

# POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# **Parent Empowerment Center Catalog**

Spring 2023



## **Poughkeepsie City School District**

## **Parent Empowerment Center**

**Empowering, Educating, & Engaging  
Parents as critical partners in the  
success of PCSD Students**

The Parent Empowerment Center promotes parent partnership through education, engagement, and empowerment. Free Parent Empowerment Center courses are offered to build parents' knowledge, skills, and networks for supporting and partnering with PCSD educators and staff. To achieve this goal, a variety of high-quality services, activities, and learning sessions are offered at the Parent Empowerment Center sites as well as other convenient locations throughout the City of Poughkeepsie.

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# FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



DR. ERIC JAY ROSSER

Dear Families of the Poughkeepsie City School District,

Welcome to the Poughkeepsie City School District Parent Empowerment Center! Under the District's Community School Initiative, the Parent Empowerment Center is a resource for parents and caregivers to access supports, services, and programming designed to strengthen the collective impact of home and school on student success.

Please enjoy looking through this catalog and join us for the learning sessions that will support the goal that we share in all students attaining success in and out of school. At the Parent Empowerment Center, parents and caregivers can expect a warm atmosphere where opportunities to collaborate, access resources, supports, and free educational workshops are available. Parents will be greeted and assisted by a Parent Empowerment Center Manager who will be eager to assist with a variety of supports and services.

"We are champions of children who inspire and nurture the whole child by providing innovative, high-quality educational opportunities that prepare all students to embark on individual paths of success in a globally diverse community" is the mission of the Poughkeepsie City School District. We understand that this mission can only be achieved through greater partnership and collaboration with parents, caregivers and other vested members of our community. Come and discover the partnership we offer that holds your child as the core beneficiary.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Eric Jay Rosser  
Superintendent of Schools





# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PCSD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



NATASHA BROWN, MPA CAS

Dear PCSD Families and Allies,

As the Executive Director of the Community Schools Department, I deeply value equal opportunity and equity for all—children and adults alike—on their educational journeys here in the City of Poughkeepsie. And, as a 1995 graduate of PCSD, it is important to me to ensure that all of our students and families have the same rich, engaging experiences that I had as a student in this district.

At PCSD, we strive everyday to provide our students and their families with the tools they need to succeed and welcome everyone to our Parent Empowerment Center as a site for collaboration, conversation, and education. With Community Schools, we are fostering growth and setting our students and families up for success to achieve their dreams, keeping the City of Poughkeepsie growing and thriving.

We know that parents are their child's first teachers. But it also takes a village, or—in our case—a City. So the work we do—as parents, caregivers, and supporters—is imperative as we continuously uplift our children who are the future of this great City, a City in which we are all responsible for ensuring a strong sense of community built upon understanding and compassion. Through the Parent Empowerment Center, we aim to uplift our district caregivers as we work together to

meet the social, emotional, and educational needs of our students, both in the classroom and out in the community.

Our goal at Community Schools is to support parents and guardians in this important task, and to create an enriching and nurturing environment for our children to learn, grow, and thrive in. Community Schools is entering into its third year, and we are excited for everyone to see and experience the hard work of our expanding staff and our network of supporters.

Together, let's continue to be champions for our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natasha Brown".

Natasha Brown MPA, CAS

Executive Director of Community Schools



# ABOUT THE **PARENT EMPOWERMENT CENTER (PEC)**



Poughkeepsie City School District  
Parent Empowerment Center

**Located at Poughkeepsie Middle School  
55 College Avenue**

**Phone: (845) 451-4900 Ext. 1425  
Open from 8am-5pm**

The Parent Empowerment Center (PEC) is a safe space with a warm and welcoming atmosphere **available to all parents and family members of the school district** where opportunities to collaborate, access resources, and receive assistance are readily available. Parents and guardians are greeted by our **Parent Empowerment Center Manager and Community Schools Liaisons** who can assist with a variety of services.

While the PEC is located in Poughkeepsie Middle School, it is open to **all** school district parents and family members. A second PEC location is under construction at Charles B. Warring Elementary School and is on track to open by September 2023.

Under the Poughkeepsie City School District's Community Schools initiative, the Parent Empowerment Center provides PCSD parents and family members with resources and access to empowering workshops **free of charge** that will be offered throughout the school year. The PEC is a resource to empower, educate, and engage our parents and caregivers so that together we are positioned to address the academic, social, emotional, and wellness needs of our children.

