



# Port Chester Ram-Gram



## A Message from the Superintendent

**Dr. Aurelia Henriquez**

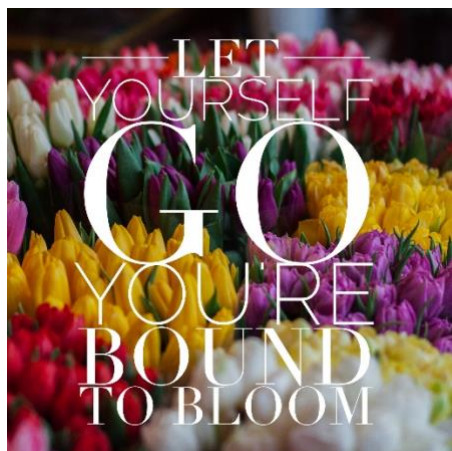
**Port Chester Schools**

October has come and gone and now November is almost done too. However, there are so many opportunities ahead in this school year!!

I am so very pleased to welcome all of our students and teachers back at JFK! After repairing and rebuilding from the horrific impact of Hurricane Ida, our students and staff were able to return on October 29, 2021 for in person learning and we are so glad to have us all back together! Thank you and congratulations to the entire team for making it such a joyous welcome week. The staff and students enjoyed a special celebration which included a Halloween Parade. Thank you to Board Trustee Sharon Burke for joining us!



## PORT CHESTER STUDENTS ARE BOUND TO BLOOM!



I had the pleasure of visiting King Street to watch our students, parents and staff plant tulips in front of their school. It was a beautiful day, and every student had the opportunity to feel the cold soil in their hands and plant something beautiful to be admired in the spring. So many wonderful lessons are learned from gardening: researching what the plants need, how to plan so the garden will look its best and patience as you wait for the blooms to come! Many thanks to the King Street parents and staff for this memorable experience!



## Elected officials get a close look at PCHS improvements

Port Chester Village Mayor Luis A. Marino and state Senator Shelley Mayer were amongst several dignitaries who toured the new additions to Port Chester High School recently! Assemblyman Steven Otis, a former student, and members of the local chapter of the NAACP were on hand. Thank you to Board of Education President Chrissie Onofrio and High School Principal Luke Sotherden for leading the tour!





# Congratulations to the Port Chester Marching Band on an amazing season!

The Port Chester High School Marching Band returned from their COVID-19 hiatus better than ever! We are so proud of the work they have done and the amount of effort they put in to learning a new program and performing it with perfection! We are so proud of you!



## 2021 Competition Season:

- 2021 US Bands National Championship Competition: First Place, Awards for Best Music, Best Visual, Best Percussion, Best Guard and Best Overall
- USBands New York State Championship 1st Place Awards Best Music / Visual / Guard / Percussion / Over All
- 2021 Yamaha Cup: First Place Awards Best Music / Visual / Guard / Over All
- Trumbull HS USBands Competition 1st Place Awards Best Music/Visual/Over All
- Danbury HS USBands Competition 1st Place

## Our students A.S.P.I.R.E. to greatness!



**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
3:00 - 5:30 PM

AN EXCITING  
AFTERSCHOOL  
EXPERIENCE  
OPERATED BY  
THE CARVER  
CENTER



**ASPIRES  
AFTERSCHOOL  
PROGRAM**

For Port Chester Middle School  
6th Graders

- Homework Support
- Academic Enrichment
- Sports & Recreation (Flag football, basketball & soccer)
- Daily nutritious snack

\*If necessary, students will be chosen by a lottery system.  
\*Applications must be completed via Google Forms and will open on Monday, November 1st at 9 am and close on Wednesday, November 3rd at 6 pm.  
\*Full registration packet will be distributed after student selection and must be completed prior to program start date.

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In October, Port Chester Schools and our community partners launched a robust after school program at ALL elementary schools! Close to 700 students registered for homework assistance and a variety of experiences that range from dance classes to art! This month, we extended these opportunities to our Middle School students. They will have homework support, enrichment and sports activities.



## Student success recognized and celebrated



I'm always excited to listen to our students and to learn from them. The High School Honor Society celebration and student presentation by Grethel Vargas and Jason Gonzalez at the October Board Meeting allowed



students to shine! We continue to learn and grow as teachers and leaders by allowing them to teach us at times!

## Lunch Tour Continues

My Superintendent's Brown Bag Lunch Tour Dates are forums to discuss and learn about the many important topics that are going on in our district.

My visits began at Port Chester High School, where I had the incredible opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with our dedicated and professional Guidance Team! I look forward to working with them to offer parent workshops throughout the district. We spoke about the importance of consistency across our schools and future parent workshop topics (financial literacy, student loans, etc.). I loved learning from them and welcome future collaborative discussions! Can't wait to visit more schools!

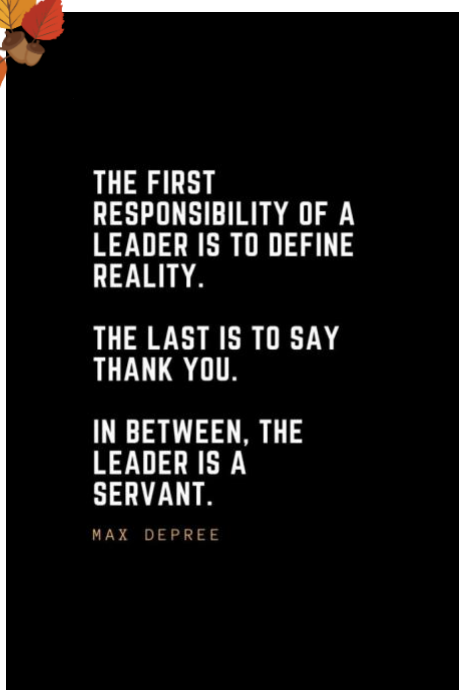


## Partnerships offer great opportunities!



Thank you to the Port Chester Recreation Department for your continued partnership with our schools. This fall, the department offered volleyball, karate and basketball to our students. We were happy to share the information with our families so students could take advantage of these wonderful active experiences.

The more opportunities that we can present to our students, the more well- rounded people they become! A huge thanks to Port Chester Recreation for their partnership!



Dear Port Chester School District Family,  
Somehow we are close to the end of November and Thanksgiving is once again upon us. As I reflect on my time in Port Chester, there is so much for us to be thankful for this year. I'd like to share a few of my thankful reflections with you:

We are so thankful for our students to have an opportunity to learn in person again, after being separated for far too long. They are our daily reminder of why we are here and what is most important.

We are thankful for parents and members of the community who have confidence in us and continue to allow us to educate and care for our future leaders.

We are thankful for our teachers, leaders, and all staff who continuously go over and beyond to make a difference in the lives of our students.

We are thankful for our many advocates and partners who work closely with us to bolster educational opportunities, provide a safe learning environment and a place of belonging for all students.

We are thankful for a Board of Education who has worked to set goals and create a clear vision for our district.

Finally, I am thankful for all that you do for the Port Chester School District! Our students benefit from your tireless efforts and there is no greater joy than knowing that **you are making a difference!**

Great things are happening in our schools and I for one am so very grateful! I wish our Port Chester Ramily a happy, healthy, and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday with your families and loved ones!



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