

**PEEBLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPALS MONTHLY REPORT  
DECEMBER 2001**

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Attendance for the month at Peebles Elementary was 93.80%. So far, our attendance for the year stands at 94.37%. The state requires an attendance average of 93% to get a point on the state report card. Attendance for the year at this time last year was 95.01% so we are slightly behind last year's numbers.
- Received and distributed to 5th grade teachers-- 40 new Texas Instruments Calculators to replace old, damaged ones in building.
- Replacing ceiling tiles in main hallways and rooms so that all match, and ones where leaks appeared are replaced.
- The State Fire Marshall presented an in-class program to all K-6th grade classes to help children understand the risks of fires, and preventative steps to take to avoid them from starting.
- Mrs. Bengtson completed another IVDL technology training for our staff members that missed the first training.
- Bus Discipline has had a dramatic increase for the better! Last year during November/December, there were 42 write-ups and 11 bus suspensions. This year during November/December we have had only 16 write-ups and 5 bus suspensions!
- The Staff of P.E.S. sang Christmas Carols to the students on the morning of December 19th, the day before Christmas Break.
- Each room in the building had emergency tornado and fire plans updated and posted. Written plans already existed, but now there is a building diagram that highlights where each room is to go during such emergencies.

**STUDENT AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- The staff at Peebles Elementary received great news on December 12th. The Daily Math program which we are implementing in grades 3 through 6 will be presented at the Ohio Department of Education's Regional forum on January 16th, 2002. The forum is called "**A SHOWCASE OF OHIO'S BEST PRACTICES**". Jim Walls, our assistant principal, developed the program while teaching 6th grade at North Adams Elementary. The program is embedded in the philosophy that to become good at anything, you need focused, specific, **daily** practice. The program takes state proficiency outcomes and aligns them in a timeline to be covered before the March Proficiency test. By March, the students not only have covered all the outcomes on the test, but they have also had daily chances to practice those outcomes, and multiple chances to be assessed and assess themselves. They know exactly what they have to do to pass the test. The teacher knows exactly who to target to get them to pass the test. This program was presented during last year's Project Discovery at Shawnee State University by Mr. Walls and Loy Coomer, 6th grade teacher. It was shared with other districts who have used it and found success with it as well. The Ohio Department of Education Forum in January will feature Mr. Walls and Sandra Smalley, 6th grade teacher. Congratulations go to the students and teachers who are the nuts and bolts of making this program a success!!
- Congratulations also to Sheila Brewer, our medical aide at P.E.S. Sheila recently passed the American Medical Technologists Certification Examination. AMT sets high standards of performance for health professionals to be certified, and we congratulate Mrs. Brewer on this outstanding accomplishment!
- Congratulations to the 4th grade teachers and students for their outstanding presentation of our Words for the Week for December!!!!

- The following students have received Accelerated Reader INDEPENDENT READER CERTIFICATION during the month of December: Hannah Ingram, Samantha Wolford, Tiffany Miller, Amber Black, Nathan Chaney, Ray Van Hoose, Josh Dailey, Brandon Clark, Zack Setty, Kimberlee Skinner, Daniel Bryant, Jeremiah Wolford, Trevor Williams, Kyle Tolle, Dylan Baker, Shonacy Bick, Brandy Delaney, Kelly Evans, Cheyenne Free, Emily Free, Tyler Hawes, Bronwyn Jones, Sarah Muncy, Catalina Olmeda, Joseph Rickett, Benjamin Shaffer, Gabrielle Smalley, Paige Staggs, Kris Stein, Anthony Caudill, Karrington Kreml, Christina Johnson, Carrie Johnson, Eileen Scrivner, Nathan Davis, and Chesten Countryman!
- The following students have received SUPER READER CERTIFICATION during the month of December: Caylah Baldwin, Jacob Henderson, Kayla McCullen, Travis Ward, Jarrod Chandler, Josh Monroe, Kimberlee Skinner, Ariel Knoechelman, Michael Johnson, Trevor Williams, Catalina Olmeda, Craig McGlothlin, Travis Crothers, Jimmy Howland, Justin Mason, Cindy Barth, L.A. Muncy, and Nathan Davis!
- The following student has received ADVANCED READER CERTIFICATION during the month of December: Ariel Knoechelman, Hannah Scott, Linda Whitley, L.A. Muncy, and Chelsea Rudd!

