



## Clinton teacher returns to first classroom



Teacher Jasmine Davidson goes over letters and how to draw them on the Smart Board in her first grade class.

Jasmine Davidson, a first grade teacher at Clinton Elementary School, is happy to be back not only in the school she attended as a student, but the very same classroom she learned her core subjects in.

Around the time Davidson switched from teaching third grade to first in 2020, her own kindergarten teacher, Karen Stauderm, retired. This left her original classroom available for Davidson to use.

"This was the room that was available, so I was like, 'That is so cool,'" Davidson said. "I never would have thought that I would be teaching in the same classroom I was in when I was five."

Davidson was first inspired to go into education by her third grade teacher Ms. Ewing who had Davidson and her classmates work with kindergarten students. Ever since she started working for the district in 2013, Davidson sees it as a way to give back.

"I had some really great teachers," she said. "They've inspired me, they've built me up."

Being from Poughkeepsie herself, Davidson understands the needs of her families and helps students when needed, but tells them the answers to assignments cannot be handed to them.

"They do not learn that way," she explained. "They have to make an effort and if they really can't do it, then I can show you and help you." Throughout her years as a student and teacher, the biggest changes Davidson has seen are new hires and curriculum such as Foundations for emerging readers.

"That is a good change for us to get the students to start reading and writing," Davidson said of Foundations. After teaching in three different classrooms at Krieger and one other in Clinton, Davidson hopes to stay in her current room for the remainder of her teaching career.

"It feels like I'm supposed to be here," Davidson said. "It feels like home."



Jasmine Davidson helps Egypt Newland with his assignment while Innocence Hurr looks on.

**Gather With Us!**  
 5-7 pm Thursday, October 6th  
 Changepoint Church  
 260 Mill St., Poughkeepsie

Come gather with us and our community partners who offer services and resources for our Latino community! The event is free, family friendly with kid-friendly activities planned and refreshments served.

We will be offering a Covid-19 Vaccine Booster Walk in clinic, 3-7 pm!

EVOLUCION Radio Online  
 (Broadcasting live)

Free parking at PPD garage next door

This event aims to showcase what is planned for the future, to help close the gap in information and resources that are available to help our Latino residents of all ages thrive. Register at Eventbrite (not mandatory): [bit.ly/SawTheDate-PUENTES](https://bit.ly/SawTheDate-PUENTES)

Questions? We have answers! If you offer resources or services to the Latino community and would like to be part, please contact: [lmolina@poughkeepsieschools.org](mailto:lmolina@poughkeepsieschools.org) or text 845-779-4537

A joint City of Poughkeepsie and Poughkeepsie City School District gathering for our Latino Community.

## Event links Latinos, resources

Members of the Latino community are invited to Gather with Us, an event designed to introduce them to Poughkeepsie City School District and City of Poughkeepsie resources and staff. It is being held Thursday, Oct. 6, from 5-7 p.m. at Changepoint Church, 260 Mill St. The free, family-friendly event will have kid-friendly activities provided by the Poughkeepsie Library, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and Esperanza Dutchess County Hispanic Organization, Inc. Refreshments will be provided and free parking is available at the adjacent garage.

The event is designed to meet Julee Molina, the new bilingual public information officer, Mayor Rob Rolison, Superintendent Dr. Eric Jay Rosser, City Administrator Marc Nelson and John Penney, director of community engagement for the city along with city and district staff. The event will also showcase what is planned for the future to help close the gap in information and resources available to help our Latino residents of all ages thrive.

Here's some of what to anticipate:

- A COVID-19 vaccine booster walk-in clinic will be on-site two hours before the event and continuing through the event.
- Demonstration of Waverly software and devices to help people converse without language barriers.
- Scholarship information for Latinos from the Community Foundations
- Resources for Latino seniors and veterans
- Resources for migrant families
- Revolucion Radio will be broadcasting live from the event.

"This is a democratization of everyone and every organization in the city. There are no speeches, no formal presentations. People are invited to come in, hang out and ask questions," Molina said, adding that nothing is being sold at the event.

