

Peekskill CSD PTO
Committee/Building Report Form

Submission Date: December 1, 2016

Committee/Building: Hillcrest Elementary

Items Requiring a Vote:

- At the time of this report, there aren't any items requiring a vote.

Items Requiring Discussion:

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Items for Information Only:

- We had very successful parent teacher conferences – 97% parent contact and climbing!
- PD for all staff “Meeting Students Where They Are – Providing Targeted Feedback and Differentiated Instruction
- [Hangin'@Hillcrest](#) events continue to be a draw for our families where we provide a double dose - food for the brain and body. We had 45 parents attend our mini workshop on understanding the Common Core Learning Standards while their children enjoyed a spirited game of dodgeball in the gym. After our workshop , parents went down to the gym to see their child and teachers - also the principal :-)) join in the fun. Our students had so much fun beating up on their teachers that they came in asking if we were “doing it again the next night”
- We continue to add programs to our Hillcrest Community School Initiative. We have an “Eat Smart” for students where they are fixing nutritious snacks and we hope to have our Girls Scouts group starting soon. We were the proud recipients of a \$1,500 grant from the Rotary Club and were able to re-start our very successful “leaders of Tomorrow” boys group. The focus of this group is to build self-esteem and promote leadership skills in our future men. We also received donations of supplies for activities and projects for our many enrichment groups from Walmart.
- Hillcrest will have its very first Dinner Table Conversations Potluck Dinner for our families and staff. For this quarterly event we will have a “phones free” environment and will focus on the people around us at the table and have actual conversations! How was your day? And listen... we kick this off on Friday, December 2 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- The bookfair is here! Scholastic book fair will be at Hillcrest just in time for holiday gift giving. Bookfair will be December 5 – 9. Still in need of volunteers.
- Hillcrest Holiday Concert will be held at the Peekskill Middle School on December 8th at 7:00 PM.
- [Hangin'@Hillcrest](#) Holiday Hangout on December 14th from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM will feature a Holiday Sing-A-Long for our students while parents learn about technology applications that can be used to advance and enhance academic skills for their child(ren).
- Our 4th grade chorus and band student will once again travel to the Westchester County Center to see the Westchester Ballet Company's Nutcracker presentation live on stage.
- Our Kraft Mobile Food Truck will be at Hillcrest on December 22nd from 3:30 – 5:30. It promises to be another heartwarming example of community partnership. If you are looking for a way to give back to our community, please stop by to help out!

Thank you all for the work that is being done on behalf of the treasures we share! From the Hillcrest community – we extend heartfelt wishes for a wonderful holiday season – whatever the holiday you observe.

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