National Honor Society
Drama Club	Newspaper – Mercury
Environmental Club	Ski Club
Exchange Club	Student Council
Gardening Club	Yearbook

LEAP

Peekskill Middle School's Learning Enrichment Achieving Program (LEAP) provides after school learning opportunities in a structured environment. During the three hour program, students receive academic support, a meal, and learn new skills in such areas as Dance, Drama, Athletics, and Fine Arts. For more information, call 914-737-4542 ext. 2540.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>PHS/PKMS 3rd Quarter Report Cards Mailed</i>	2 <i>PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria 7:30am</i>
3	4 <i>District PTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	5 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm Teachers Appreciation Day</i>	6 <i>National School Nurse Day Woodside/Uriah Hill PTO Mtg. @ Woodside 7pm</i>	7 <i>Oakside PTO Mtg. 7pm PKMS PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	8 <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 6/6/15 Test</i>	9
National Teachers Appreciation Week 5/4-8 / National Nurses Week 5/6-12						
NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing 5/4-15; Advanced Placement Exams 5/4-15						
10	11	12 <i>SEPTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	13 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Spring Sing-A-Long 9:30am & 1pm PHS Spring Outdoor Concert 7pm</i>	14 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Spring Sing-A-Long 9:45am PHS Science Honors Seminar Symposium 7pm</i>	15 <i>Professional Learning Academy – Early Release Prek-12 (No PM PreK) Woodside 1st Grade Spring Sing-A-Long 9:45am</i>	16
17	18 <i>Hillcrest PTO Mtg. 7pm</i>	19 <i>Oakside Grade 2 Spring Concert 9:15am Board of Education Annual School Budget Vote, Polls Open 7am-9pm Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	20 <i>Oakside Grade 3 Spring Concert 9:15am Hillcrest Spring Concert @ PHS 7pm</i>	21 <i>PKMS Sports Physicals PKMS Spring Concert 7pm No PM LEAP</i>	22	23
Grades 4&8 Science Performance Test 5/20-29						
24	25 <i>Memorial Day Recess Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	26	27 <i>PKMS LEAP Celebration 3-6pm PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 6/5/15 Test</i>	28 <i>PHS Sports Physicals PKMS National Jr. Honor Society 7pm</i>	29	30

Promoting Wellness Throughout Our District

Our District is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects children's health, well-being and the ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Our Wellness Policy, adopted by the Board of Education on Aug. 1, 2006, is intended to enhance the learning and development of lifelong wellness practices. Following are some of its goals:

- School programs will ensure that students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 receive nutrition education that provides the knowledge they need to adopt healthy lifestyles. These concepts will be reinforced by all school personnel, and will be integrated into all subject areas.
- Nutrition education will include reinforcement of the importance of physical activity and the health risks associated with a sedentary lifestyle. The District will identify and implement specific programs for students at risk.
- The District will provide educational information and encourage healthy eating and physical activity for families, both within the home and outside the home.
- Schools will encourage parents to support their children's lifelong participation in physical activity, to be physically active role models, and to include physical activity in family events.

Students' lifelong eating habits are greatly influenced by the types of foods and beverages available in their daily environment. The Peekskill City School District establishes the following program requirements and nutrition standards to address all foods and beverages sold or served to students:

- All grain products served will be that of a whole grain variety.
- All efforts will be made to select equivalent food items that are lower in sodium and sugar content.
- All portion sizes will be provided in compliance with the USDA requirements for both school lunch items, and a la carte items.
- Fundraisers undertaken will adhere to the USDA Dietary Guidelines.

Family University Series

The Parent Resource Center offers the District's Adult Education program with courses on developing computer skills; learning English or Spanish as a second language; parenting skills; communication skills; and promoting non-violent solutions to conflict. Workshops on health are offered in conjunction with the Hudson River Healthcare Center and other agencies. To register, please call 739-0682 ext. 248.

Classes are free and open to all Peekskill residents. They are held in the evening and on Saturday mornings. Most are held at Peekskill Middle School. The Family University is grant funded.

Brochures that list the dates and times can be found at district schools, the Administration Center and the Field Library.

Breakfast and Lunch Programs

Breakfast and lunch are offered every school day in all of our school buildings. Students may choose to bring a complete lunch from home, including beverages in plastic containers or cans; glass bottles are not permitted. Students may choose to purchase milk to supplement their lunch or may purchase an entire meal from the district's food service program. Each month, menus are available to be sent home with the students, check website. The District uses school lunch debit cards.

Free and Reduced Price Breakfast/Lunch Program

The Peekskill School District participates in the federal free and reduced price lunch program. State guidelines and application forms are sent home through the schools to all children in September (also on our website). It is important that every family return this form regardless of income. In some instances, families that exceed the income limit, but have a financial hardship may be eligible for free or reduced price breakfast and lunch. If your child receives free or reduced price lunch, he or she will be treated the same as all other children and will not be identified when getting their food.

