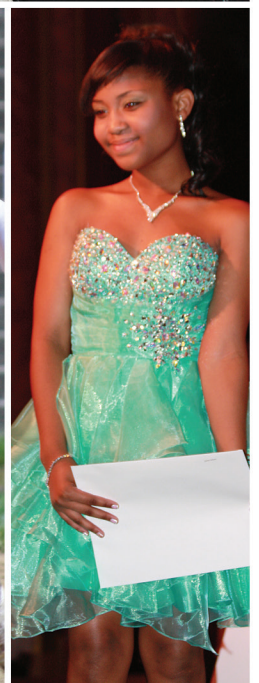


Peekskill Schools: *Progressing from a System of Schools to a School System*



Peekskill City School District Calendar
Calendario del Distrito Escolar de Peekskill

2013-2014

A Message From the Superintendent



Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Welcome everyone to the 2013-2014 school year. It is my privilege to return to the Peekskill City School District as your Interim Superintendent. In 2011, when I last served the District, I experienced first-hand the many strengths of the Peekskill schools, and I can say in confidence that our schools and students will thrive in the coming year. I am looking forward to the opportunity to once again collaborate with our Board of Education, administrators, teachers, staff, parents, community members and students as we all work together towards the common goal of building Peekskill's academic success.

Though the year has barely begun, we have already started to make changes that will aid the district in years to come. Throughout last year, we were concerned about the crowded classrooms at Woodside Elementary. To remedy this issue, we will see the re-opening of Uriah Hill as a Pre-Kindergarten building this September. I hope this accomplishment will encourage more members of the community to become involved in our Board of Education meetings, and realize that through communication and teamwork we can develop strategies that will continue to improve our school district and promote student learning.

We have also spent the summer developing a new user-friendly Website for our district and our individual schools. These six sites, along with our district's active social networks, will provide users with up-to-date information, event coverage, news, and educational resources for teachers, parents and students. We hope you will take advantage of their access.

The first day of classes will be September 9. Let us all do our best to greet the new school year with solid goals, high expectations, and eager hearts. Remember, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the district or myself at (914) 737-3300. Have a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

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

Greg Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Dr. Joseph Mosey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Maxine O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services

Janice Reid, Manager, Educational Technology/CIO

Mary Sculnick, Director, Human Resources



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Mission Statement

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 state standards
- Graduate students who respect and appreciate cultural diversity
- Prepare students to pursue adult lives as contributing citizens of our local and global community

Board Goals Coming Soon

Each year the Peekskill Board of Education's members meet to discuss their goals for the upcoming school year. This process involves assessing the District's needs and incorporating valuable input from the Superintendent of Schools. At this time, the Board Goals for the 2013-2014 year are on the cusp of completion and will be presented shortly. The Board understands that setting appropriate and realistic educational goals and policies is paramount to our District's overall success. Please know that it is the Board's intention to be proactive in their actions and that they have chosen to spend the extra time needed to fine-tune their goals rather than rush to conclude this important process. Once the 2013-2014 Board Goals have been approved, you will be able to find them on our District's website. We thank you for your understanding.

Please read through this calendar before you hang it up.





Please note that this is the last year this calendar will be mailed to your homes. In an effort to save resources and district funds, next year a paperless version of the district calendar will be posted on our website at www.peakskillcsd.org for parents to view and/or download. If at that time 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.

To read Calendar information in Spanish or any other language, go to our Web site at www.peakskillcsd.org. Click on "Languages" at the bottom left-hand corner and choose your language.