In the PEC at PMS, there are desktop computers available for use. There is also a small conference room space where workshops are held, a waiting/leisure space, and a back room with a coffee machine. Additionally, there is a closet where a food pantry in collaboration with Dutchess Outreach is underway.

The PEC staff the Community Schools Liaisons will be hosting **workshops** for parents each month, located in the PEC at PMS. These workshops will be conducted by Community School Liaisons or members of Community-Based Organizations.



# PCSD & COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



## What are Community Schools?

Community schools provide the support and services that best fit the needs of our neighborhoods. It is a local engagement strategy that works to coordinate and create opportunities for the success of our students and families.

### The following are Poughkeepsie City School District's:

**Mission:** We are champions of children who inspire and nurture the whole child by providing innovative, high quality educational opportunities that prepare all students to embark on individual paths of success in a globally diverse community.

**Vision:** The Poughkeepsie City School District is committed to providing equitable, high-quality education for all students that enables them to explore and maximize their fullest potential.

**Goals:** Our district goals are to improve student achievement, resource management, systems and structures, organizational effectiveness and internal processes.

### PCSD & Community Schools

The Poughkeepsie City School District is proud to have designated all seven of its schools as Community Schools. Community Schools are designed to bring together school and community resources to improve student success and create stronger families and healthier communities.

In PCSD, our Community Schools integrate rigorous academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement. We are intentional in providing supports, programs, information, and resources to meet the needs of our students, parents, and community members.

Through the Community Schools initiative, we have placed a librarian, school nurse, and social worker in each of our schools. Community Schools Liaisons are placed in all of our schools as well. We currently have one Parent Empowerment Center running in PMS for all of our district families, and we will be opening a second center at Warring by the end of the 2022–2023 school year!

## What will community schools offer students and families?

### Students:

- Enriched academic supports
- Access to the latest technology
- Online learning opportunities
- Medical, dental, health and wellness supports and activities
- Extracurricular activities
- Physical activities and sports
- Mentoring
- and much more!

### Parents & Caregivers:

- Parent Empowerment Centers
- Free parent/guardian workshops
- Computer and financial literacy classes
- Job readiness supports
- Parent resources and life skills training
- Help learning English
- Health and wellness resources
- Friendships and connections
- and much more!



# HAVE A STUDENT IN POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT?

¿TIENE UN ESTUDIANTE EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE POUGHKEEPSIE CITY?



*"Together, We are  
Champions for Children"*

*"Juntos, Somos  
Campeones de la Infancia"*



Tell PCSD  
Community  
Schools  
what you  
and your  
family need  
by using  
this QR  
code!

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**Poughkeepsie City School District**  
**Parent Empowerment Center**

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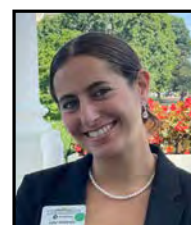


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# ABOUT OUR **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LIAISONS**

Our Community Schools Liaisons serve as a bridge between the schools and our families! Liaisons can conduct house visits, connect families with community resources, and meet with school faculty and staff as support for parents. Additionally, each Liaison hosts monthly workshops for PCSD parents and caregivers, which can be found listed below and in our workshop offerings. If you would like further assistance, please visit the Parent Empowerment Center.

**Lorraine Boughton:**

Early Learning Center

"Word Search" hosted every 1st Thursday of the month, "Crucigrama" hosted every 2nd Thursday of the month

Este taller está diseñado para padres interesados en aprender inglés como segundo idioma. Se llevará a cabo el primer jueves de cada mes de 4:00 pm a 5:30 pm en el Centro de Empoderamiento de Padres.

**Gilbert Colon:**

Morse Elementary

"Goals & Bowls"

An educational and nutritional workshop aimed at understanding "realistic" goal setting through community empowerment, & community networking.

**Melyssa Gomez:**

Clinton Elementary

"Chat Around" hosted every 2nd Wednesday of the month

Restorative Practices is a philosophy and a set of practices that seeks to strengthen relationships between individuals as well as social connections within communities. Through Restorative Practices, this group's purpose is to enhance parent practices and behaviors, be a support group, create positivity and empowerment, and to access Community Services. Hosted alongside Jessica Ortiz in Spanish!

