



# PARENT-GRAM

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## Settling In, Moving Forward

Dear Primary School Families:

As fast as September left us, October has arrived. The opening of school is a magical time at Peru Primary School, and I'm pleased to report that the excitement, enthusiasm, and rejuvenation hasn't worn off a bit at our school as October sets in!

We've officially launched our Positive Behavior in School program (PBIS) where students are recognized for positive behavior and meeting our expectations. Look for blue Pride Slips coming home, and check your child's PBIS Matrix in their blue folder to keep track of their accomplishments.

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair begins next week and I invite you to our evening Book Fair and Reader's Night event, where teachers perform literature live for our entertainment!

Wishing you the best for October 2011; I hope to see you at Parent Conferences in November-



*Mrs. Edwards uses her new Smart Board interactive digital whiteboard to teach Kindergarten vocabulary.*



## Peru McTeacher Night is Back!

One of the more popular PTO events is **McTeacher Night!** For this special fundraising event, Peru Elementary teachers "take over" Peru McDonalds for one evening to help serve food in a fun family atmosphere. McTeacher Night will be held **Monday night, October 24, 2011** from 5:00-7:00 pm. During those two hours of the fundraiser, McDonald's donates a percentage of sales to our PTO. We hope to see you at McDonald's on October 24th!





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## From our School Nurse

It is that time of year when we are reminded to take steps to prevent spreading the flu virus.

The flu, also known as influenza, is an infection that affects the nose, throat, and lungs. The flu can be very dangerous for children and prevention is extremely important.

### Steps to prevent the flu:

- Vaccinate yourself and children over the age of 6 months

- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wash hands often
- Keep surfaces clean by wiping down with disinfectant

Peru CSD suggests keeping your child home from school for at least 24 hours **after** their fever is gone to prevent the spread of this virus at school. Contact your physician, pharmacy, or the Clinton County Health Department to schedule a vaccination.

## Recess Reminders

Recess is a vital part of the school day at Peru Primary. Students are actively engaged in learning each and every day; students need 'down time' to exercise and get fresh air.

Cold weather will soon be upon us, and I'd like to remind parents of important considerations for recess:

- ◇ Our goal each day is for students to get outside.

- ◇ At 20 degrees we examine outdoor conditions carefully to assess any risks for students.
- ◇ At 15 degrees or colder Primary students do not go outdoors.

Snow pants and boots are a must! If there's snow on the ground but temperatures are over 15 degrees, we are going out! Please ensure your student is properly equipped!

Peru Primary School is committed to creating "green-awareness" for both students and staff each day with various building-wide recycling efforts.

Primary parents and community members can take part in our earth-saving efforts as well—and help Peru Primary in the process!

Please save the following items and send them to school:

- \* Elmer's glue sticks and bottles.

- \* Drink pouches (no straws please!)
- \* Cookie & cheese wrapper packaging

The above-mentioned items are shipped to recycling companies that donate proceeds to our students! Thanks for your help!



October 5, 2011

Dear Peru Primary School Families:

I hope you've had a productive beginning to the 2011-2012 school year. Thanks to all that were able to attend our annual Open House event, and I've enjoyed reconnecting with many of you as we start another year together. I extend a warm 'welcome' to our new Kindergarten students and families.

I'm pleased to share with you that my wife Jodie and I are expecting the birth of our second child during the month of October.

My request for a paternity leave was approved by our Board of Education, therefore, I will be away from the Primary School for approximately four weeks between October-November. I plan to return to service around Thanksgiving.

Serving as Primary Principal in my absence will be Ms. Christine Angevine, the principal of our school from 2001-2009. I'm honored that Ms. Angevine is returning to our school to work with your child(ren); I extend to her a very warm 'welcome back' and 'thank you'.

Please contact me should you have questions, I look forward to seeing you soon.

With Primary Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott J. Osborne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

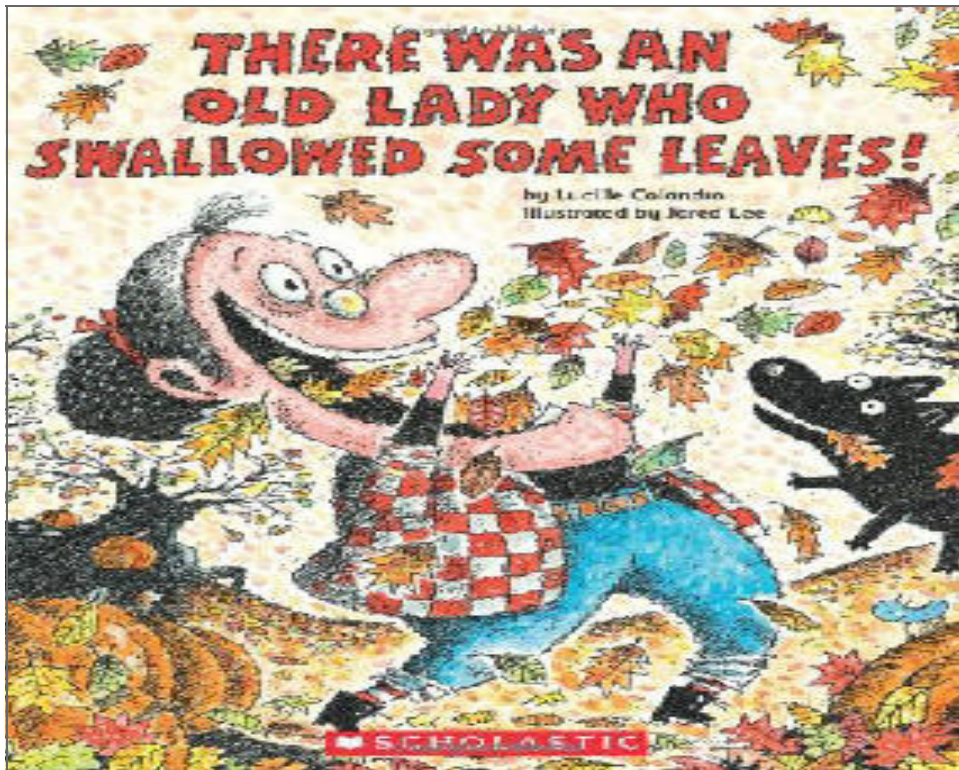
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October 13, 2011

# Reader's Night

Come and participate in the  
reading and performing of:



**Book Fair opens at 6:00pm**

**Performance at 6:30pm**

Special Thanks to: Ms. Hines, Mrs. Joy, Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. Arsenault, Mrs. Jaquish, Mrs. Matthews,  
Mr. Neyenhouse, Mrs. Sue Rabideau, Ms. Buskey, Mr. Osborne, and Ms. Cartier

# Come Join the Fun!