Para leer la información del calendario en Español u otra lengua, vaya a nuestro sitio Web www.peakskillcsd.org. Haga clic en "lenguas" en la parte inferior izquierdo y escoja su lengua.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	3 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day</i> <i>No School for Students</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin.Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	4 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day</i> <i>No School for Students</i>	5 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> <i>Buildings closed</i>	6 <i>PHS SAT 1 & II Registration for 10/5/13 Test</i> <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> <i>Buildings closed</i>	7 <i>V. Football - @ Gorton 1:30pm</i>
8	9 <i>First Day of School</i> <i>1st Quarter Begins</i> <i>Woodside 1st Grade Full Day</i> <i>PHS PSAT Registration Guidance Office</i> <i>Modified Sports Begin</i>	10 <i>Parents and Coaches Fall Meeting @ PHS Library 6:30pm</i>	11 <i>We Remember!</i> <i>Hillcrest 4th Grade Back to School Night 6:30pm</i> 	12 <i>Woodside 1st Full Day of Kindergarten</i> <i>V. Football - Saunders @ home 4:15pm</i> <i>Hillcrest 5th Grade Back to School Night 6:30pm</i>	13	14 <i>PHS Senior Pictures</i>
Uriah Hill Pre-K School Visits by appointment – 9/9-13; Woodside Kindergarten Half Day 9/9-11 (12:15 Dismissal)						
15	16 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Modified Schedule</i> <i>Hillcrest PTO 7pm</i>	17 <i>Constitution Day</i> <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Modified Schedule</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin.Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	18 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K All Students Begin</i> <i>PHS Back to School Night 7pm</i>	19 <i>PKMS PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	20 <i>PHS SAT 1 & 11 Late Registration for 10/5/13</i>	21 <i>PHS Senior Pictures</i> <i>V. Football - Lakeland @ home 1:30pm</i>
22	23 <i>Oakside Grade 2 Meet the Teacher Night 7pm</i>	24 <i>PKMS Picture Day</i> <i>Woodside Grade 1 Meet the Teacher Night 7pm</i> <i>Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Meeting</i>	25 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night 7pm</i> <i>Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Meeting</i>	26 <i>Oakside Grade 3 Meet the Teacher Night 7pm</i>	27	28 <i>V. Football @ Pearl River 1:30pm</i>
29	30					

Board of Education

Douglas Glickert, President
Colin Smith, Vice President

Trustees:

Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Jillian Clausen
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Joseph Urbanowicz

2013-2014 Board Of Education Meeting Dates

Regular Board of Education meetings begin at 5:30PM. 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.

August 20	December 17	April 1
September 3	January 7	April 22
September 17	January 21	May 6
October 1	February 4	May 21
October 15	February 11	June 3
November 5	March 4	June 17
November 19	March 18	July 1 at 4 PM
December 3		



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.peakskillcsd.org, or, call your child's school and ask for a copy or pick them up in the school office.

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 mail you an access code and instructions to log on to the Parent Portal. That's it!

For questions, email parentportal@peakskillcsd.org



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Woodside Picture Day LEAP Extended Day Begins Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	2 <i>National Custodial Workers Day</i>	3 <i>PHS SAT 1 & 11 Registration for 11/2/13 Test PKMS Back to School Night 6:30pm</i>	4 <i>PHS Picture Day – Grades 9-11</i>	5 <i>PHS SAT 1 & 11 Cafeteria 7:30am V. Football – Peekskill @ Riverside 3pm</i>
6	7 <i>District PTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	8 <i>Hillcrest Picture Day</i>	9 <i>Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Meeting and Summer Reading Celebration 7pm</i>	10 <i>Oakside PTO Meeting and Summer Reading Celebration 7pm</i>	11 <i>15 Minutes Early Dismissal for Emergency Evacuation (County-Wide)</i>	12 <i>Sports Carnival – Torpy Field 10am– 12pm Football Alumni Day V. Football – Panas @ home 1:30pm</i>
PFFA/Local 2343 National Fire Prevention Week – Poster Contest Grades K-6 10/7-13						
13	14 <i>Columbus Day Buildings Closed - No District Transportation</i>	15 <i>1st Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home PSAT Registration Closed Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	16 <i>Uriah Hill Back to School Night “Come Play Our Way” 6pm</i>	17 <i>PKMS PTO Meeting and Summer Reading Celebration 7pm</i>	18 <i>PHS SAT 1 & 11 Late Registration for 11/2/13 Test</i>	19 <i>PHS PSAT 8:00am Autumn Coffee with the Superintendent -Admin. Bldg. 9am Homecoming! Mod Football 9:30am Girls’ Soccer 10am Boys’ Soccer 12pm V. Football 1:30pm</i>
20	21 <i>Hillcrest Summer Reading Challenge 6 pm Hillcrest PTO 7pm</i>	22 <i>PHS Parents Club Meeting 7pm Uriah Hill Picture Day</i>	23	24 <i>Oakside Picture Day PHS Mini College Fair 8:50am SEPTO Meet and Greet Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	25 <i>Early Dismissal K-12 Staff Development Uriah Hill No Pre-K</i>	26 <i>PHS Senior Picture Retakes</i>
27	28	29	30	31 <i>PHS Winter Sports Physicals @PHS</i>		

