



WHY CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEF

A School District on the Move

The Peekskill City School District has seen many achievements over the last several years including the following:

- 35% increase in the percentage of students receiving Regents level diplomas.
- Scores on the rise: Math, ELA, SAT
- Peekskill High School makes Newsweek list of top 1,500 high schools in number of students taking Advanced Placement classes; PHS is seeing a 100 percent increase in students enrolled in AP courses
- 268 students enrolled in Dual Language program
- Installation of new science labs brings a new Authentic Science Research program to prepare students for Intel and other national science competitions
- New middle school with exemplary facilities for technology, science, visual, performing and kinesthetic arts.

How PEF helps the Peekskill School District

The PEF has raised and donated to the District over \$50,000 including the following teacher mini grants this past year:

CSI PROJECT AT HILLCREST SCHOOL (\$1,000) — Funds purchased Microscopes and a microscope case; a Teaching Compound Microscope; a digital camera plus memory card; a micro explorer; and a slide kit, to include Human Tissue Slides, Well slides, and microscope cover glass.

GROW LAB & GARDENING PROJECT AT WOODSIDE SCHOOL (\$991) —Funds were used to teach third grade students science and math skills by studying plant growth and vermi-composting. Purchased were: a Grow Lab Hi-Power Tower; a Worm Lab Package; a deluxe seed starting kit; books/manuals and children's gardening journals.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD HERITAGE PROJECT AT OAKSIDE SCHOOL (\$800) — Funds were used to conduct school-wide surveys to determine the heritage of students at Oakside, along with in-depth research on each of the represented countries. Funds were also used for books about the identified countries and world maps and flags.

ZOO ANIMAL CREATION & ART EXHIBIT PROJECT AT URIAH HILL (\$800) — Funds purchased art supplies and hired a local artist to create a "hands-on" interactive zoo.

I'M AN EXPERT PROJECT AT OAKSIDE SCHOOL (\$600) — Awarded to increase the reading fluency and skills of 2nd Grade English Language learners by having the students become "experts" by reading books on a particular topic. Funds were used for the purchase of books and journals.

In addition, the PEF and Wheelabrator Westchester LP contributed \$30,000 for new PHS science classroom laptop computers, computer carts with wireless capabilities, special cameras and scientific probes.