

**PEEBLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPALS MONTHLY REPORT
DECEMBER 2002-JANUARY 2003**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / ACTIVITIES / IMPROVEMENTS

- So far, our attendance for the year stands at 94.74%. 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 94.16% so we are slightly ahead of last year's numbers.
- Received and distributed to 5th and 6th grade students—120 new Texas Instrument T-1 Calculators.
- Distributed and shared information and instructional notebooks from Northeast Ohio's Proficiency Project to all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers. The project outlines *all* past questions from the 4th and 6th grade Ohio Proficiency Test in Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Citizenship.
- President of the State Senate, Doug White, presented a government lecture to our 4th grade students.
- Author Rick Sowash presented his Heroes of Ohio book information and Bicentennial activities to the students and staff of PES.
- Repaired furnaces in the boiler room which had gone out and were not distributing heat throughout the building properly.
- Welcomed Paula McIntosh from Shawnee State University to our school. Paula is completing her methods class and will be in Mrs. Dee Ann Davis' 2nd grade room 3 days a week for the next 7 weeks. We are very pleased to have her here, and hope she considers making PES home when college is finished!!
- Students at PES raised over \$1600.00 for the American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart Program held by Mr. Brock Caldwell, our PE teacher!!

STUDENT AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Congratulations to our school's Spelling Bee Winners!! The Top 3 finishers will represent our school in the County Spelling Bee to be held at West Union High School at 7:30PM on Feb. 18th. Our top 3 spellers were: 1st Place- Andrew Waters, 4th grade, son of Ricky and Monica Waters; 2nd Place – Amanda Schumaker, 5th grade, daughter of Julie Stephenson; 3rd Place – Tarina Quraishi, 5th grade, daughter of Sabir and Anjum Quraishi.
- The following students have received Accelerated Reader **INDEPENDENT READER CERTIFICATION** during the months of December and January: Brandon Johnson, Austin Setty, Molly Arey, Anthony Seaman, Mariah Lloyd, Mathew Crothers, Josh Williams, Jeffrey Edwards, Vanessa Everhart, Brett Roosa, Anthony Stephenson, Anastasia Benner, Adam Cockrell, Alisha Rains, Rebecca Morgan, Katelyn Thompson, and Amber Caplinger.
- The following students have received **SUPER READER CERTIFICATION** during the months of December and January: Cole Demint, Chris Luna, Amber Looney, Wyatt Shiveley, Elizabeth Case, Jessie Lane, Tyler Luna, Steven Taylor, Katelyn Thompson, and Eric Shoemaker.
- The following students have received **ADVANCED READER CERTIFICATION** during the months of December and January: Haley Greene, Chelsea Rumfield, Travis Laxton, Marissa Phipps, Tony Rhoden, Katelyn Thompson, and Eric Shoemaker!!
- The following students have received **STAR READER CERTIFICATION** during the months of December and January: Benjamin Shaffer, Katelyn Thompson, and Karrington Kreml.

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

- This month the Process Improvement Teams and the School Improvement Teams focused on what was being done to address our low reading scores at 4th grade, as reported in the fall proficiency testing, and what progress each team is making toward completion of the years action plans. Regarding the low reading scores, the following was done: Aides were reassigned to help targeted students with their reading skills. In addition, 4th grade teachers gave input and were given OPT for Success workbooks in all subject areas, as well as distributed and shared information and instructional notebooks from Northeast Ohio's Proficiency Project to all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers. The project outlines *all* past questions from the 4th and 6th grade Ohio Proficiency Test in Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Citizenship. Each teacher has a notebook compiled of student questions, the year the question was tested, and a teacher Answer guide.
- In addition to the above, the Language team discussed action plans have been completed. We will pilot the field test of the State Diagnostic Test in March; Rick Sowash, author, came to PES and presented and did hands on activities with the students regarding his Heroes of Ohio book; Our Intermediate Literacy Team is scheduled to receive training in Columbus this month; Book study groups continue to meet monthly in K-2 as well as 3-6th grades; we will be giving the Tera Nova Test in the Spring, SIRI Training has been offered to all teachers, the writing workshop was held and teachers who were unable to attend were given training during their planning times; and the School Spelling Bee was completed and information was forwarded to Mrs. Roush at the Central Office. In addition, Mr. Walls has received the Chuckwagon Builds Language Skills program free until April 11th. This program will be placed on the server for anyone to download and use, and focuses on Grammar skills in grades 2-5. It is a program similar to our D.O.L and can be purchased later if we see beneficial use for it.
- The Parent Involvement Team drafted a letter about the Community Writing Utensil Drive. The letter was placed in Mr. Bennington's January Newsletter. The utensils will be given to each child's classroom teacher and it will be up to that teacher to share with other teachers if necessary. Plans are also to get with Mrs. Tessy Baker at Peebles High School to include the Beta Club as part of the community drive. Other ideas mentioned were children's dictionaries, encyclopedias, and appropriate level paperback books.
- The Math Team reported on the following: CGI training is continuing during the month of January. We have several teachers involved in these Saturday trainings; All 5th and 6th grade students now have Texas Instruments T-1 Calculators; The St. Junes Math-A-Thon was reviewed. This is a program for charity, and it was decided that it would be up to individual classrooms if they wanted to participate. Mr. Bennington and Mr. Walls felt it would be better to do this program in the spring after Proficiency Testing. If any teachers are interested, they should see Mr. Walls; The Math Keys computer program was discussed and reviewed at the primary level by Anna Shupert. Suggestion was made that each K-2 teacher review the program for themselves. It is a program designed to go along with our Houghton Mifflin Math series, and can be downloaded from the school server. If interested, see Mr. Walls for directions to download. Miss Shupert also recommended Millie's Math House. In addition, an excellent website that addresses the content standards and questions aligned with many of the standards was shared by Mr. Coomer. The site can be accessed by anyone by going to the following website:
www.aaamath.com
- The Learning Environment Team reported on progress towards reviewing and revising our current school mission and vision statement. So that everyone from students, staff,

