



PERU PRIMARY SCHOOL—WHERE EVERYONE COUNTS!

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Primary School Open 21
House Night 5:30pm

Grade 1 Field Trips to 26-
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for Staff Development

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Intermediate School
lawn 5:30pm

Join the PTO!
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The Beginning of Success!

A most sincere 'welcome back' to all of our Peru Primary School families, both new and old! We are very pleased to have spent the last week getting acclimated to a new school year, new teachers, new routines, and (in some places of Primary) new classrooms! The hallways, walls, and classrooms are pristine, and the Primary School team is more than ready for our 180-day adventure with our students.

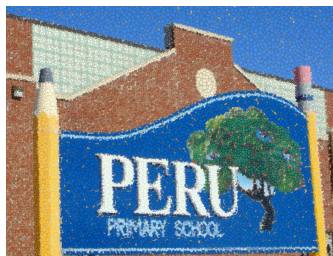
You'll notice a new look in Peru Primary School when you visit on Open House Night, September 21st at 5:30 pm. Our summer EXCEL Capital Renovation Project brings updated classrooms in Kindergarten and 2nd grade, featuring: new floors, ceilings, clocks, fire alarm systems, storage cabinetry, student cubbies, doors, windows, exhaust/exchange units, and other safety and security upgrades. Classroom and instructional spaces across the building re-

ceived upgraded Smart Board instructional hardware. A Smart Board is an interactive white-board, able to bring boundless learning opportunities to our classrooms via the Internet and other 21st century technologies.

Staff members worked over the summer to further align and develop our school curriculum to the new Common Core Learning Standards, and we'll continue that work throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

Be on the lookout for our **Positive Behavior in School (PBIS)** program, more information will be coming home soon.

I wish you a productive and enjoyable school year at Primary—our mission is to promote your child's success in school!



The 2011-2012 school year is underway with a successful return of students and staff.



Open House Night 2011

We hope you can join us for **Open House Night 2011**. Open House is an evening designed to meet your child's teacher, visit the classroom, and discuss the school year ahead. Open House begins at 5:30 pm on September 21st. Classrooms will be open from 5:30-6:30 pm. At 6:30 pm,

Mr. Osborne will provide parents a brief overview of our new PBIS program that students will learn about by month's end. The K-5 PTO will also be at Open House to answer your questions. We hope you can join us!

The School Day at Primary



Our school days go rapidly at Peru Primary! Your cooperation allows us to maximize learning time.

The student school day at Peru Primary School begins at 9:05am each school day. Students that are dropped off for school should be dropped off at 9:05 each day (unless you plan for your child to eat breakfast at school—8:50 am).

While walking your child to class is not discouraged, we do encourage you to say 'good bye' to your child in the main lobby—this helps to build their independence and self-esteem!

The school day ends at 3:05 pm each day. Teachers are delivering instruction right until the final minutes of the school day, so parents are encouraged to pick students up at 3:05pm, so students can experience a full-day of school.

If you plan to pick your child up each and every day at Primary, we dismiss "walkers" in the Primary Cafeteria. Please have photo ID ready, and you'll be issued a "Pick-Up Pass" to re-

lease your child from the school building.

As always, Peru Primary is a "locked campus" building, meaning only one door is open during the school day for public access (at the Main Office). You must sign-in at Primary and provide a valid photo ID if you plan to enter the building beyond the lobby.

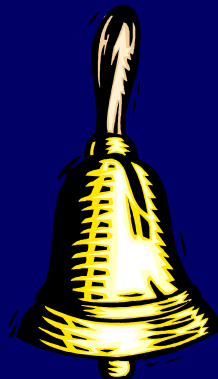
Thanks for your cooperation!

Absent from School?

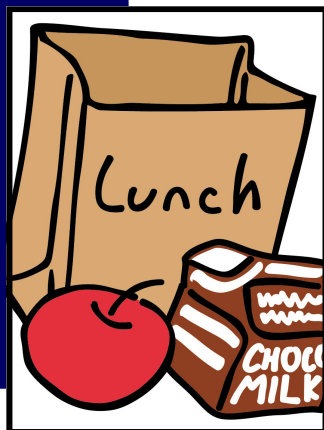
If your child will not be in school by 9:05 am and you are aware of this in advance, we ask you to call the Primary Health Office (643-6106 or 643-6119) to notify us of the absence. Once daily school attendance is completed, we will begin calling all numbers on record to ensure students are safely at home. Contacting us prior will save you our phone call to your home or place of employment.

New York State attendance regulations state that parents must provide written notification of student absences. When a student returns to school from an absence, please send in a note of explanation for that absence.

Please contact Mrs. Bedard, Mrs. Stevens, or Mr. Osborne with questions regarding school attendance.



Our school lunch menu is online!



School Lunches 2011-2012

Our school lunch price for this year is **\$1.90**, with milk at \$.55. Free and Reduced meal applications, as well as detailed menu information, can be found on our website (www.perucsd.org) under "cafeteria services". Our district policy for **meal charging** can also be found here.

Students at Primary have approximately 20 minutes to eat lunch in our cafeteria, and then 20 minutes to play on our playgrounds. Parents are welcomed to sign-in at our main office and eat lunch with their child(ren). When doing so, please refrain from bringing fast-food items into the cafeteria.

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Weekly Newsletters from Teachers

Our teaching staff at Peru Primary School are invested and committed to a strong communication



bridge between home and school. In an effort to promote solid school communication, your child will bring home a weekly newsletter from his/her teacher.

Teacher newsletters contain important classroom and grade-level information and dates to keep track of—we encourage you to look for

these important communications each week in your child’s blue home folder.

Parents can also utilize the Primary School website (found at www.perucsd.org) to see a digital version of the newsletter, typically updated each Friday.

Please contact your child’s teacher for more information on home-school communication.

The K-5 PTO—Enhancing Education

The Peru Elementary K-5 PTO is an organization comprised of parents and school staff. The aim of our PTO is to enhance educational experiences for students in our elementary school system. The K-5 PTO accomplishes this mission through volunteer efforts to strengthen our school-based resources.

In past years the K-5 PTO has donated their time and efforts to improve many school resources and experience for the children of our school.

The K-5 PTO is always looking for new membership, and this year the PTO has expanded their presence to Facebook. While on Face-

book search for “Peru K-5 PTO” to view information about meeting dates and events.



New Staff at Peru Primary for 2011-2012

Mrs. LaHart - Kindergarten

Ms. Licourt - Lunch/Recess Monitor

Mrs. Matthews - 1st Grade

Ms. Nugent - Copy Room Clerk

Mrs. O’Connell - Academic Intervention Services



We are proud to welcome these professionals to our team!



Peru Primary School is on the web!

Peru Primary School
PERU PRIMARY SCHOOL, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HOME AND COMMUNITY, WILL PROMOTE:
Academic Success, Responsibility, Cooperation, and Self Confidence

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Choose “Primary School”

**Find teacher newsletters, publications from the Principal,
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