Progressing from a System of Schools to a School System: Peekskill District Schools



Uriah Hill Jr Elementary School

Grades PreK

Sheryl Goffman, Interim Director
of Educational Services
Pemart 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 Officer:
President: Richard Sullivan



Woodside Elementary School

Grades K, 1

Staci Woodley, 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: Richard Sullivan



Oakside Elementary School

Grades 2-3

Mary Foster, 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:
To be determined.



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:
Andy Mavian - President
Vice President:
Robert Brownell
Treasurer: TBD



Peekskill Middle School

Grades 6, 7, 8

David Fine, Principal
June Campolongo, Assistant
Principal
Naima Smith-Moore, LEAP
Coordinator
212 Ringgold Street
737-4542
School Nurse's Office: 737-4542
ext.339
Guidance Office: 737-6925
Attendance Office: 737-5589

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: Vicki Turco
Secretary: Favianna Huertas



Peekskill High School

Grades 9-12

Frederick W. Hutchinson, 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.

S.E.P.T.O. is our District's special education PTO. The S.E.P.T.O. officers for 2013-2014 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.

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

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, 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 BOCES will coordinate transportation efforts, and decisions as to where to transport students will be based on 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.



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, contact the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill.

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 the Oakside Elementary School at 737-1591 ext. 253 for information regarding registration of their children in the 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

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 in the Oakside Elementary School, the Lisa Rolleri 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 Oakside School at 914 737-1591.

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

The Special Education Department is located at 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/ Inclusion 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, occupational and physical therapy. For further information, please contact: The Office of Special Education 737-3300 ext 326.

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1	2	3 <i>Uriah Hill Picture Retakes Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	4 <i>Oakside Picture Retakes SEPTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	5 <i>PHS Student Council Silent Auction 6pm</i>	6 <i>PHS Drama Production Auditorium 7:30pm</i>	7 <i>PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria 7:30am PHS Drama Production Auditorium 2:00pm and 7:30pm</i>
8	9 <i>Hillcrest PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	10 <i>Oakside PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	11 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Holiday Sing- A-Long 9:30am & 1pm Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	12 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Sing-A- Long 9:45am Hillcrest Winter Concert 7pm</i>	13 <i>Woodside Grade 1 Sing-A- Long 9:45am</i>	14 <i>SEPTO Breakfast With Santa at PKMS</i>
15	16 <i>District PTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	17 <i>Oakside 2nd Grade Sing-A- Long 1:40pm Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	18 <i>Oakside 3rd Grade Sing-A- Long 1:40pm</i> [REDACTED]	19 <i>PKMS PTO 7:00pm</i>	20 <i>2nd Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home</i>	21
22	23 <i>Holiday Recess Buildings Open - No District Transportation</i>	24 <i>Holiday Recess Buildings Closed - No District Transportation</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day Holiday Recess Buildings Closed - No District Transportation</i>	26 <i>Holiday Recess Buildings Open</i>	27 <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 1/25/14 Test Holiday Recess Buildings Open</i>	28
29	30 <i>Holiday Recess Buildings Open - No District Transportation</i>	31 <i>New Year's Day Holiday Recess Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>				

Bus Safety Rules

Bus transportation is a privilege and can be denied based upon violation of The Code of Conduct. 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.
- Cursing, 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 **NYC:** WABC,