**Jessica Ortiz**

Warring Elementary

"Chat Around" hosted every 2nd Wednesday of the month (in Spanish)





# ONLINE PCSD PARENT RESOURCES

DISTRICT  
RESOURCES FOR  
PARENTS AND  
FAMILIES

## ParentSquare

ParentSquare is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and to facilitate participation at school. It is a mass communication tool that can send emails, text messages, and phone calls to district families and staff. ParentSquare also has a "Facebook-like" web portal with many great features! Scan these QR codes to download the app:



## Curriculum and Instruction

Click on the "District Info" tab on the district website and visit the "Curriculum and Instruction" page for more information. <https://www.poughkeepsieschools.org/Page/402>

## Students with Exceptionalities

For more information about the Office of Students with Exceptionalities, including district policies regarding 504 plans/IEP, state directives, and parent resources, please visit <https://www.poughkeepsieschools.org/domain/237>



## Parent Bill of Rights

Have questions about data privacy and security, or your student's private, confidential information? PCSD has a bill of rights which can be viewed at the district website: <https://www.poughkeepsieschools.org/Page/669>



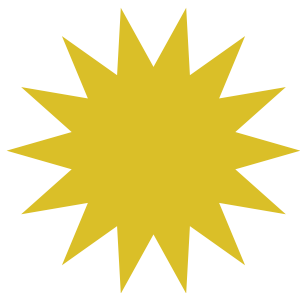
## Grade Level Expectations

If you are interested in seeing if your student is on track for their grade level, or want to learn more about what is expected of students in each grade, visit the Parent Empowerment Center for a hard copy of the district grade level expectations.

## Code of Conduct

The PCSD Code of Conduct can be found at <https://www.poughkeepsieschools.org/domain/522> or by scanning the QR code.





# COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES



## REGISTRATION FOR SATURDAY MORNING LIGHTS

Registration for Saturday Morning Lights is still rolling! SML is open to all PCSD students and their families. If you are interested in signing up your child, please scan the QR code or visit our district website for more information.



## Community Engagement Festival



Community Schools' end of the school year festival will be on May 20 from 12pm to 3pm! We will be celebrating our PCSD students and families for reaching the end of a successful school year and connecting our families with Community-Based Organizations.



## REGISTRATION FOR CAMP NOOTEEMING

Interested in having your student experience a few days out of the City and in the great outdoors? Registration for Camp Nooteeming will be available soon; sign your student up for a nature retreat full of learning and fun!



# SATURDAY MORNING LIGHTS



**Every Saturday from  
8:30am to 12:45pm  
at Poughkeepsie  
Middle School**

Saturday Morning Lights is the Poughkeepsie City School District Community School's flagship initiative that provides PCSD students in pre-K through 12th grades and their families the opportunity to engage in academic enrichment, positive youth development, and family bonding experiences.

Saturday Morning Lights offers a variety of project-based academic courses and interactive enrichment activities.

Saturday Morning Lights is part of the school and community response to the uptick of violence in the City of Poughkeepsie on weekends.

Saturday Morning Lights is held every Saturday morning at the Poughkeepsie Middle School, with the exception of holidays. SML is divided into two sessions. The first session is from October to March, and the second session is from March to June.

Enrollment is contingent upon availability and interest. **Use the QR code below to register.**

Breakfast and lunch are provided!  
Transportation is not offered.

## **Activities Include:**

"Stand Up and Write" Creative Writing course  
"Math Club" math enrichment  
Book Club  
Robotics

... and more!





# COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN ACTION



## **Bridge 2 Poughkeepsie**

This annual summer event aims at welcoming families that are new to Poughkeepsie City School District by introducing them to our community partnerships and what the district has to offer. Free school supplies are given to our new students as well.



## **Saturday Morning Lights**

Registration for Saturday Morning Lights is still rolling! Starting in October, PCSD students have the opportunity to spend their Saturday mornings at PMS for academic enrichment and fun physical activities!



## **Back to School Bash**

As the first event to kick off the school year, the Back to School Bash welcomes hundreds of families by offering community resources, free food, music, and school supplies, and opportunities to join a PTA and enroll their student in Saturday Morning Lights.





### **VSP Eyes of Hope Vision Clinic**

In collaboration with VSP Eyes of Hope, PCSD Community Schools hosted the Mobile Vision Clinic. Students were provided with free eye exams and free glasses if needed. Because of high interest from families and limited availability, we are working to have VSP return in the spring to schedule more appointments for students!



### **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive and Dutchess Outreach Coat Drive**

At the Thanksgiving Turkey Drive, PCSD families received a turkey, meal fixings, and recipes! In collaboration with Dutchess Outreach, Community Schools provided free coats, scarves, and gloves for parents and students in the district!



