

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

- Our Before and After School Math Tutoring Program for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the new computer lab, and be held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday that school is in session. This program will continue until March testing. 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math. During the 2003-2004 year, we did reach AYP in Math...therefore the reason to continue tutoring in this area. The tutoring will be held for 1/2 hour (7:20-7:50AM for before school tutoring and 3:20-3:50PM for after school tutoring). At the present time, we have 40 of the 127 eligible students signed up to take advantage of this program. This is a significant number that should make quite a difference! Ben King will be doing both the morning and afternoon tutoring. Sandie Bratt will serve as our substitute in the event that Mr. King can not be there on a given day.
- In Reading, we have targeted and identified our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to address not meeting AYP in that area in the 2003-2004 school year. Our reading tutors, Mrs. Lois Pertuset and Mrs. Pat Sears have met with the principals and teachers to work with these targeted students. The teachers know that these students are at-risk and are utilizing the tutors to help with instruction. In addition, Lynda Henley has trained and has all OhioReads volunteers targeting Reading through this program (K-4). We are continuing the Reading Recovery program at 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and Mrs. Henley is working with Intervention groups at grade 2.
- Grade level meetings this month have focused on sharing information about the new State achievement practice tests, sharing class lists of targeted students for AYP and discussing how we are going to target those students, gathering information on Reading levels, number in each group and the levels each group was working on...along with how many are in each group, and what teaching materials each group lacked or needed, along with various other topics.
- Held our annual Title I meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Seventeen people were in attendance, most of those being parents. We discussed the various aspects of the program and reviewed our School Compact with teachers, students and parents...adopting the compact which outlines each person's responsibilities in making the child successful in school.
- The PTO held our Fall Book Fair, approved the purchase of 50 tables which will tremendously help with the Science Fair, approved the purchase of \$160 worth of educational videos for Kindergarten, elected a new vice president, kicked off the annual fundraiser, and conducted other monthly business.
- Received the copy of "Educating Peter" from Mrs. Laurel Hamilton. Mr. Walls had brought this video to Mrs. Hamilton's attention at the beginning of the year. This educational documentary follows the inclusion and mainstreaming of a Down's Syndrome boy into public school and is an excellent resource for seeing all sides of the issue from student, parent, teacher, community and administrator points of view. Our staff will be viewing this documentary during the next few weeks.
- The third grade gave the State Reading Achievement test on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be reviewing the results and planning for additional intervention when those results return.
- The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers received coaching and mentoring on our new computer programs October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:30PM.
- In addition to these reports, various and new staff members have been trained this month in the use of Accelerated Reader/STAR, Alpha Smart training, and web page training. We will be updating our website in the very near future.

*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](http://www.ohiovalley.k12.oh.us/pes) and clicking on the monthly report icon.*