



High Lights



at Peru High School

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“THE PRIDE”: The New Student Newsletter

This year’s **Journalism class** is ready to take on sharing current news by publishing a monthly newspaper. Journalism is taught by 12th grade English teacher Miss Julia Miller. The course includes topics such as writing articles, creating headlines, and conducting interviews.

This year’s newspaper staff includes **seniors Emily Adams and Olivia Plank, juniors Hailey Wyand and Ashley Hunter, and sophomores Amanda Plessis-Belair, Brianna Pena, Erin LaPoint, Erika Diskin, Joseph Barshow, Thomas Adams, Kyle Kemp, Clair Knighton, Noah Phillips, Phillip Covel, and Joshua Romanowicz.** The Pride staff looks forward to providing Peru High School with interesting news. **CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done!!**

“The Pride” can be accessed online by going to www.perucsd.org.
Under schools, click high school, then click Peru Pride First Edition.



Students visit Pok-O-MacCready

The students from the **Fresh Start Program** and some of their teachers enjoyed a day of teambuilding activities at Camp Pok-o-MacCready in October. The

students did a low ropes course as well as many other activities that forced them to become leaders and to examine their abilities as well as their team skills. It was a fun and enlightening experience for all.



The **National Honor Society** and **Key Club** will once again be hosting “Adopt a Family” for the holidays. This program collects donations of new toys and clothing, gift cards to local supermarkets, and food items to fill gift baskets for a holiday dinner. The students separate, wrap and get the gifts ready for delivery! Anyone wishing to donate items can drop them off at the high school office, attention Mrs. J. Caron or Mrs. K. Lawliss.

LOTE takes Field Trip to Montreal

In mid-October, more than fifty students in **advanced French class with Mr. Rizos and Spanish class with Mrs. DeLucas,** enjoyed a field trip to Montreal. The visit included a stop at Marche Atwater, a marvelous European-style public market and a stroll to the belvedere atop Mount Royal, which overlooks the city. At the center of the trip was a tour through the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, whose collection ranges from European masters, Monet, Picasso to Aztec/Maya objects and Canadiana.

Art Project scares up some fun

Students in **Mrs. Manning’s and Mr. Wilson’s Studio in Art** classes created extraordinary pumpkins for the start of this year. They used paper towel tubes, and cereal boxes to build an armature that they paper mached and then covered with paper clay. The paper clay was created from scratch using recycled paper insulation, joint compound, flour, water, and elmer’s glue. They learned a drybrush technique for painting the pumpkin’s surface to give them a more realistic effect. They used 150 pounds of flour, 5 pounds of joint compound, 5 gallons of elmer’s glue, and two bales of fiber paper insulation. Combined total of pumpkins was over 120! That’s a lot of scary! **Great job to all the students!**



PAT SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year at graduation, the **Peru Association of Teachers** awards scholarships to graduating seniors. Students apply through the Common Application form provided by the Guidance Office. Last June, eight members of the class of 2010 were selected for the \$500 award. Three alternates were also chosen. Congratulations to Megan Breton, Kelsey Currier, Morgan Flynn, Ashley Garren, Kiesha Gregoire, Kayla Imhoff, Michael Novelli, Erin Sullivan, Samantha Goddeau, Melaney Boudreau and Dylan Daniels for being selected. This year’s seniors are encouraged to apply for the PAT Scholarship when the Common Application is available in the spring.

Bleachers on Bleachers for seniors

It was a little chilly out there... but we went! On Wednesday, November 3, we took our annual trip out to the Peru Varsity football field to "be the book." As we finish up John Grisham's sports novel, *Bleachers*, we took the opportunity to gaze out at our own field and listen to the audio book section that includes a similar scene with the former Spartan players from Messina, Mississippi. As the players sat on their bleachers and listened to the call of the 1987 State Championship game, we perched on our bleachers, wrapped in blankets, and listened to John Grisham read his own writing. Second period students gained an appreciation for the crispness of the North Country morning air, while ninth period students enjoyed a balmy fifty degrees.

Upon our return, the next two days in class were spent preparing the start of an illustrative essay. We made excellent use of our new HP and Windows 7 technology by using the "stickies" on the desktops to brainstorm and organize ideas. This essay examines thematic issues in the book, a student's life, and society.



BLT Hosting Career Fair

The High School **Building Level Team** (BLT) will be hosting a Career Fair during the Spring of 2011. Our BLT student representatives and the College For Every Student (CFES) students will be creating posters to advertise a variety of career paths. More information will be coming in the future. If you would like to participate or if you have questions, feel free to contact Carrie Pierson at cperson@perucsd.org or 643-6400 ext. 5174.

Information from Guidance Office

SENIORS: College applications and supporting documents like transcripts, letters of recommendation, resumes, and essays are increasingly being completed on-line. If you are completing your application on-line or are completing a paper copy, we strongly encourage you to make an appointment with your counselor before submitting it. Your counselor will proofread your application, offer suggestions for improvement, and will make sure all application requirements are fulfilled. Students who would like application materials submitted prior to January 10th should make arrangements with his/her counselor prior to December 15th.

Application Tips:

Write a rough draft of your application essay and ask multiple people who you believe are good writers to proofread it. Be sure your essay is creative, thoughtful and well-written.

When asking for letters of reference from teachers, a short letter requesting a reference which includes your interests, college goals, and extra-curricular activities during high school is helpful to the recommender.

Start early! Completing an excellent college application takes longer than most people realize. If you begin early, you will reduce your stress and be sure to meet deadlines. Besides colleges who have earlier deadlines, we recommend that all application materials for most colleges should be submitted prior to December 15th.



Students from The Key Club get ready for their Annual "Haunted School House".



Orchestra students to attend All-State

Six string students have been selected to play at this year's Area **All-State Music Festival** in Potsdam held at the Crane School of Music on Nov. 19-20. Emily Allen, Andrew Caswell, Marisa Montefusco, Mio Ottinger, Anna Sardella, and Jessy Shields will be playing with the String Orchestra. Students receive the music ahead of time and only rehearse for a day and a half before putting on a concert. We wish our students the best of luck.

Emily Allen, a senior at Peru, played her NYSSMA solo as an All-State audition last May. In August, she was accepted to perform with the Symphony Orchestra at the NYSSMA All-State Conference being held in Rochester, New York from December 2-5, 2010. This is quite an honor for any student to receive as only the top players from around the state are selected to participate. We are proud to have Emily Allen represent Peru at the conference.

CONGRATULATIONS string students!!

NEW GUIDELINES

If you are using the **Common Application, new guidelines** require that students **MUST** submit their portion of the Common Application **BEFORE** counselors and teachers can submit their parts. Students can let counselors and teachers know that a letter of recommendation will be requested from them so the evaluation can be started. However, if the counselor or teacher try to submit this information prior to students sending in the Common Application, the information will not be accepted.