



## Lead for America comes to Poughkeepsie

Joining other organizations in Poughkeepsie, the Poughkeepsie City School District (PCSD) has signed on as a placement site for the newly created [Lead for Poughkeepsie](#). Lead for Poughkeepsie, an affiliate of a [Lead for America](#), will be placing young professional ages 21-30 to serve in a 2-year full-time placement within social impact organization. Poughkeepsie organizations also signed on as placement sites are The Art Effect, Hudson River Housing, The Academy, and Nubian Directions II.

"Poughkeepsie City School District joining the Lead for Poughkeepsie initiative is another strategy we are employing to strengthen the bridge between community and school. While serving in the Atlanta Public Schools, I was responsible for managing a similar partnership, where AmeriCorps members amplified the districts efforts in connecting critical services and programs to families, which in many instances served as the catalyst for students finding in-school success" shared Dr. Eric Jay Rosser, superintendent of schools.



# LEAD FOR POUGHKEEPSIE

## START WHERE YOU LIVE

The Lead for Poughkeepsie Fellow will support [The Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet](#) (PCC), which serves as a local coordinating body co-chaired by the Mayor Rolison and Dr. Rosser. The Fellow will play a pivotal role in supporting both the Poughkeepsie City School District and the PCC in bringing together leaders across sectors to develop systems of opportunity in key areas such as early childhood; out-of-school enrichment and learning; college and career readiness and; health and human services. The Fellow will also support emerging priorities such as the development of innovative AmeriCorps partnerships geared to support PCSD students and families.

During the 2-year placement, the Fellow will have the opportunity to engage with partners such as the Harvard Graduate School of Education's EdRedesign Lab, The Forum for Youth Investment, The Children's Funding project and other national entities supporting placed-based child and youth development programming. Some of the key projects the Fellow will be working on include:

- Supporting Poughkeepsie City Schools, the Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet, and City of Poughkeepsie staff with strategic and operational goals and activities.
- Identifying opportunities to increase civic engagement among PCSD alumni, PCSD families, local university students, young professionals and retirees through AmeriCorps and related partnerships.
- Participating in community-wide initiatives such as the PCSD Community Schools Initiative, PCC Working Groups, and the 35 Montgomery (former YMCA) Community Campus Project.

As a member of the inaugural group of LPFK Fellows, the Fellow will join a local and national network of young leaders from across the nation and benefit from professional development programming with leading national organizations and universities. Fellows are compensated with living, healthcare and housing stipends (or in-kind housing). Young leaders interested in this wonderful opportunity to serve can apply by clicking [here](#). Applications are due by June 23, 2021.

# ELC students sing, dance with YouTube star

Thanks to the ELC PTA, Early Learning Center students had the chance to sing, dance and have fun with YouTube children's music sensation Jack Hartmann Wednesday to celebrate the end of the school year.

A social worker by trade, Hartmann got his start creating children's songs for his wife's kindergarten class and began recording them on record albums. He started posting videos to YouTube and now has more than 1 million subscribers.

His music features nursery rhymes he has modified and other original music and songs all geared to get children moving and learning.

His half-hour concert for the ELC started with his

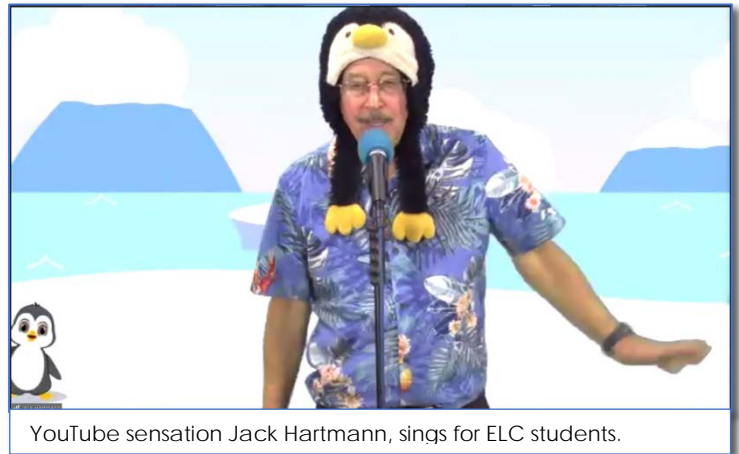
version of "If You're Happy and You Know It," and then Hartmann launched into a modified version of "Itsy Bitsy Spider," in which he asked students: "Did the spider give up when the rain came?" As students shook their heads back and forth, Hartmann answered his own question, "No, he kept trying so he didn't give up." With each song, Hartmann spoke the words, incorporated movement and then sang them, encouraging the students to get active in their movement and join him. In one song, he incorporated having the children count from one to five.

As a way to actively engage his young audience, Hartmann told students he wasn't sure if he could remember the words to Humpty Dumpty and asked students to wave to him if he got the words wrong.

"Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty played some baseball," he began, and hands began to wave. After a couple of flubs and multiple corrections from students, Hartmann sang the correct lyrics to the song with the children.

ELC PTA President Lia Harris, said teacher Sue Ammon had suggested bringing Hartmann in. "We try to do things everyone can do," Harris said, explaining that the event was set up on a Wednesday so everyone would be able to join from home. Harris said the PTA paid the fees for Hartmann's performance and hopes it will motivate students to keep learning and work on their reading throughout the summer.

Hartmann ended the show by telling the students that they were great and asked if they liked reading. He suggested that they could watch his videos over the summer and read books - which met with nods of the heads of students.



YouTube sensation Jack Hartmann, sings for ELC students.

# Clinton students give thumbs-up to ice cream day



As a year ending treat for students, Clinton Elementary School Principal Dr. David Scott surprised the school's students with ice cream last Friday under blue skies and sun. "We just wanted to do something special for the children," he said of the event. To make this event special, Dr. Scott reached out to Stewart's Shops, which donated the ice cream. Clinton staff and parent volunteers served as the scoopers, serving up smiles for all.

As with all partners who support PCSD students, PCSD graciously thanks Stewart's Shops for their continued advocacy for positive youth development of PCSD students.

Click [here](#) to read about Stewart's Shop's donation during the 19-20 academic year to improve ELC library.