

**PEEBLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPALS MONTHLY REPORT
DECEMBER 2000**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ DURING THE MONTH ACTIVITIES/IMPROVEMENTS

- Repairs to the main building heating system were completed. These included getting all fans operating to circulate heat, and repairing the overhead heating unit in Mrs. Logan's 2nd grade classroom which was leaking water.
- Repairs were made to the skirting around the preschool building.
- The heating system in the Kindergarten Building was overhauled to make for more even temperatures in each classroom.
- The safety patrol has raised over \$1200 selling candles. The money will be used to offset the cost of the Washington D.C. trip they will take in June.
- The floors of each classroom, the main hallways, and offices were buffed and waxed. Overhead lighting was cleaned, and ceiling tiles replaced. Thanks to our custodians for a fine job!

STUDENT AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Linda Worley was one of 16 Southeastern Ohio teachers who met with Linda Hallenbeck, teacher's advisor to Governor Taft, on December 4th. The teachers offered feedback on the grade level appropriateness of the new Mathematics standards.
- The following students are new members to the Point Clubs in Accelerated Reader at P.E.S.: 50 POINT CLUB- Anders Bengtson, Ashlee Higginbotham, Desirae Jordan, Karrington Kreml, Emily Johnson, Yvonne Williams. 100 POINT CLUB- Elizabeth Young, Adrian Meade, Tanya Quraishi. 200 POINT CLUB – Kelly Boldman
- The following classes presented at the Word of the Week Assembly in December. We would like to thank them for the great job they did. Mrs. Chandler's 3rd Grade (Generosity); Mrs. Gillespie's 3rd grade (Joyfulness). We also would like to thank The staff who sang Christmas Carols to the students.
- Jim Walls will be participating in a follow-up to Project Real and Project Discovery training for administrators which will bring \$1900 in Science training and materials to P.E.S. The training's are held under the direction of Dr. Gay Lynn Shipley at Shawnee State University, and require monthly attendance.
- Congratulations to all students who are helping P.E.S. attain a point for our building report card through excellent attendance. Our Attendance is currently at 95.1 % for the year. The State requires a 93% attendance rate for a point on the report card

BUILDING PROGRESS TOWARD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT/C.I.P./S.I.P. PLANS

- Fifty-five staff members (certified and classified) received training in Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People—which provides the groundwork for effective team building. This is one of our S.I.P. goals and we appreciate the staff who are committed to effectively making P.E.S. a Quality school.
- Math Team still has not completed action plans. These need to be done and presented at the January S.I.T. Meeting. Mrs. Hoke and Mrs. Worley are chairs. Mr. Walls will meet with them and remind them.
- All teams looked at proficiency results from the past 2 years for 4th grade, and the past 3 years for 6th grade. It was noted that improvement is needed in all areas across the board. There were no particular areas that were noted as being weak in. Teachers need more information as to specifically what to target, not just a strand or outcome. Staff development may be needed in this area. Each outcome contains

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different ways in which a student might be questioned...i.e. *ordering numbers* may be correctly using a number line, comparing and ordering fractions and decimals from greatest to least, or using greater than and less than signs to compare various numbers, which may be fractions and decimals.

- Twelve staff members were trained to use the STAR and Accelerated Reader Management System. These staff members were made aware of the fact that The A.R. Program is an Independent Reading Piece that encourages students to read independently and monitors grade level progress and areas that need work. They learned that it is not an Instructional Program.

- Science Team – new teachers need inservice offered or made available to them. Veteran teachers may have already been inserviced in project discovery or project real. These teachers were given “terms” they are to be using. These trained teachers need to share these terms with all teachers. The Science team also sees a need to a) departmentalize; b) have budget for small stuff; c) plan more time for Science ... not enough time due to Literacy.

-The S.I.T. Team voted to use this years Shawnee Grant money (\$1900) on Science, since last years money was used for Mathematics (calculators). There are some stipulations on this year’s grant.... \$637 of the local budget must be put in kind to make the grand total of the grant \$2537. In addition, in order to receive this money, A teacher leader from either the Math or Science Teams needs to be present at each meeting. This will likely be A Math Rep in January, and A Science rep in February, March, and April. Mr. Walls needs to attend each meeting also, in order to get the money. His presence brings in \$400 per meeting = \$1600 total. In addition a \$300 supply for materials is included, which can be used on only specified items on the list. (not for textbooks). If the Science Team decides it wants materials, they need to let Mr. Walls know so he can have Gay Lynn Shipley from Shawnee State add the items to the approved list. The money can also be used for training, stipends, or all materials to support what needs to be achieved. The Science Team needs to decide by next meeting, where they want to place these monies.

-The Learning Environment Team suggested having a monthly behavior award and starting the assemblies with a patriotic song. No action was taken on these items at present, but it will be further discussed at the next meeting.

- Training’s for Cooperative Learning, Reading Renaissance, and dealing with difficult children are scheduled for January.

PTO UPDATE

Our PTO Organization completed the following:

- Held the Santa Secret Shop for K-6th grade students to purchase presents.
- Held the Holiday Gift Shop, Sweet Shop, Craft Shop for parents, students, And the community on Thursday night...Dec. 14, 2000. Clothes, crafts, wood working, and other booths were featured.
- Furnished the Popcorn and pop for each classroom’s Christmas Party.
- A fund-raiser was discussed (collecting empty ink cartridges out of printers). This was tabled until the next meeting.
- The next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Dec. 16th due to the holiday on Monday.

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JANUARY ACTIVITIES

- 3- STAFF MEETING (3:30-4:30)
- 4- SITE-BASED MTG. (10:30-11:30)
- 8- P.I.T. (PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TEAM) MEETINGS (3:30-4:30)
AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING STARTS AGAIN
- 10- PICTURE RETAKES AND MAKE-UP DAY (12:00 NOON)
- 12- WORD OF THE WEEK PRESENTATION
(SHUPERT AND HOMAN'S CLASSES) (8:30)
- 15- NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
- 16- S.I.T. (SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM) MEETING (3:30-4:30)
PTO MEETING (6:00 P.M.)
- 17- COOPERATIVE LEARNING TRAINING- GRADES 3-6 (3:30-5:00)
- 19- END OF 2ND GRADING PERIOD
SCHOOL SPELLING BEE – GRADES 4-6 (1:45 IN THE GYM)
- 22- NO SCHOOL – SEMESTER BREAK
- 23- READING RENNAISSANCE TRAINING – GRADES 3-6 (3:30-5:00)
- 25- PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES (4:00-7:30)
- 26- WORD OF THE WEEK PRESENTATION
(KUHN AND LYKINS CLASSES) (8:30)
- AWARDS (ACHIEVEMENT/BEHAVIOR/ATTENDANCE) ASSEMBLY
FOR 2ND NINE WEEKS (1:45) IN THE GYM
- REMAINDER OF GRADE CARDS GO OUT WITH STUDENTS