### **BUILDING PROGRESS TOWARD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT/C.I.P./S.I.T. PLANS**

- The Language team discussed the Accelerated Reader Program. It is documented that if students read for points only, then their reading comprehension growth is stunted. Therefore, reading certification levels are the vehicle through which reading growth is achieved. The team pointed out that while the teacher is responsible for reader certification, the student should be self-assessing their level, know where they are, and what they are required to do to attain the next level. Mr. Walls stated that was the purpose of the handouts on certification levels...so that teachers could post the levels in their room so students could see what is required. This led to the discussion of K-2 teachers using the program and having their students get rewarded in the same way as grade 3-6 students. While it is not mandatory to use the AR program at K-2, it is available if teachers want to use it for their students to receive school point club or reader certification prizes. Mr. Walls will run off the information that all 3rd –6th grade teachers got, and put it in teacher mailboxes if they want to use it.
- The Parent Involvement Team reported that the action plan for the year was in place and distributed to staff. The team is working on a Family Field Trip Booklet for parents. The team decided that the correlation between the trips and the Ohio Model be deleted. Members have been researching and compiling data about the locations to be included in the booklet, as well as working on a Purpose Statement.
- The Math Team discussed 5th grade Daily Math sheets. Mrs. Adams surveyed the staff to see who is interested in AIMS training for this year, and what levels they are at. The team discussed the Accelerated Math Program. After much discussion, we will pilot the program in a couple of classrooms.
- The Learning Environment Team will be surveying students and staff in January to update our needs and progress from last years survey. They also would like to reward 4th and 6th grade students who pass all 5 parts of the Proficiency Test. The team also mentioned that the building alarms and announcements are very confusing to everyone. Mr. Bennington is working on a plan to make this easier. Until this is accomplished, Mr. Walls or Mr. Bennington will announce what drill is being done (i.e. Fire Drill, Tornado Drill, Lockdown, etc.).
- The Science Team went over jobs and plans for the 5th and 6th grade Science Fair. The date of the Science Fair at our building is February 7th. It will be open to the public from 1:00-4:00 PM so if you would like to have your classes walk through, use the times above. Science Fair

Timeline packets have been distributed to all 5th and 6th grade participants. It was also mentioned that the Project Discovery consumable supply order at Wal Mart will end in December. Mr. Walls will send a memo to all classroom teachers requesting that they place orders before the deadline.

### **PTO UPDATE**

Our PTO Organization completed the following:

- Santa's Shop for children to purchase items for Christmas was held the Week of December 3rd-7th.
- Breakfast with Santa was held in the Gym on Saturday, December 15th. A BIG thank you goes to 2 of our cooks (Ada Countryman and Ruth Newman), who helped prepare the breakfast that morning.
- The Christmas Village Shop was also held on December 15th. Businesses , craft shops, and a sweet shop will be participating. There were door prizes. For every \$10.00 spent, one ticket was given to be entered in the Door prize drawing.
- Provided a community Christmas tree that children could enjoy, which was placed in the showcase near the gym entrance. Art teacher, Mrs. Vicky Vollet, had students help decorate.
- Two (2) Large Christmas Stockings were raffled off during the 19th, when the staff sang Christmas Carols to the children.
- The next PTO Meeting will be held on January 22, 2002 at 3:30 PM in the library.

### **JANUARY ACTIVITIES**

- 1- NO SCHOOL – NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 2- FIRST DAY BACK FROM CHRISTMAS VACATION
- 7- REA AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING STARTS  
PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TEAM MEETINGS (3:20-4:20PM)
- 8- BUSINESS & EDUCATION FORUM MEETING AT PHS (8:30-9:45 AM)
- 14- SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM MEETING (3:30-4:30PM)
- 15- LITERACY TRAINING AT PES (4:00-5:15PM)
- 16- OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S REGIONAL WORKSHOP OF  
OHIO'S BEST PRACTICES-DAILY MATH-CHILLICOTHE
- 18- NO SCHOOL – SEMESTER BREAK
- 21- NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
- 22- PTO MEETING (3:30PM IN THE LIBRARY)
- 24- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (4:00-7:30PM)  
GRADE CARDS DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS ATTENDING
- 25- WORD OF THE WEEK ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION BY 3RD GRADE  
(2:00PM IN GYM)  
PSI CLASSES FOR 6TH GRADE BEGIN
- 29- LITERACY TRAINING AT WEST UNION ELEM. (4:00-5:15PM)