

PEEBLES ELEMENTARY -- BUILDING PROGRESS TOWARD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT/C.I.P./S.I.T. PLANS –APRIL 2006

- Our school's EETT (Enhancing Education Through Technology) Continuation Grant which we have had for the past 2 years has ended. This grant provided High Quality Professional Development for teachers and ongoing training in technology. The final submission of our portfolio to the State Department has been turned in. Our continued professional development plan will be completed in May, so that resources we received from the grant (computer lab, projectors, ELMO's, other equipment, and Destination Reading and Math software) will continue to be utilized effectively and efficiently.
- General Electric has been sponsoring a robotics class with Mrs. Jessica Wilkinson's 6th grade Science classes in order to meet the state academic indicators in this area. GE purchased many dollars worth of equipment to be able to provide this fine program which has allowed students to see how a mechanical arm, 2 robot pets, a sweeper and vacuum operate. In addition, GE is sponsoring a Robot Fair where the students will design and engineer a robot of their own. The top student in each class will get their own robot pet. In addition, the top 5 students in each class will go to the GE test lab in Peebles for a tour of the control room, and to be able to see a jet engine being tested. Many thanks to the folks at GE who provide this wonderful program!
- Mrs. Henley is in the process of renewing our Literacy Improvement Grant (which is offered through OhioReads) for grades 4-6. Volunteers are currently working with twenty-two 4th through 6th graders to improve their reading performance. The Ohio Reads banquet recognizing these volunteers is scheduled for May 11th at Mary's Kitchen, located next to Miller's Bakery. The students will be recognized and rewarded with a popcorn party on May 24th.
- Junior Achievement classes at 5th grade are underway or completed in some cases. A big thanks goes to those business volunteers who donate their time and effort in teaching these classes. They are: Roy Willman, Cedar-Works; Frankie Stephens, First State Bank; Charles Wallingford, ACE Hardware; and Lisa Walls, Merchants National Bank.
- Staff completed the Scanner training at Peebles High School on April 19th. This training will allow teachers to have their student's Short Cycle tests graded (along with teacher developed tests if they choose). This will save much management time in gathering data.
- Teachers attended a Waiver Day on April 18th. Don Washburn presented information on "Partnering for Student Achievement." When our staff met in the afternoon, we spent a majority of the time doing grade level item analysis looking at the subgroups at each grade level and targeting those areas for the future.
- Mr. Brock Caldwell is helping to plan for the school's annual Field Day, which will be held in May.
- The Mobile Dentists were here this month, doing cleanings, dental health awareness, and providing our students with supplies/toothbrushes.
- Two hundred and twelve students at PES were recognized and awarded as part of our 98% club in attendance.
- Mr. Bennington and Mrs. Pryor attended the Kids Who Care breakfast sponsored by Children Services. The following students were nominated for their initiative in helping with special needs students in our building: Josey Scott, Katy Hillger, Shanien Swango, Shawnee Johnson, Jordan Penn, Kayla Richards and Amber Looney. Congratulations go to these fine youngsters!

- Megan Thomas, Ainsley Camp, and Mariah Phipps will all be recognized as Honors Readers during the April School Board meeting. The Honor's Reader award is a part of the Accelerated Reader Program. In order to become an Honor's Reader, a student must certify in 7 previous levels that include books that in some cases are written on a 10th grade and above reading level, then read from a teacher selected list of classic books, and finally, total 100 points on those books.

Note: Additional information regarding PES can be accessed by going to our school web page at: www.ohiovalley.k12.oh.us/pes and clicking on the monthly report icon.