

PEEBLES ELEMENTARY -- BUILDING PROGRESS TOWARD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT/C.I.P./S.I.T. PLANS –AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2003

- During the August Inservice, our entire staff took the feedback provided by parents, students, and staff regarding our school mission statement and used that information to define key terms in our mission, identify people and accountability beliefs, and then sum all that up with a clear, short concise statement that reflects the values at PES. Our new mission statement is: “Peebles Elementary is committed to academic excellence and strengthening character through quality education.” The entire mission statement including the beliefs will be published on our website, and will hang throughout the building in various sites, and the teachers will have a shortened version for students in their classroom.
- This month the Process Improvement Teams in Mathematics, Language, Science, Parent Involvement, and Citizenship met to work on action plans and discussed procedural changes in the way we operate those teams. Suggestion among several teams was that once action plans were finished, the staff would benefit the most greatly from across grade level meetings.
- Our School Improvement Team Meeting focused on the following agenda items: Our local school report card stated that we are in academic emergency as we met only one of the 11 indicators (attendance). We discussed the need to focus on areas which we are very close on (4th and 6th grade Writing and Citizenship). With these additional 4 points we could be in Continuous Improvement and start focusing on becoming effective. We also discussed the need to address our economically disadvantaged and Special Education populations in our action plans so that we can meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as a school; also discussed during the meeting were the following:
 - Using item analysis to guide instruction
 - More in class instruction for Special Ed and modifications allowed
 - Family Literacy Night in conjunction with the PTO Book Fair
 - Each team leader presented the meeting minutes from the PIT (Process Improvement Team Meeting) in the 5 areas listed above.
 - Discussed General Electric’s generous donation of furniture and 32 computers for our new computer lab. Discussion was held as to how we plan on using the lab. For the time being, we are going to have teachers/classrooms sign up on a first come first serve basis, but will rotate the sign up from week to week among grade levels.
 - Discussed possible purchase of materials such as OPT for Success for 6th grade, Accelerated Writing, etc.

Note: Additional information regarding PES’s other significant improvements/activities, monthly student and staff information, can be accessed by going to our school web page at: www.ohiovalley.k12.oh.us/pes and clicking on the monthly report icon.