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

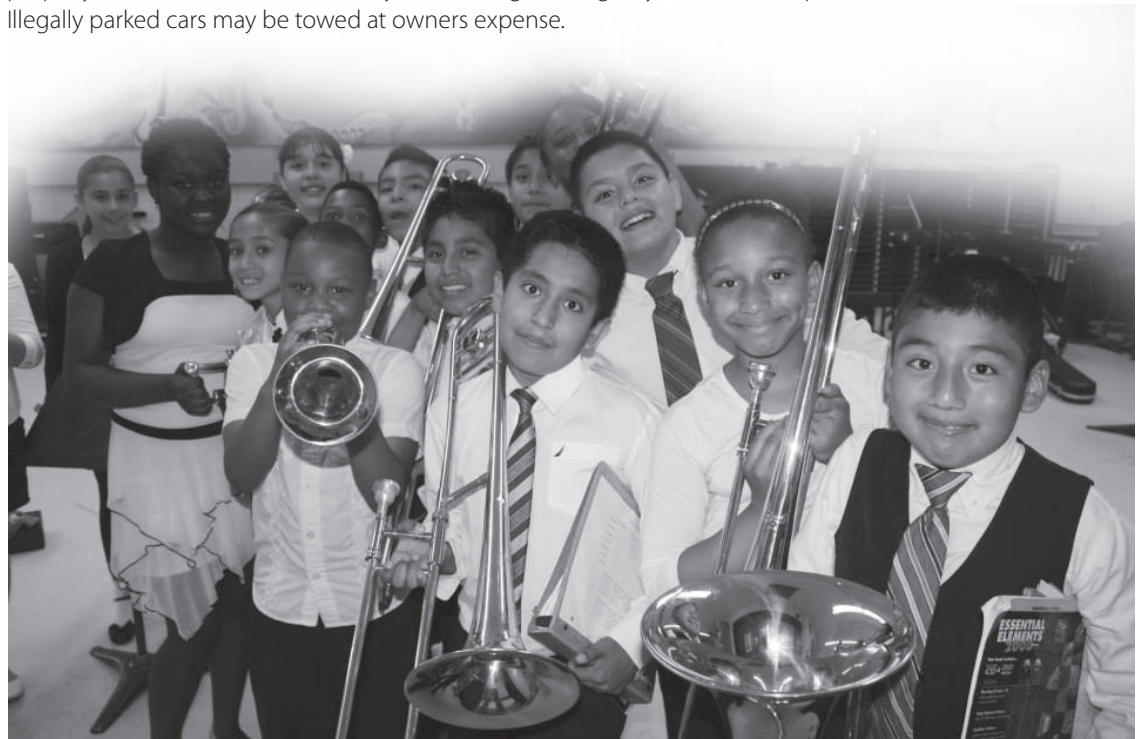
Facebook, and Twitter

Transportation

The Peekskill Board of Education has approved transportation for any Pre-K (in-district only) 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 supervisor at 737-3300 x322. 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 owners expense.



January 2014

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

2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 2	Monday	Labor Day – Buildings Closed
September 3-4	Tuesday/Wednesday	Superintendent’s Conference Day -No School for Students
September 5-6	Thursday/Friday	Rosh Hashanah - Buildings Closed
September 9	Monday	First day of School
October 14	Monday	Columbus Day - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
October 25	Friday	Early Dismissal for Curriculum Conferences K-12 (No PreK)
November 5	Tuesday	Superintendent’s Conference Day -No School for Students
November 11	Monday	Veteran’s Day –Buildings Closed; No Transportation
November 27	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Recess –Buildings Open
November 28-29	Thursday/Friday	Thanksgiving Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
December 23	Monday	Holiday Recess –Buildings Open
December 24 - 25	Tuesday/Wednesday	Holiday Recess –Buildings closed
December 26, 27, 30	Thursday, Friday, Monday	Holiday Recess –Buildings Open
December 31	Tuesday	Holiday Recess –Buildings closed
January 1	Wednesday	Holiday Recess –Buildings closed
January 20	Monday	Martin Luther King Day –Buildings Closed
January 31	Friday	Early Dismissal for Curriculum Conferences K-12 (No PreK)
February 17	Monday	Winter Recess –Buildings Closed
February 18, 21	Tuesday-Friday	Winter Recess –Buildings Open
March 21	Friday	Superintendent’s Conference Day -No School for Students
April 14-17	Monday-Thursday	Spring Recess - Buildings Open
April 18, 21	Friday/ Monday	Spring Recess –Buildings Closed
May 26	Monday	Memorial Day Recess –Buildings Closed
June 25-26	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	Early Dismissals for Curriculum Conferences K-8 (No PreK)
June 27	Friday	Last Day of School for Students - Early Dismissal

