

Peekskill CSD PTO
Committee/Building Report Form

Submission Date: March 5, 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:

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

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.
- Our PKMS Environmental Club did a great job participating 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.
- On Saturday, March 11th, six of PKMS students will compete in March in the regional You Be The Chemist Challenge in Tarrytown. Many thanks to Dr. Campolongo, Patrick Salvatorelli, and Eileen Alvarez for extra special support.
- The entire PKMS thoroughly enjoyed the Paramount Theater's production of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life
- Author Gordon Korman visited our Grade 6 and 7 students – He enjoyed himself and the students learned a great deal
- Ms. Simon and the LEAP Committee organized a fantastic evening for our Living Legacy Award – Dr. Campolongo, Mrs. Naima Smith Moore, and Mrs. Frances Berry were honored
- Thank you to LEAP and Ms. Simon for bringing African Drumming to all our students – the company engaged the entire building and allowed students and staff to join them on the stage and dance
- Thank you to Ms. Bolden and Peekskill Sorority of Nu Psi Zeta (Peekskill Chapter) for the great honor they bestowed upon me on Saturday, March 4, 2017 – it was a truly spectacular event
- Saturday Academy began on Saturday, March 4th and will conclude May 20th - Thank you to Ms. Simon, Ms. Pamela Johnson, and the staff for a terrific first Saturday
- The following are upcoming events and dates:
 - March 10th – BERT Meeting at 7:45AM in Library
 - March 10th – PLA – Agenda to Follow
 - March 16th – STEAM Fair
 - March 17th – Quarter Three Progress Reports
 - March 20th – Men's Night – 6:30 – 9PM
 - NYS Testing - ELA Mar 27 – Apr 3 (CBT & Paper) & Math May 1 – 8 (CBT & Paper)
 - April 3rd – SLT Meeting @7:45AM in Library
 - April 5th - Music in Our School Month – 7PM at PKMS
 - April 7th – Quarter Three Ends

- April 10th – 14th – Spring Recess
- April 13th – Technology Meeting 7:45AM in Library
- April 14th – BERT @7:45AM in Library
- April 2017 – Literacy Night – more details to follow
- April 28th – Career Day