

PEEBLES ELEMENTARY -- BUILDING PROGRESS TOWARD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT/C.I.P./S.I.T. PLANS --AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2004

- During August and September our staff has been involved with various trainings included in the EETT grant as well as other district initiatives. The trainings have included Destination Reading, Destination Math, Aspire, Learning Milestones, and Short-cycle Assessments just to name a few.
- Our Process Improvement Teams in Mathematics, Language, Science, Parent Involvement, and Learning Environment will be meeting to work on action plans and discuss procedural changes in the way we operate those teams.
- We are having bi-weekly grade level meetings with staff that focus on areas such as the teaching of indicators in the new content standards, as well as providing teachers with materials from the ODE (Ohio Department of Education) which focus on the new achievement tests at 3rd through 5th grade.
- Mrs. Newman and Mr. Bennington along with other members of the District Leadership Team, attended the first day of a four day In-service on “Challenging the Barriers to Academic Success”, in Wilmington, Ohio.
- The Before and After School Math Tutoring Program which was a success last year will be continued this year. Third through 6th grade students will begin on Nov. 2nd in the computer labs, 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 last year 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. 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 are working with Mrs. Kratzer to find out which students will qualify for the program. When that is determined, we will be sending letters to parents of students who qualify, and following that up with phone calls from the parents we do not hear from.
- To address AYP in Reading, our classroom teachers are being trained in Destination Reading and will be trained in item analysis to determine areas that need to be heavily targeted instruction wise. In addition, they were given copies of the State’s Practice Achievement tests and administration manuals which show examples of student work and rubric scoring of their work. The two tutors we have that are providing assistance to the classroom teachers have also received the information on State Achievement testing, and will also be trained in the above areas.
- Attendance for the year at PES is 95.27%, which is up a percentage point from last year!
- Building walk-throughs are being completed by the Assistant Principal and the Principal. Walk-throughs will be on-going for the school year and are focusing on the state indicators being taught, as well as on task behavior by students.

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.