Note: If NO snow days are used, school will be closed 5/23 & 6/27. If 1 snow day is used, schools will be closed 5/23, (6/27 school is in session). If 2 snow days are used, the calendar stands as shown (5/23 & 6/27 school in session). Note: If more than 6 snow days are used, weather make-up days to be taken in the following order: 4/21, 4/14, 4/15, 4/16, 4/17

College Testing Programs — 2013-14

NYS Testing Dates At PHS SAT I & II	Registration Deadlines Without Penalty	Late Registration Penalty
October 5, 2013	September 6, 2013	September 20, 2013
November 2, 2013	October 3, 2013	October 18, 2013
December 7, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 22, 2013
January 25, 2014	December 27, 2014	January 10, 2014
March 8, 2014	February 7, 2014	February 14, 2014
May 3, 2014	April 4, 2014	April 18, 2014
June 7, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 23, 2014

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 5 – May 9, 2014
Monday – Friday, May 12 – May 16, 2014

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test Date

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Peekskill High School Cafeteria.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	National African American Read-In Month					1
2	3 <i>3rd Quarter Begins District PTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	4 <i>Report Cards Sent Home (K-12) Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	5 <i>PHS Parent Teacher Conference 6:30 – 8:30pm</i>	6 <i>PHS Financial Aid Workshop (FAFSA) 7pm – 8:45pm</i>	7 <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 3/8/14 Test</i>	8
9	10 <i>Hillcrest PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	11 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	12 <i>Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	13 <i>PKMS PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	14 <i>PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 3/8/14 Test</i>	15
16	17 <i>President's Day Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	18 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Open</i>	19 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Open</i>	20 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Open</i>	21 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Open</i>	22
23	24	25 <i>SEPTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	26 <i>PHS Parents Club Meeting, 7pm</i>	27 <i>Oakside PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	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 2013-2014 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,

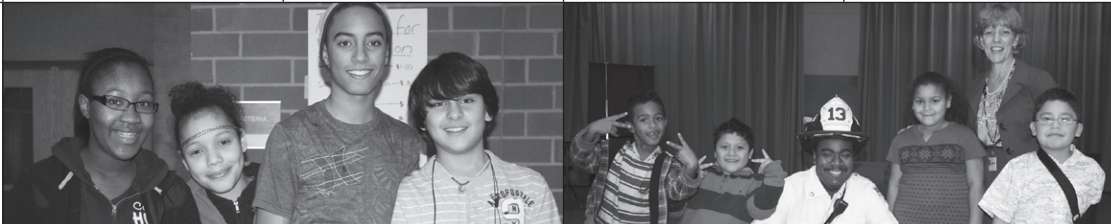
- Do homework every day and ask for help when needed
- Read at least 20 minutes a day outside of school
- Give our parents all notices and information from my school every day

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	4 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	5 <i>Winter Sports Awards Night PKMS Cafeteria 7pm</i>	6 <i>PHS Sports Physicals</i>	7 <i>Progress Reports Sent Home (K-12)</i>	8 <i>PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria 7:30 am</i>
National Foreign Language Week 3/3 -9						
9	10 <i>Spring Varsity & JV Sports Begin District PTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	11	12 <i>PHS Student Council Blood Drive 8:30am-3pm PHS National Honor/Math Honor Society Induction 7pm</i>	13 <i>Spring Parent and Coaches Meeting @ PHS Library 6:30 pm Oakside PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	14	15
Kindergarten Registration 3/11-14 call for appointment 914-737-1591 Ext. 253						
16	17 <i>Hillcrest PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	18 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	19 <i>Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	20 <i>Hillcrest Evening Book Fair 6pm PKMS PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	21 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day - no school for students</i>	22
23	24 <i>Spring Modified Sports Begin</i>	25	26	27 <i>SEPTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	28	29
30	31					

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 (Hats are to be removed upon entering the building. They may be worn in the corridors of the high school.) 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.

