

Peekskill CSD PTO
Committee/Building Report Form

Submission Date: September 21, 2016

Committee/Building: Middle School

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:

- The 2016-2017 school year has gotten off to a great start. The students are transitioning well and our staff is working diligently to prepare engaging, thought-provoking, and differentiated learning opportunities.
- Our school counselors and psychologists have redesigned our **character education program** in which we focus on six pillars. Mondays' Town Halls focus on character education and on Thursdays, that effort is continued through conversations in the classrooms during the first or second half of lunch.
- We continue our **ICT** (integrated co-teaching) work to enhance instruction for all students especially our special education students in the general education settings.
- Our professional development sessions currently are focused on creating and enhancing **content and language objectives** which aim to inform students of what they will learn and how they demonstrate that learning.
- **Data analysis and use** will continue to provide teachers with performance information and help determine instructional approaches and adjustments/differentiation.
- During grade-level meeting, conversations and professional development will focus on **Responding to Intervention** (RtI).
- September 20th's **Dads, Take Your Child to School Day** was a great success. Sixty-three dads or significant males brought their children to school. The gentlemen and students looked happy entering the building and remained for a while. Thank you, Mr. Melvin Cummings for volunteering your time and lending your assistance.
- We had a fantastic **International Day of Peace** on September 21, 2016. Students and staff wore white, yellow, or a combination of the two. We had activities during lunch and took an aerial picture of our students forming a human peace sign. Thank you, Ms. Maura Recabo (Margaret's Place) for your organization and design.
- The Peekskill Middle School is engaging in activities to celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** (September 15 to October 15).

- Our **LEAP** begins October 5, 2016. We have exciting new enrichment opportunities for our students. Thank you, Ms. Simon (LEAP Coordinator) for your energy, ideas, and organization.
- The following are upcoming events and dates:
 - **September 27th – Picture Day**
 - **September 27th – Back to School Night – 6:30PM – 8:30PM**
 - **October 6th – World Day of Bullying Prevention – Counselors are organizing that day**
 - Flamenco Vivo. This dynamic performance is scheduled for **Friday, October 7, 2016** in the PKMS auditorium.
 - **Performance One: Grades 6 and 7 (Period 2)**
 - **Performance Two: Grade 8 and DREAM (Period 3)**