

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

- This month the Process Improvement Teams in Mathematics, Language, Science, Parent Involvement, and Citizenship met to finish action plans. Here are details from each team:
- Math Team—Completed action plans; Before and After School Math Tutoring Program for 4th and 6th grade students will begin on Nov. 4th in the computer lab, and be held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday that school is in session. This program will continue until the end of March. The program was developed by the Math PIT Team in response to our **not** making AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) with our economically disadvantaged students in 4th and 6th grade Math, despite the fact that we made the Title 1 benchmarks and had the highest 6th grade scores in the district. The tutoring will be held for 1/2 hour (7:30-8:00AM for before school tutoring and 3:20-3:50PM for after school tutoring). At the present time, we have 47 of the 95 eligible students (almost 50%) signed up to take advantage of this program. This is a significant number that should make quite a difference! Parent Volunteers and General Electric volunteers will be helping with this tutoring.
- Language Arts Team—Completed action plans, Planned for Family Literacy Night on October 7, are planning a book drive, book swap, the use of the Pizza Hut Awards program, planned to schedule more authors, reported on the Kids Kitchen Reading club (www.KidsKitchenReadingClub.com), and discussed the training of our OhioReads Volunteers—these volunteers have been trained in Tutor Training Plus, which explains the new content standards and the 5 important elements in teaching reading—comprehension, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency and vocabulary.
- Parent Involvement Team – are revising action plans; discussed the ideas of voice mail messages for parents to stay updated on homework assignments; are having at least one member of this team attend every PTO meeting; will be working on more updates to our school web site, reviewed last year's parent survey; and ways to increase attendance.
- Science Team—updated the list of Science resource people...these will be included in the action plan; discussed making a computer lab schedule; discussed the need to schedule our school Science Fair early this year; discussed the need for more AIMS training; discussed the use of the NWRPDC materials we received last year to use for grades 4-6; primary will check to see about obtaining Daily Oral Science.
- Citizenship Team (new team this year) – This team has been busy writing action plans to meet the needs we discussed...that the majority of students regularly score below grade level on tests measuring Citizenship level. Specifically, over 45% of fourth and 50% of sixth grade students fail the Citizenship section of the Ohio Proficiency Test. In order to address this, the team is looking at doing more of a hands-on approach through the use of field trips and current events; use newspapers for civics lessons; encourage field trips that enhance the teaching of American Heritage, factors of production, and the democratic processes, completing a project of volunteerism, include citizenship facts in morning announcements, and focus on upcoming elections.
- In addition to these team reports, various and new staff members have been trained this month in the use of Accelerated Reader/STAR, Cornerstone Math, Alpha Smart training, and web page training.

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