and parents can be involved in the process, a beliefs and needs survey will go out near the end of January to all those parties to give input. The team will compile the information during the February meeting and plan for a revised mission statement meeting near the end of February. In addition, the team wanted to emphasize the importance of reading emails daily to stay up-to-date and informed on all areas of communication within our school. If teachers do not know how to do this, see Mr. Loy Coomer

- The Science Team discussed various needs for the upcoming Science Fair. Currently 38 judges have committed to doing the Science Fair, awards have been ordered by Mrs Wilkinson. Arrangements will need to be made by Mr. Walls to again get tables for this event. Last year, the high school, American Legion, and the Fire Department loaned the tables for this event. In addition, the Science Team reviewed the action plan and had questions about the mentioned Baldrige Training that Mr. Walls is going to write a Jennings Grant to try to receive. Mr. Walls stated that a big part of this training, while focusing on all subjects, goes along with Science and Mathematics in the areas of data collection, graphs, research and information.

PTO UPDATE

Our PTO Organization completed the following:

- The Treasurer's Report gave the following: Checking--\$6,647.21; Savings--\$2,169.79; Special Savings--\$127.72 for a total of \$8,944.72
- PTO has divided and adopted classroom accounts for each class from the proceeds of the fundraiser. They will be splitting approximately \$4222 among the classroom and specials teachers. They will be getting with teachers on the guidelines in the near future.
- Approved getting bids for an electrician to install ceiling fans in the summer.
- The PTO will be hosting basketball games on Feb. 15th and March 1. Volunteers are needed. Call the school if interested.
- The PTO will host a Talent Show on March 8th at 7:00 PM. More information will follow.
- Discussion was held about collecting information and creating a cookbook to sell at Back to School Night.
- The next PTO Meeting will be held on February 18th, 2003 at 6:30 PM in the library.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

- 3- PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TEAM MEETINGS (3:20-4:20)
- 4- K-2 BOOK STUDY (3:30-5:30)
- 6- THIRD-6TH GRADE BOOK STUDY (3:30-5:30)
- 10- SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM MEETING (3:30-4:30)
- 14- INTERIM REPORTS TO PARENTS
- 17- NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENT'S DAY
- 18- PTO MEETING – (3:30 IN THE LIBRARY)
COUNTY SPELLING BEE (7:30 PM @ WEST UNION HIGH SCHOOL)
- 20- LPDC MEETING (3:30 IN MR. BENNINGTON'S OFFICE)
LRC PROGRESS REPORT TO MR. KIMBLE
- 21- SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR (JUDGING 9:00-12:00; OPEN TO PUBLIC 1:00-2:00;
AWARDS 2:00-3:00)
- 24- SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (6:30 PM @ OVCTC)
- 25- SCHOOL VISION AND MISSION PLANNING MEETING (TBA)
- 27- COUNTY SCIENCE FAIR (WEST UNION ELEMENTARY—OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC—6:00PM; AWARDS – 7:00 PM)