### **Holiday Dinner Extravaganza**

The Family Partnership Center hosted this event where, in collaboration with Saving our Tomorrow and joined by engaged parents and community members, our families shared a hot meal, received holiday presents, and connected with PCSD Community Schools staff.







### **Food Drive with Dutchess Outreach**

Dutchess Outreach donated locally harvested and produced food for distribution to PCSD families. The Community Schools department came together the last Fridays of the first three months of 2023 to package the bags, deliver them to three of our schools, and hand them over to our families!



### **Community Schools Advocacy Day**

PCSD staff and Community Partners spent the day in Albany speaking with representatives and their staff about the transformative work being done in Poughkeepsie City School District with the help of Community Schools.



### **ICARE Initiative Launch**

Community Schools launched its community engagement initiative at the Early Learning Center on Valentine's Day! Students at the ELC helped with the presentation of ICARE, and community members attended the launch, showing students of PCSD that their community supports them and will help them succeed.







WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH PCSD  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS?



¿QUIERE SER VOLUNTARIO EN LAS  
ESCUELAS COMUNITARIAS DE PCSD?



LET US KNOW!



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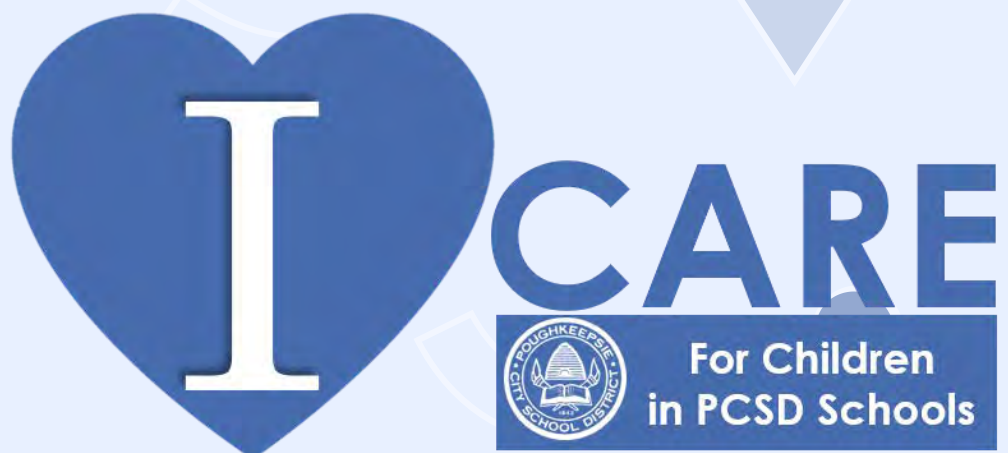


# PCSD Community Schools ICARE Initiative

The Poughkeepsie City School District ICARE initiative is a community engagement strategy built upon an infrastructure of critical partners who support the academic, social, emotional, and wellness needs of children within the Poughkeepsie City School District. As a component of the Community Schools High Level Community and Family Supports pillar, the goal of ICARE is to establish a community network comprised of community-based organizations, businesses, families, and individuals who support, elevate, and celebrate children of Poughkeepsie City schools, while at the same time reinforcing community pride and commitment to our community's most cherished asset - our children. Designed to engage community and family, there are five entry points for school and community stakeholders to become engaged:

- ☐ **Incentives & Rewards:** This ICARE community engagement strategy provides local business and organizations opportunities to reward students for their accomplishments. Incentives and rewards may be offered to students who attained success in an academic, athletic, or extracurricular activity (i.e. attendance, good grades, winning a competition, achieving a recognition or award).
- ☐ **Philanthropy:** This ICARE community engagement strategy provides organizations, businesses, and community members ways to donate goods, services, or other items that may be of benefit to student academic, social, emotional and/or wellness needs and/or their families.
- ☐ **Pride Booster:** This ICARE community engagement strategy provides organizations, businesses, community members, and parents/caregivers opportunities to be proud supporters of the Poughkeepsie City School District and its students. Pride Boosters will serve as PCSD Champions always willing to encourage, promote, and empower PCSD students.
- ☐ **Safe Passage:** This ICARE community engagement strategy provides organizations, businesses and homes with an opportunity support the safe passage of students as they transition to and from school. Being a "Safe Passage" supporter means being a watchful eye and potentially providing a safe haven for students ensuring their safety.
- ☐ **Volunteerism:** This ICARE community engagement strategy provides organizations businesses and community members opportunity to provide their time supporting district and school activities, or being a mentor to a PCSD student.

**INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING AN ICARE  
MEMBER? SCAN  
HERE TO JOIN THE  
NETWORK:**



# PARENT WORKSHOPS



## About Our Workshops:

The Parent Empowerment Center is hosting 50+ FREE parent workshops this school year. Alongside offering resources, the PEC has a small conference space where we welcome in all parents and families in our district! These workshops are a safe space to share experiences, troubleshoot challenges, learn something new, or connect with important resources.

All of our parent workshops will be hosted at the Parent Empowerment Center in Poughkeepsie Middle School.

The workshops are completely free for our parents and families! We are constantly inviting community organizations into our space, so keep an eye out for posters and event details!

Our community schools liaisons are hosting monthly workshops alongside community organizations! Join and help contribute to vibrant communities of parents that our liaisons are creating in our schools!



## SEPTEMBER

### "SNAP-Ed"

**Cornell Cooperative**

**Thursday Sept. 22 @ 5:00-6:00pm**

Cornell Cooperative Extension and SNAP-Ed New York are offering a free workshop to teach parents how they can provide nourishing food for children and save time and money.

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### "Domestic Violence 101"

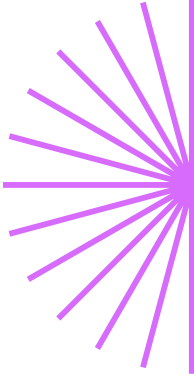
**Grace Smith House**

**Tuesday Sept. 27 @ 10:00-11:00am**

Grace Smith House and the PCSD are offering a free workshop to teach parents how to identify, recognize, and plan for signs of domestic violence and the effect it can have on a child.



# PARENT WORKSHOPS



## NOVEMBER

### "Word Search"

Lorraine Boughton, Community Schools Liaison

Thursday, Nov. 2 @ 4:00–5:30pm

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### "Chat Around"

Melyssa Gomez & Jessica Ortiz, Community Schools Liaisons

Wednesday, Nov. 12

@8:30–9:00am at Clinton

@5:00–6:00pm at PEC in PMS



## DECEMBER

### "Word Search"

Lorraine Boughton, Community Schools Liaison

Thursday, Dec. 1 @ 4:00–5:30pm

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### "Chat Around"

Melyssa Gomez & Jessica Ortiz, Community Schools Liaisons

Wednesday, Dec. 14

@8:30–9:00am at Clinton

@5:00–6:00pm at PEC in PMS



## JANUARY

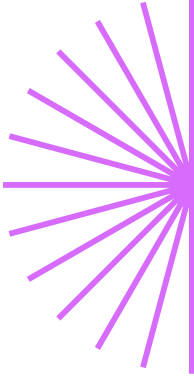
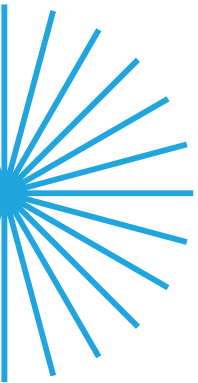
### "Word Search"

Lorraine Boughton, Community Schools Liaison

Thursday, Jan. 5 @ 4:00–5:30pm



# PARENT WORKSHOPS



## **Chat Around"**

**Melyssa Gomez & Jessica Ortiz, Community  
Schools Liaisons**

**Wednesday, Jan. 11**

**@8:30–9:00am at Clinton**

**@5:00–6:00pm at PEC in PMS**

## **MARCH**

### **"Growing Pains"**

**Planned Parenthood**

**Thursday, Mar. 2 @ 4:00–5:30pm**

Join an educator from Planned Parenthood as we host a discussion in how to talk about health and safety in an age-appropriate way with your students.