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

The District Coordinator for DASA is the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services, Maxine O'Connor, 914-737-3300 ext 327. Each school also has a DASA coordinator.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	2	3	4 <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 5/3/14 Test</i>	5
	NYS Grades 3-8 ELA 4/1-3, make up dates 4/4-8					
6	7 <i>District PTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	8	9 <i>Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	10 <i>Oakside PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	11 <i>3rd Quarter Ends</i>	12
NYSESLAT Speaking 4/9 - 5/16						
13	14 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	15 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	16 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	17 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	18 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Closed PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 5/3/14 Test</i>	19
20 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	21 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Closed</i>	22 <i>4th Quarter Begins Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm (PCSD & BOCES Budget Adoption)</i>	23 <i>Administrative Professional Day SEPTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	24 <i>Parent Teacher Conference PreK-8 Early Dismissal PHS Report Cards Sent Home</i>	25 <i>Parent Teacher Conference PreK-8 Early Dismissal PHS Drama Production 7:30pm</i>	26 <i>Spring Coffee with the Superintendent Admin. Ctr. 9am PHS Drama Production 2:00pm and 7:30pm</i>
Administrative Professional Week 4/21-25						
27	28 <i>Hillcrest PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	29 <i>PHS Parents Club Meeting, 7pm</i>	30			
NYS Grades 3-8 Math 4/30-5/2, make up dates 5/5-7						

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. All visitors must report to the school office or reception desk and sign in before gaining access to the buildings and must sign out before leaving. All visitors are expected to use the main entrance to the school building and no one is to open other school doors to anyone for entrance.
2. All visitors must receive a pass upon signing in. Passes will indicate date, name and destination. Please be sure your visitor's pass is visible while you are in the school. A visitor's pass is not required at Open Houses, Parent Nights, school concerts or other school-sponsored events open to the public.
3. For the safety of our students and staff, we will consider visitors who do not sign in and cannot show a visitor's pass to be trespassing. They may be asked to leave the building.
4. Visitors who want to meet with a teacher or administrator must make an appointment.
5. Teachers who are expecting a visitor should notify the office. In some cases, a staff member may escort the visitor to the meeting place. If the visitor is not expected, a staff member will notify the teacher to inquire if the teacher is available to meet with the visitor.
6. Sometimes there may be a concern between a parent and a teacher or other staff member. If a meeting is scheduled to address the concern, it will take place in the office or a conference room, not in the classroom. The parents must first report to the office and will be escorted to the meeting place. A school administrator will be present at the meeting. The office staff will be available to deliver any urgent message to the teacher
7. It is disruptive to the classroom for parents to pick up their children before the regular dismissal time. If this is necessary, the parent should call the school office in advance and pick their child up in the office or the location designated by the school. Parents may not go directly to the classroom to pick up their child. The school will not release a student to anyone other than a custodial parent without the parent's consent and proper identification. All students must be dropped off at a designated central location at each school.
8. Visitors who disrupt school activities by insisting on visiting classrooms unannounced, harassing staff, shouting, using inappropriate language or other inappropriate behavior will be asked to leave the building immediately. If such disruptive behavior continues, the school administrator may restrict the individual's visits or deny future access to the building.

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	2	3 PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria 7:30am
				NYS Grades 3-8 Math 4/30-5/2, make up dates 5/5-7		
4	5 District PTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm	6 Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm Teachers Appreciation Day	7 National School Nurse Day Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Meeting 7pm	8 Oakside PTO Meeting 7pm	9 PHS SAT I & II Registration for 6/7/14 Test	10
Advanced Placement Exams 5/5-9 and 5/12-16 / NYSESLAT (Listening/Reading/Writing) 5/5-16						
National Teachers Appreciation Week 5/5-9 / National Nurses Week 5/6-12						
11	12	13 SEPTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm	14 Uriah Hill Pre-K Spring Sing-A-Long 9:30am & 1pm PHS Spring Band/Chorus Outdoor Concert 7pm	15 Woodside Kindergarten Spring Sing-A-Long 9:45am PKMS PTO Meeting 7pm	16 4th Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home Woodside 1st Grade Spring Sing-A-Long 9:45am	17
18	19 Hillcrest PTO Meeting 7pm	20 Hillcrest Spring Concert @ PHS 7pm Board of Education Annual School Budget Vote, Polls Open 7am-9pm	21 Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm	22 Oakside Grade 2 Spring Concert 9:30a.m. PKMS Sports Physicals PKMS Spring Concert 7pm	23 Oakside Grade 3 Spring Concert 9:30a.m. PHS Chorus Concert 7pm PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 6/7/14 Test	24
Grades 4&8 Science Performance Test 5/21-30						
25	26 Memorial Day Recess Buildings Closed No District Transportation	27 PHS Science Honors Seminar Symposium 7pm	28 PKMS LEAP Celebration 3-6pm	29 PHS Sports Physicals PKMS National Jr. Honor Society 7pm	30	31

