

# **PEEBLES ELEMENTARY -- BUILDING PROGRESS TOWARD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT/C.I.P./S.I.T. PLANS --APRIL 2004**

- The EETT (Enhancing Education Through Technology) Grant Team completed and submitted the \$188,000 new grant which will provide High Quality Professional Development for teachers, 1 new computer lab, and ongoing training just to name a few things. The purposes of this grant are to provide a more individualized, aligned curriculum to our economically disadvantaged students in Math and Reading, increase our school's scores in the areas of Math and Reading, make all of our students more technology proficient, using data more frequently to drive instruction, increase parental involvement, and train volunteers to be more effective. The announcement of whether or not we receive the grant will be made in July of 2004. Appreciation is shown to all staff who have given input in the process as well as the team members who helped write the grant. Team members include Lynn Bengtson, Ben King, Susie McFarland, Terri Matheney, Nina Couser, and Jim Walls.
- Dee Ann Davis, our "Teacher on Loan" through the Ohio Department of Education provided 2 trainings to staff this month. The first was on Standards based Education in Ohio. SBE for short, was presented to assist educators using Ohio's Academic Content Standards to plan for effective instruction that will provide access to the general curriculum for students with disabilities. All teachers received a CD Rom which will allow them to investigate further. This training was provided through GLARRC (Great Lakes Area Regional Resource Center). The second training was on differentiation, which provided teachers with information and ideas on differentiated instructional support to improve results for students with disabilities and students identified as gifted.
- Twenty-nine students have qualified for the Presidential Academic Achievement Award. Letters informing the students and parents were sent home via mail, and these students will be recognized along with the county's 3 other elementary school's students at the May 24<sup>th</sup> Adams County/Ohio Valley Board of Education meeting at 6:30 pm..
- The PTO once again provided trees for Arbor Day. Each grade level had a tree planted on the school grounds in their honor.
- Junior Achievement classes at 5<sup>th</sup> grade have been completed. A big thanks goes to those business volunteers who donated their time and effort in teaching these classes. They were: Roy Willman, Cedar-Works; Frankie Stephens, First State Bank; Charles Wallingford, ACE Hardware; and Glenna Grooms, Roush Insurance.
- Mr. Brock Caldwell and Mrs. Linda Rhoads helped plan for the school's annual Field Day which will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Mobile Dentists were here this month, doing cleanings, dental health awareness, and providing our students with supplies/toothbrushes.
- Head Start visited Kindergarten as an orientation for next year's students.
- Thirty-nine Students of the Month (selected by their teachers) at PES for April were recognized.

***The final S.I.T. Meeting will be Held on May 10, 2004.***

*Note: Additional information regarding PES 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.*