## **FEBRUARY**

### **"Word Search"**

**Lorraine Boughton, Community Schools Liaison**

**Thursday, Feb. 2 @ 4:00–5:30pm**

### **"Chat Around"**

**Melyssa Gomez & Jessica Ortiz, Community  
Schools Liaisons**

**Wednesday, Feb. 8**

**@8:30–9:00am at Clinton**

**@5:00–6:00pm at PEC in PMS**

### **"Word Search"**

**Lorraine Boughton, Community Schools Liaison**

**Thursday, Mar. 2 @ 4:00–5:30pm**

### **"Chat Around"**

**Melyssa Gomez & Jessica Ortiz, Community  
Schools Liaisons**

**Wednesday, Mar. 8**

**@8:30–9:00am at Clinton**

**@5:00–6:00pm at PEC in PMS**

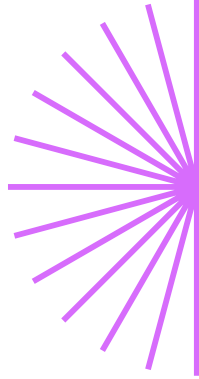
### **"Crucigrama"**

**Lorraine Boughton, Community Schools Liaison**

**Thursday, Mar. 9 @ 4:00–5:30pm**



# PARENT WORKSHOPS



## **"Bowls and Goals"**

**Gilbert Colon, Community Schools Liaison**  
**Thursday, Mar. 23 @9:00-10:00am @ PEC**  
**@5:00pm-6:00pm @ Morse**

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## **"Safety & Change"**

**FDC**  
**Wednesday . Mar. 29 @5:00-6:00pm**

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## **APRIL**

### **Chat Around"**

**Melyssa Gomez & Jessica Ortiz, Community Schools Liaisons**  
**Wednesday, Apr. 12**  
**@8:30-9:00am at Clinton**  
**@5:00-6:00pm at PEC in PMS**

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### **"Word Search"**

**Lorraine Boughton, Community Schools Liaison**  
**Thursday, Apr. 13 @ 4:00-5:30pm**

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### **"Dress for Success"**

**Thursday, Apr. 27**

The mission of Dress for Success is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

## **MAY**

### **"Word Search"**

**Lorraine Boughton, Community Schools Liaison**  
**Thursday, May 4 @ 4:00-5:30pm**

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### **"Chat Around"**

**Melyssa Gomez & Jessica Ortiz, Community Schools Liaisons**  
**Wednesday, May 10**  
**@8:30-9:00am at Clinton**  
**@5:00-6:00pm at PEC in PMS**

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### **"Crucigrama"**

**Lorraine Boughton, Community Schools Liaison**  
**Thursday, May 11 @ 4:00-5:30pm**

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### **"Know Your Rights"**

**Catholic Charities of Dutchess County**  
**Wednesday, Apr. 12 @5:00-6:00pm**

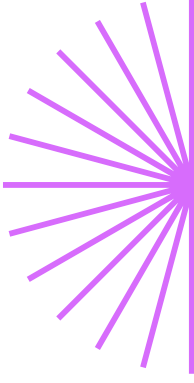
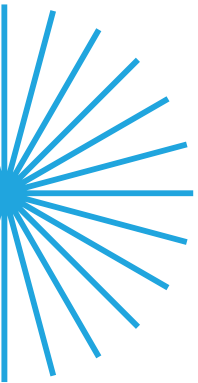
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### **"Eviction and Housing Rights Legal Services"**

**Hudson Valley Justice Center**  
**Wednesday Apr. 26 @5:00-6:00pm**



# PARENT WORKSHOPS



## JUNE

### "Word Search"

Lorraine Boughton, Community Schools Liaison  
Thursday, Jun. 1 @ 4:00-5:30pm

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### "Chat Around"

Melyssa Gomez & Jessica Ortiz, Community  
Schools Liaisons

Wednesday, Jun. 14

@8:30-9:00am at Clinton

@5:00-6:00pm at PEC in PMS

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### "Crucigrama"

Lorraine Boughton, Community Schools Liaison  
Thursday, Jun. 8 @ 4:00-5:30pm



# PERSONAL PLANNER

Use this space to write out which events, workshops, conferences, and concerts you plan on attending!