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 737-3300 ext. 327.

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. 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. 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.



2013-2014 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:	\$1.80	(white or chocolate):	.35¢

Adult Lunch — per NYS guidelines to be established + tax (Estimated to be \$3.30)

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Field Day</i> <i>District PTO Meeting Admin. Ctr. 7pm</i>	3 <i>SEPTO Differences Day @ Hillcrest</i> <i>PHS Algebra I Regents (Common Core)</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	4 <i>Woodside 1st Grade Field Day</i> <i>Spring Sports Awards Night @ PHS Cafeteria 7pm</i>	5 <i>Oakside 2nd Grade Field Day</i> <i>PHS Awards Grades 9-11 8am</i> <i>PKMS 8th Grade Awards 6:30pm</i>	6 <i>Oakside 3rd Grade Field Day</i> <i>Multi-Culture Celebration @ Hillcrest 6pm</i> <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Fun in the Sun</i>	7 <i>PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria 7:30am</i>
Grades 4&8 Science Written Test 6/2 Make up days 6/3, 4						
8	9 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Field Day Rain Date</i> <i>Hillcrest Evening Book Fair 6-8pm</i>	10 <i>PKMS Grade 6&7 Awards 8:30am</i>	11 <i>Woodside 1st Grade Field Day Rain Date</i> <i>Woodside/Uriah H. PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	12 <i>Hillcrest Grade 4 Field Day</i> <i>PKMS Modified Sports Physicals</i> <i>PKMS PTO Meeting 7pm</i> <i>PHS Last Day of Regular Classes</i>	13 <i>Flag Day</i> <i>PHS Final Exams</i> <i>Hillcrest Grade 5 Field Day</i> <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Graduation 9:30am and 1:00pm</i> <i>Last Day of Pre-K</i>	14
				PKMS Local Exams 6/12-13 and 6/16-19		
15	16 <i>PHS Final Exams</i> <i>Hillcrest Grade 4 Field Day Rain Date</i> <i>Hillcrest PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	17 <i>Hillcrest Grade 5 Field Day Rain Date</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	18 <i>PHS Senior Awards Paramount 7pm</i>	19 <i>Oakside PTO Meeting 7pm</i>	20	21
PKMS Local Exams 6/12-13 and 6/16-19				NYS Regents 6/17 - 26		
22 	23	24	25 <i>Early Dismissal K-8</i> <i>PKMS Grade 8 Dinner Dance 6pm</i>	26 <i>Early Dismissal K-8</i> <i>PKMS Graduation Rehearsal 10am and</i> <i>Graduation @ Paramount 6:30pm</i> <i>PHS Senior Prom Villa Barone 7pm</i>	27 <i>4th Quarter Ends</i> <i>Last Day of Classes</i> <i>Early Dismissal</i>	28
29 PHS Graduation 2:00pm Place TBA	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, 2012.

- 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 2013-2014 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) <i>if less than 15 months old or 1 dose administered on or after 15 months of age.</i>	Not applicable
4 doses of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) <i>by 15 months of age if born on or after 1/1/2008</i>	Not applicable
1 dose of Varicella (Chickenpox)	1 dose of Varicella (Chickenpox) <i>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 2013-2014 school year.</i>

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 Department of Pupil Personnel Services, 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: Maxine O'Connor, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, 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 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 4pm</i>	2	3 <i>PHS Report Cards Mailed</i>	4 <i>Independence Day Buildings Closed</i>	5
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August 2014

