

Peru Community Schools
Celebrations and Updates
School Board Meeting
3/18/2024

Dr. Jaime Cole, Superintendent

Elmwood

- Dr. Seuss Celebrations as teachers invited multiple administrators throughout the district to read to students 😊
- IREAD 3- Grade 2 (practice and then gave the real test to 2nd graders)
- Elmwood awarded 15 Wall of Excellence certificates and prizes to students 😊
- Joined together to wish the basketball team success



Blair Pointe- Spring Parent Night with 304 people in attendance (pictures from Ms. Kercher)



Blair Pointe

- Dental care- This week, expanded from 1 day to 3 days based on the number of parent requests
- Teamwork in the 6th grade- Rotating students after spring break to prepare students for middle school. Teachers will be team teaching to model various instructional strategies 😊
- Rotary Spell-A-Thon at Blair Pointe March 14th
- Blair Pointe's reflection statement for the week by Mr. Martin "TEAM- Together Everyone Achieves More" 😊



Blair Pointe's Celebrations 😊



“PCS Choir Festival - was outstanding. Our BP Choir under the direction of Ms. Ebert performed wonderfully along with the Jr-Sr high choirs and community choir!” stated Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin praised **“The PHS Band** for performing for BP's 5th graders on Fri 3/8, to introduce the 5th graders to the various instruments and to encourage them to join the band next year as 6th graders. We thank the great job of Miss Rodeck and high school band members.”



Mr. Hileman's HS Construction Class Projects

* Built raised planter box, doghouse, six chairs, two cedar memorial benches for BP, and 17 trashcan holders



JR/HS Celebrations

- Liam Lancaster- Peru Region 5 Class 3A
- Liam will be joining a relatively small group of players from Peru football players who played in the game, recognized by Coach Makowski
- Brad Clark 86'
- Lance Malott 85'
- Brandon Jones 01'
- Kordell Prescott 16'

- Future Business Leaders of America FBLA State Competitors
First-year competing and all five qualified for the national competition
In Orlando, Florida, this summer.
Cason Oaks was installed at the state
VP of Membership for the SY2024-2025

- Peru Boys Basketball- Regional Champions – 4th time in History

- Mr. Morris also provided JH and HS presentations on Digital Citizenship 😊

- Mrs. Scheurich recognized Mr. Morris along with “Mrs. Boswell who knocked her fossil lesson out of the park, Mrs. Wyant who did great job with her dual credit Biology students, Mrs. Fred-Smith who had an interesting activity with the Bio-med kids. Mrs. Katrina Baker for always advocating for kids, Mrs. Lukowiak for getting kids excited about writing biographies, Mrs. Muzillo for making arrangements to have the band play at Regionals, and Mr. Applegate for helping with Attendance!”



Peru's 1st Female Wrestling

(picture provided by Mr. Hobbs)

Viola Putnam—Academic All-State. Mr. Hobbs said, “Coach Devin Reagle, Maddy Harp, and Jilian Brown put together a solid base for a very bright future for Women’s Wrestling at Peru.”







South Peru Plans

Legislative updates and changes

- HB 1002- Enforcement of Equal Educational Opportunity- defines “antisemitism” and provides educational opportunities free of religious discrimination based on race, creed, religion, and national origin.
- HB 1042—Transition to Teaching Scholarships—Applicants for a transition to teaching scholarship after June 30, 2024, must be members of a household with an annual income of \$100,000 or less. Any balance in the next Hoosier educator's scholarship may be used for the transition to a teaching scholarship.
- HB 1104—School Safety—The School safety plan developed by the school corporation must establish an armed intruder drill protocol. SRO rehired after June 30, 2024, using the 1977 fund code.

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- HB 1070—Mental Health Grants—This bill allows the division of mental health and addiction to award mental health grants to for-profit community mental health organizations if a nonprofit organization does not qualify.
- HB 1093 – Employment of Minors- Provides exemptions from certain hours and time restrictions from 14 to 16 years of age (expanding work hours with parental consent)
- HB 1123—Child Advocacy Centers—Provides that the Department of Child Services may use a child advocacy center to coordinate a multidisciplinary team to respond to child abuse and neglect reports. The center needs additional training, written protocols, and a case tracking system.

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- HB 1135 Cosmetology Apprenticeships- may take the cosmetologist licensure exam and practice as a cosmetologist
- HB 1137 – Requires a principal to allow students to attend religious instruction conducted by certain entities with a written notice from the student’s parent/guardian off-campus grounds for up to two hours a week.
- HB 1243, HB 1304– Requirement changes in future years (2028- computer science), plan to track math proficiency levels using interventions and material, curriculum and may participate in grants using “coaches”, Requires the board to have a policy regarding the participation of habitually truant students in extracurricular and co-curricular activities.
- HB 1380- Document time-out or seclusion, continue to inform families, and document any restraint for students

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- Senate Bill 1 & 6- 3rd-grade reading scores—If students do not pass the IREAD-3 in SY 2024-2025, they must attend summer school with a 90% attendance rate and then participate in a reading plan the following school year.
- Beginning 2024-2025, * 3rd grade retention with remediation plan, * notify parents of assessment results, interventions, and remedial actions, * monitor progress of student * reading instruction that aligns with the science of reading K-8th grade. * REQUIRED to test in 2nd grade,
- School Board will establish a procedure allowing a parent or guardian of a student to appeal the school's retention under the plan. Requires the department to notify the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in kindergarten of the retention requirements under the plan.
- Senate Bill 6: Students in grades 4-8 who did not pass, use Lexile reading scores to demonstrate a plan to improve reading levels.
- Senate Bill 30- Class A misdemeanor if someone passing a school bus when the arm signal device is extended
- Senate Bill 282- Absenteeism and school attendance- School boards must establish a truancy prevention policy regarding students in K-6 grades. Schools must intervene early and hold parent meetings in elementary school students miss five days without an excuse. Must report students who miss more than 10 days without an excuse to prosecutors.
- “Nearly one in five Indiana students missed more than 10% of school last year, an increase from before the pandemic.”
- Senate Bill 1850 requires school districts to create a policy prohibiting cellphone during instructional time.

Thank you, everyone, for the teamwork and positive effort to bring out the best in others for STUDENTS!