"We plan to do this every year during Hispanic Heritage Month."

Optional registration via Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/EventBrite-PUENTES>. If you have any questions, please email Julee at [lmolina@poughkeepsieschools.org](mailto:lmolina@poughkeepsieschools.org) or text 845-779-4537.

## Rebranded museum looks to partner with schools

The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, formerly known as the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum, is looking to collaborate with and provide programming for Dutchess County's school districts, including Poughkeepsie.

The museum's new focus is to serve children up to the age of 12 with a heavy emphasis on hands-on Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) exhibits that help pique children's curiosity.

"A curious child is a learning child," the museum's new Executive Director Jeffrey Sasson said. "Here at the museum, we get to witness curiosity every day."

At the event to unveil the museum's new name on Sept. 22, PCSD Superintendent Dr. Eric J. Rosser, who co-chairs the Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet with City of



A tarp is dropped to reveal the rebranded Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum



**Superintendent Dr. Eric Jay Rosser and Mayor Rob Rolison spoke at the unveiling of the museum's new name and focus.**

Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison, said the museum will be a major component of a larger community approach to address local needs as Poughkeepsie's children, spend 80 percent of their time in the community and only 20 percent of their time in school throughout their K-12 experience. "We're so appreciative of the museum being able to open their doors and to extend the learning and discovery for our children," Rosser said. "Much of what we do as leaders in the community is based around the fact that we have resources, we have talent, we have the experience necessary in this region to have tremendous impact." Sasson and museum staff are looking to partner with the county's school districts to create STEM related programming specifically for them and also to help write New Generation Science

Standards (NGSS) curriculum, which Sasson described as a marriage of formal and informal hands-on education that is beneficial to young students.

"If you don't catch a child by fourth grade wanting to learn math, it won't take hold," Sasson said. "The same goes for science."

The museum is applying for grants so it can hire three STEM educators to go to the districts to implement NGSS. New programs are tentatively expected to begin in January. "We are in a perfect position to partner with the school districts," he said. "The goal is to be a resource to the districts in STEM education."

Sasson has spoken with Rosser, who approves of the museum's mission, and also some PCSD educators who want to utilize NGSS. The executive director is open to all ideas.

"The more I talk to people, the more they're interested in it," Sasson said. "By taking a collaborative approach, it will work."

## C&I Weekly: Diagnostic begins, new tech and classroom tips

It's the second full week of school and the iReady diagnostic for grades K-8 began Monday. This year, the district launched a new subdomain for student emails and new Promethean Boards (interactive displays) are being installed in classrooms. Plus, schools held open houses throughout the week and an article featuring tips for teachers about classroom management. Learn all about these things and more in [C&I Weekly for Sept. 23, 2022](#).



## Upcoming events

- **Saturday, Sept. 24:** Boys JV soccer vs. John Jay East Fishkill at John Jay, 2012 NY-52, Hopewell Junction, 9 a.m.
  - Varsity football (non-league) vs. Port Chester at PHS Football Field, 1:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Sept. 26:** Boys Varsity soccer vs. Highland, PHS, 4:15 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity soccer (non-league) vs. Pine Plains at Stissing Mountain High School, 2829 Church St., Pine Plains, 4:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 27:** Girls Varsity soccer vs. Walter Panas at Walter Panas, 300 Croton Ave., Cortlandt Manor, 4:30 p.m.
  - Girls varsity volleyball (non-league) vs. Haldane, PHS, 4:30 p.m.
  - Girls JV volleyball (non-league) vs. Haldane, PHS, 6 p.m.
- **Monday, Oct. 3-Thursday, Oct. 6:** Free vision clinic at Early Learning Center, 372 Church St., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Advance registration required <https://bit.ly/visionclinic22>
- **Wednesday, Oct. 5:** School Board Regular meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Administration Building, 18 S. Perry St.
- **Monday, Oct. 10:** Columbus Day – All schools closed