



PARENT-GRAM

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Holiday Fun at Primary

Dear Primary School Family & Friends,

I extend a heartfelt 'thank you' for the warm wishes you've extended upon the birth of my daughter. I'm pleased to be back at the Primary School during the holidays.

The New York State Learning Standards could be described as 'aggressive' for students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 2. Each and every day, our teachers and staff are delivering learning material that matters, teaching skills that are important, and working to make your child's school day the 'best school day ever.'

However, at this time of year the faculty and staff of Peru Primary integrate the holidays into our curriculum, so students are not only continuing their rigorous learning, but also having fun with the holiday season by learning about holiday customs, cultures, and traditions.

The 2nd Grade Team hosted their annual **Trim-A-Tree** event where parents worked alongside their children to create holiday crafts worthy of a spot on your tree! On December 14 and 15 the Kindergarten students will perform holiday music selections for their parents in our annual Kindergarten Holiday

Show. Our Fabulous 1st Graders will again perform at the High School Auditorium in front of their parents on December 22nd at 1:00 pm.

I urge you to have fresh batteries in your cameras for these beautiful events! Our children are only little once, and the holidays provide us with the moments in our children's lives that make us proud to be parents and appreciate our children for who they are—children!

The last day of school before the Holiday Recess is **Thursday, December 22nd**. Classes resume on **Tuesday, January 3, 2012**.

Best wishes to you and yours for the Holidays!



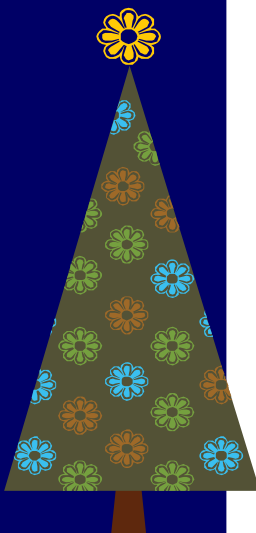
Mr. Osborne is on Facebook!



In order to enhance school-home communication I've created a page on the social network Facebook. Search for 'Principal Scott Osborne' and 'like' my page for Peru Primary School. Reference my Facebook page for school information, updates, insights, and other items related to Peru Primary School. Please note that this Facebook is maintained by me and not Peru CSD. For official district information please see www.perucsd.org.



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From our School Nurse

WANTED: UNUSED SKI PANTS!

We are currently running low on extra pairs of ski pants, boots, and other outdoor winter wear for students ages 4-8.

If you have these items in your home, or know of someone looking to pass them on, please consider donating these items to Primary! Doing so

helps provide for children without proper outdoor winter attire, enabling them to enjoy outdoor recess.

Donations can be sent to the Health Office at Primary. Thank you!



PTO Holiday Wish Tree

Again this holiday season our K-5 PTO is joining with the Peru High School Key Club to meet the needs of students in our community.

The PTO Wish Tree is located in the Primary lobby. Wish List ornaments are available in our lobby to help fill the special needs of our community.

You can help by sending gift items (new unwrapped toys, hats, mittens, scarves) or by filling an ornament wish or with cash.

Donations will be taken through December 14th and placed under our school holiday tree located in the Primary Cafeteria lobby. Thank you for considering our neighbors during the holidays!



DID YOU KNOW that 25% of public schools report that bullying among kids occurs on a daily or weekly basis? The good news is that because bullying has made national headlines, schools and communities are taking a strong anti-bullying stance.

You can do your part at home, too. Here's a strategy to keep kids from becoming targets — and stop bullying that has already started:

Talk about it. Talk about bullying with your kids and have other family members share their experiences. If one of your kids opens up about being bullied, praise him or her for being brave enough to discuss it and offer unconditional support. Consult with the school to learn its policies and find out how staff and teachers can address the situation.

