

Peekskill CSD PTO
Committee/Building Report Form

Submission Date: February 1, 2017

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 teachers and students have just completed two quarters (half a school year) and things are progressing effectively. The work is more and more challenging, however, students are attending callback and receiving the much-needed support and more individualized instruction.
- Our science and social studies departments continue to redesign curricula to reflect the new New York State learning standards.
- All departments continue to embed literacy in their units, lessons, and activities.
- Weekly grade-level and department meetings focus on student performance analysis and staff's response to it.
- The Peekskill Middle School Drama Club debuted their fantastic play "Aesop, Come Back!" The students did an outstanding job both nights
- Congratulations to Harper Kelsey and Angeline Carlos-Caceres who performed in *The Journey of Henry "Box" Brown - An Ingenious Escape from Slavery*. The students embodied the characters and delivered a talented performance.
- Thank you to Carol Sneyd, Regional Safety Technician from PNWBOCES, who provided us with professional development on Fire Prevention and Safety in classrooms and throughout the building.
- A new quarter brings about new students interested in theater and the arts. Classroom teachers have added different and new components to their syllabus.
- PKMS Environmental Club will participate in Peekskill's 2017 Eaglefest at the Peekskill Riverfront Green (Saturday, February 11th from 10am – 3PM). Thank you to Josie Esposito, our new club advisory. The students are off to a great start and positively impacting our environment.
- Six of PKMS students will compete in March in the regional You Be The Chemist Challenge in Tarrytown. Thank you to Dr. Campolongo, Patrick Salvatorelli, and Eileen Alvarez for extra special support.
- We're excited about some very special performances and guests we will be hosting in the month of February:
 - February 6th – Paramount Theater School Trip Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - February 8th – Author Gordon Korman Visit – Grade 6 from 9:45 – 10:30AM and Grade 7 will be from 10:45 – 11:30AM
 - February 16th – LEAP Living Legacy Awards – 7PM
 - February 17th – African Drumming Assembly
 - Performance One: 9:16 – 10:00 a.m. (Grades 6 & 7)
 - Performance Two: 10:02 – 10:46 a.m. (Grade 8 & DREAM)
 - February 28, 2017 – Nu Psi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is hosting a Black History Month Oratorical Contest
- The following are upcoming events and dates:
 - February 3rd – PLA – real good work on ENL, Rubicon Atlas, Team Building Activity

- February 6th – SLT Meeting @7:45AM Library
- February 10th – Valentine’s Day Dance
- February 15th – General PTO Meeting – 6:30PM
- February 20 – Feb 24 – Winter Recess
- Saturday Academy – March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20
- Week of March 6th – F&P Assessment for students approaching grade level
- March 10th – BERT Meeting at 7:45AM in Library
- March 10th – PLA
- March 16th – STEAM Fair
- March 17th – Quarter Three Progress Reports
- March 20th – Men’s Night
- March 30th – Music in Our School Month – 7PM at PKMS
- NYS Testing - ELA Mar 27 – Apr 3 (CBT & Paper) & Math May 1 – 8 (CBT & Paper)
- April 2017 – Literacy Night – more details to follow