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17	18	19 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7pm</i>	20	21	22	23
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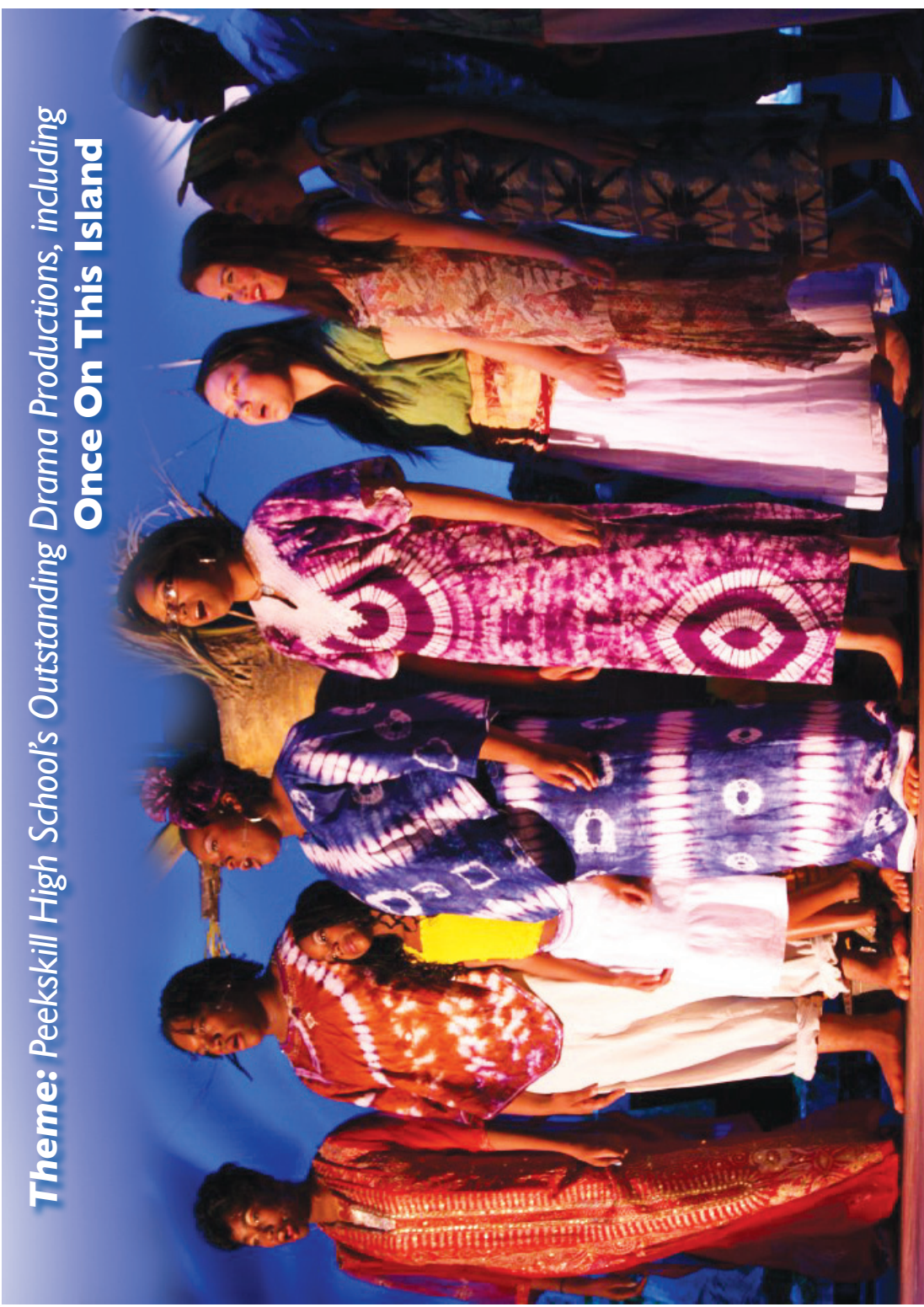
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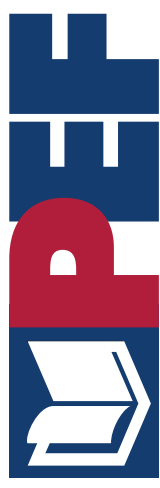
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