

# Peebles Elementary School

## **BUILDING PROGRESS TOWARD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2007**

- The OISM/School Improvement team has now finalized the School Improvement Plan , which is also available on our website. In following through with our action plans, the team has gathered and graphed into cones-- initial SWIS data for the school and all teachers in looking at behavior. We have also completed our mid year Aims Web testing and graphed that as a school and for each teacher. In addition, Linda Scott finished her training with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, and met with Mr. Bennington and Mr. Walls to do a final summary report on her work in reading at PES. The emphasis of the final report focused on school environment, utilization of personnel, progress monitoring, the School Improvement team, Reading instruction (comprehension, vocabulary, fluency) and writing instruction. On the behavior side, the initial training for the Time to Teach Program was held on March 20<sup>th</sup> after school. Twenty-five staff members attended this training, which will conclude next Tuesday. This is the instructional classroom management piece that OISM supports. More information will be shared in the next report.
- Parent / Teacher conferences will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 PM, with grade cards scheduled to go home with students on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We had close to full participation at each grade level for the short-cycle assessment meetings planned on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is to adjust and make any necessary changes to this planning piece.
- We will also be celebrating the students who made the 98% club in attendance by providing each of them with a Wendy's certificate for attendance, and a drawing for prizes provided in April. In addition, each grade level continues to compete weekly to earn their grade's best attendance. The class at each grade level with the best attendance will proudly display a banner which identifies them as the class with the best attendance for the week. As an additional incentive to help boost attendance, we will be giving the primary and intermediate classes with the best attendance for the week—a free ice cream. This will also start in April.
- Forty-one students from PES (grades 4-6) have been notified that they will receive the President's Award for Educational Excellence at the May Board meeting of the Adams County / Ohio Valley Schools.
- The following teachers completed OMAP training this year, which included 7 full days of training: Jennifer Griffis, Connie Mercer, Jason Jandes, Lynn Bengtson, Vallery Ryan, and Eleen Smalley.
- Mrs. Janice Day is conducting professional development concerning differentiated instruction. This will continue through March.
- Mary Baumgartner and Aimee Wilson continue providing Math tutoring to targeted students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Study Island now allows us to look at each Math strand by individual students, and plan for instruction based on the areas the student is weak in. It also shows the exact question the student misses, in order to individualize instruction and targeted needs for each student. Mrs. Day will be sharing more information with staff this month.

*Note: Additional information regarding PES principals reports since December 2000 can be accessed by going to our school web page at: [www.ohiovalley.k12.oh.us/pes](http://www.ohiovalley.k12.oh.us/pes) and clicking on the monthly report icon.*