Date & Time

Event Title

Location

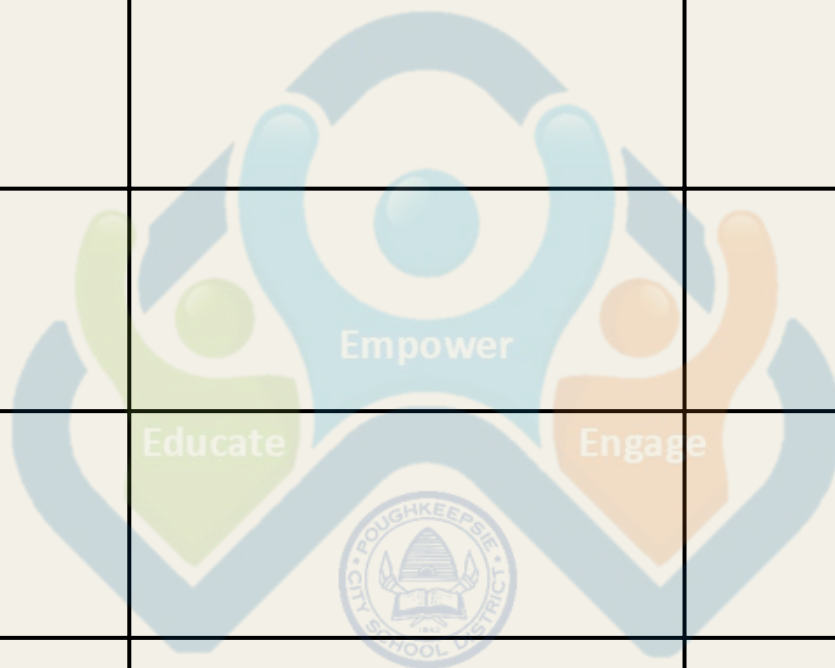

# PERSONAL PLANNER

Use this space to write out which events, workshops, conferences,  
and concerts you plan on attending!

Date & Time

Event Title

Location

Poughkeepsie City School District  
Parent Empowerment Center



# HOST A



# WORKSHOP!



**AT THE  
PARENT  
EMPOWERMENT  
CENTER (PEC) IN THE  
POUGHKEEPSIE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
55 COLLEGE AVENUE  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY**

## WHAT WE HAVE:

- a conference space that accommodates about a dozen individuals

## WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

- a date & time for a 1 hour-long workshop
- a flyer in PDF form (ENG & SPA) with Community Schools logo
- flyers (ENG & SPA) to distribute throughout our 7 schools with the CS logo on them
- a title & a brief description of your workshop

These workshops are to **educate** and **empower** the **parents & guardians** of Poughkeepsie City School District with **information** and **resources**, and to **encourage** them to **engage** with **PCSD Community Schools**.

To host a workshop, email [PEC@poughkeepsieschools.org](mailto:PEC@poughkeepsieschools.org)



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# ABOUT THE **POUGHKEEPSIE CHILDREN'S CABINET**

**Who:** The PCC is **co-chaired** by the City of Poughkeepsie **Mayor Marc Nelson** and **Dr. Eric Jay Rosser, Superintendent of Schools** of the Poughkeepsie City School District. The cabinet is composed of an **Executive Committee with leaders** from faith-based organizations, philanthropy and business, city and county government, nonprofits and community-based organizations, hospitals and health networks, elected office, and other **key stakeholders** in the City of Poughkeepsie and Dutchess County area.

**What:** The Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet (PCC) is a collective impact organization that was formed in February 2020 to develop a citywide **cradle-to-career agenda for children, youth and families in the City of Poughkeepsie.**

**Why:** The PCC was established to create and catalyze citywide systems of support that **ensure all children, youth, and families thrive across all aspects of their lives.** By bringing together an entire community of leaders and institutions across sectors, the PCC strives to **address Poughkeepsie's pervasive intergenerational challenges of poverty and educational inequities** and to reimagine how decisions that impact children, youth, and families are made.

**Where:** Visit <https://www.pkchildrenscabinet.com> for more information!



**TUESDAY, NOV. 8**  
NO SCHOOL:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONFERENCE DAY

**THURSDAY, NOV. 10**  
END OF 1ST MARKING PERIOD

**TUESDAY, NOV. 29**  
ELEMENTARY PARENT-  
TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30**  
PMS PARENT-TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

**THURSDAY, DEC. 1**  
ELC, PHS, UPK PARENT-  
TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

**TUESDAY, DEC. 13**  
PMS WINTER CONCERT

**THURSDAY, DEC. 15**  
KRIEGER WINTER CONCERT  
(K-3RD GRADE)

**MONDAY, DEC. 20**  
PHS WINTER CONCERT  
(SNOW DATE)

**THURSDAY, DEC. 22**  
CLINTON WINTER CONCERT

**FRIDAY, DEC. 23**  
HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

**TUESDAY, JAN. 3**  
SCHOOL REOPENS!

**TUESDAY, JAN 10**  
PMS WINTER CONCERT  
(SNOW DATE)

**THURSDAY, JAN. 12**  
KRIEGER WINTER CONCERT  
(4TH-5TH GRADE)



# SAVE THE DATE:

**MONDAY, JAN. 16**  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY  
NO SCHOOL

**FRIDAY, JAN. 20**  
NO SCHOOL: SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONFERENCE DAY

**FRIDAY, JAN. 27**  
END OF 2ND MARKING PERIOD

**TUESDAY, FEB. 7**  
ELEMENTARY PARENT-TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8**  
PMS PARENT-TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