2014-2015 Breakfast and Lunch

Elementary breakfast:	\$1.10	Reduced-price lunch:	.25¢
Reduced-price breakfast:	.25¢	Secondary Lunch:	\$2.00
Secondary breakfast:	\$1.10	Student milk	
Elementary lunch:	\$1.85	(white or chocolate):	.35¢

Adult Lunch — per NYS guidelines to be established + tax (Estimated to be \$3.50)

Adult Breakfast — per NYS guidelines established + tax (Estimated to be \$2.10)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Woodside Kindergarten Field Day District PTO Mtg. Admin. Ctr. 7pm	2 PHS ELA and Geometry (Common Core) Testing SEPTO Differences Day @ Hillcrest Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm	3 Woodside 1st Grade Field Day Spring Sports Awards Night @ PHS Cafeteria 7pm	4 Oakside 2nd Grade Field Day PHS Awards Grades 9-11 8am PKMS 8th Grade Awards 6:30pm	5 Professional Learning Academy – Early Release Prek-12 (No AM PreK) PHS/PKMS 4th Quarter Progress Report Mailed Uriah Hill Pre-K Fun in the Sun Day Oakside 3rd Grade Field Day	6 PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria 7:30am
	Grades 4&8 Science Written Test 6/1 Make up days 6/2-3					
7	8 Woodside Kindergarten Field Day Rain Date	9 PKMS Grade 6&7 Awards 8:30am	10 Woodside 1st Grade Field Day Rain Date Woodside/Uriah Hill PTO Meeting 7pm	11 Hillcrest Grade 4 Field Day PKMS PTO Mtg. 7pm PHS Last Day of Regular Classes	12 PHS Final Exams Hillcrest Grade 5 Field Day PHS Prom @ Thayer Hotel, West Point 6:30pm	13
PKMS Local Exams 6/11-12 and 6/15-19						
14 Flag Day	15 PHS Final Exams Hillcrest Grade 4 Field Day Rain Date	16 Hillcrest Grade 5 Field Day Rain Date Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm	17	18 Oakside PTO Meeting 7pm	19	20
PHS NYS Regents 6/16 – 6/24						
21	22	23	24 Professional Learning Academy – Early Release Prek-12 Uriah Hill Pre-K Graduation 9:30am and 1:00pm (No PM PreK- Last day for AM) PKMS Grade 8 Dinner Dance 6pm PHS Senior Awards 7pm @ Paramount	25 Professional Learning Academy – Early Release Prek-12 Uriah Hill Pre-K Graduation 9:30am and 1:00pm (No AM PreK- Last day for PM) PKMS Graduation Rehearsal 10am and Graduation @ Paramount 6:30pm	26 4th Quarter Ends Last Day for Students (K-12) Early Dismissal	27
28 PHS Graduation @ Paramount 2:00pm	29	30				

**Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA
FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS**

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to student's education records. They are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

Parents or eligible students may ask the school district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their rights to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate education interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. (NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request).

(4) The right not to have Directory Information disclosed without prior written consent. This school district designates the following items as Directory Information, and may disclose any of these items without prior written consent, unless the school principal is notified to the contrary, in writing, by the parent/guardian or eligible student by September 30, 2014.

- name
- address, telephone listing (disclosed only to parent-teacher organizations, other organizations with an official relationship with the school district whose primary purpose is to benefit the school district and government agencies)
- participated in officially-recognized school activities or sports,
- weight and height of members of an athletic team,
- school of attendance and degrees and awards received,
- most recent/previous school attended,
- photographs for use by the district and media.

(5) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

**Family Policy Compliance
U.S. Department of Education
600 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605**

NYS Immunization Requirements for All Student Entry 2013-2014

Pre-K	K through 12
3 doses of Diphtheria	3 doses of Diphtheria
3 doses of Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP) <i>(children born on or after 1/1/2005)</i>	3 doses of Tetanus and Pertussis DTaP, DTP <i>(children born on or after 1/1/2005)</i>
Not applicable	1 dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Booster (Tdap) <i>(grades 6-11 for the 2014-2015 year)</i>
3 doses of Polio (IPV or OPV)	3 doses of Polio (IPV or OPV)
1 dose of Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	2 doses of Measles and 1 dose each of mumps and rubella
3 doses of Hepatitis B	3 doses of Hepatitis B
3 doses of Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) if less than 15 months old or 1 dose administered on or after 15 months of age.	Not applicable
4 doses of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) by 15 months of age if born on or after 1/1/2008	Not applicable
1 dose of Varicella (Chickenpox)	1 dose of Varicella (Chickenpox) for students born on or after 1/1/1998 or on or after 1/1/1994 and enrolling in grades 6 through 12 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Demonstrated serologic evidence of either measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B or varicella antibodies is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner that a child/students has had measles, mumps, or varicella diseases is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases.

Student Support Services

STUDENT RECORDS ACCESS

Parents of students under the age of 18, or students 18 years or older have the right to inspect and review the education records, including all materials in the students' folder.

HOME AND INSTRUCTION

Students who are homebound due to temporary disabilities are eligible to receive home instruction. Home instruction for elementary grade students is one hour per school day and two hours per school day for secondary students. A parent or guardian must notify the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary/Elementary Education in writing, if a student requires home instruction. An application form must be completed, and a parent or guardian must be present during the instruction.

SECTION 504 REHABILITATION ACT

Section 504 under the Federal Civil rights statute ensures that any individual with a disability cannot be discriminated against. The individual must have a documented disability. Students in the general education population may be found eligible for accommodations under Section 504 if their activities of daily living are limited by their disability. Requests can be made to the District Compliance Officer: Joyce Long, Director of Special Services, 914-737-3300 ext. 327, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY, 10566.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Instructional Support Teams are located in each school. The team consists of the School Psychologist, Guidance Counselor, Social Worker, Nurse, and Administrative and Teaching Staff representatives. The team is available for Committee on Special Education evaluations, crisis intervention, and consultation with parents.

MEDICATION

Medicine can only be given with a written physician's order, which includes the patient's name, medication name, dose, and the time to be administered. The parent must also sign a written request for the medicine to be administered in the pharmacy labeled container. This includes over the counter medication.

July 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>PKMS LEAP Summer Academy & Parent Orientation</i>	2	3 <i>PHS Report Cards Mailed</i>	4 <i>Independence Day Buildings Closed</i>
5	6 <i>PHS/PKMS Report Cards Mailed</i>	7 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 4pm</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 <i>PKMS LEAP Summer Academy Graduation 9am</i>	31	

August 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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