**THURSDAY, FEB. 9**  
PHS, ELC, UPK PARENT-TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

**THURSDAY, FEB. 16**  
PHS STUDENT SUCCESS  
CELEBRATION

**MONDAY, FEB. 20**  
PRESIDENT'S DAY  
NO SCHOOL

**FRIDAY, MAR. 10**  
HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONFERENCE DAY

**MONDAY, MAR. 13**  
PMS & PHS POP CONCERT

**THURSDAY, MAR. 23**  
KRIEGER MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

**THURSDAY, MAR. 30**  
KRIEGER MUSICAL  
PERFORMANCE  
(SNOW DATE)

**FRIDAY, APR. 14**  
END OF 3RD MARKING PERIOD

**WEDNESDAY, APR. 26**  
CLINTON SPRING CONCERT

**FRIDAY, MAY 12**  
NO SCHOOL:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONFERENCE DAY

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**  
KRIEGER SPRING CONCERT  
(K-5TH GRADE)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24**  
PHS SPRING CONCERT

**THURSDAY, MAY 25**  
PHS JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM  
PMS SPRING CONCERT

**FRIDAY, MAY 26**  
HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

**WEDNESDAY, JUN. 7**  
PHS AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP  
CELEBRATION

**FRIDAY, JUN. 16**  
WARRING 5TH GRADE MOVING  
UP CEREMONY

**WEDNESDAY, JUN. 21**  
KRIEGER 5TH GRADE MOVING  
UP CEREMONY  
PMS MOVING UP CEREMONY  
CLINTON 5TH GRADE MOVING  
UP CEREMONY

**FRIDAY, JUN. 23**  
END OF 4TH MARKING PERIOD  
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

**WEDNESDAY, JUN. 28**  
PHS GRADUATION





# **Poughkeepsie City School District**

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## **TOGETHER, WE ARE CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN**

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Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education

#### **Louise Lynch**

Assistant Superintendent for Business

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#### **Poughkeepsie High School**

70 Forbus Street  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603  
Phone: (845) 451-4850  
School Hours:  
Arrival.....7:40 am  
Dismissal.....2:40pm  
Principal: Dr. Phee Simpson  
Assistant Principals: Robert Woods,  
Robert Parkes, Wendy Wright  
AP of School Climate and Culture:  
Barrington Atkins

#### **Charles B. Warring Elementary School**

283 Mansion Street  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
Phone: (845) 451-4751  
School Hours:  
Arrival.....8:00 am  
Dismissal.....2:35pm  
Principal: Nicole Penn  
Assistant Principal: Yolanda Wright

#### **G. W. Krieger Elementary School**

265 Hooker Avenue  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603  
Phone: (845) 451-4660  
School Hours:  
Arrival.....7:50 am  
Dismissal.....2:10 pm  
Principal: Starla Ciarelli  
Assistant Principal: Domonique  
Felicello

#### **Poughkeepsie Middle School**

55 College Avenue  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603  
Phone: (845) 451-4800  
School Hours:  
Arrival.....8:05 am  
Dismissal.....2:55pm  
Principal: ?  
Assistant Principals: Kenneth Behr,  
Juliette Coxum

#### **Clinton Elementary School**

100 Montgomery Street  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
Phone: (845) 451-4600  
School Hours:  
Arrival.....8:00 am  
Dismissal.....2:35pm  
Principal: Dr. David Scott  
Assistant Principal: Paul Weir

#### **S. F. B. Morse School**

101 Mansion Street  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
Phone: (845) 451-4690  
School Hours:  
Arrival.....8:00 am  
Dismissal.....2:35pm  
Principal: Samantha Mitchell  
Assistant Principal: David Feliciano

#### **The Early Learning Center**

##### **W.W. Smith School**

372 Church Street  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
Phone: (845) 451-4720  
School Hours:  
Pre-K School Hours:  
Arrival.....8:30 am  
Dismissal.....3:05pm  
Kindergarten School Hours:  
Arrival.....8:30 am  
Dismissal.....3:05pm  
Principal: Nadine Elting-Dargan  
Assistant Principal: Paul Weir

#### **District website:**

[www.poughkeepsieschools.org](http://www.poughkeepsieschools.org)



#### **Parent Portal:**

<https://poughkeepsieny.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/poughkeepsie.jsp>

#### **Find us on social media:**

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Instagram: @PoughkeepsieCitySchoolDistrict  
Twitter: @twpcsd

