



Preparing our students for success

Upcoming Events

- 1/10 Board of Education Meeting, 7PM
- 1/16 No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/27 MS Dance sponsored by the Student Council,
 5-7PM
- 1/27 End of 2nd Quarter
- 2/3 Publish date of report cards in School Tool (see Parent Portal link below if you are not signed up).
 Hard copies will be mailed home on this date.

Principal's Desk

Greetings and Happy New Year from Peru Middle School!! I hope that you all enjoyed time with family and friends over the holiday break. As we approach the halfway point of the school year, we will start to prepare for state testing in the areas of ELA and math. We will be using computer-based testing (CBT) for administration of the exams in April and May. This month, we will be holding a simulation to test the system. Students will take a practice exam for one 40-minute period on January 18th. No data is collected. This simulation is designed to test our network and provide students practice with the format.

-Jim Manchester, Principal

Our middle school students participated in several service projects during the month of December. Some of the projects included raising \$163 for the Elmore SPCA, a \$329 donation to the Fitzpatrick Cancer Center, and creating homemade Christmas cards for local nursing homes residents.







Meet Doogan!! Doogan is a male Husky/Great Pyrenees mix that completed his Therapy Dog certification. He was welcomed by the Board of Education in December for a one-year trial. He was in the middle school for a few days before the holiday break and met many of our students and staff. Doogan will be a regular visitor to the

Congratulations to all of our 2023 Spelling Bee participants. Pictured below are the grade winners and the runnerups: (L to R) Kailyn Baker, Chloe Campbell, Vincenzo Francesconi, Reagan McMullen, Charlotte Isecke, and RI Ormsby. Charlotte Isecke was the overall winner and will represent Peru during the Regional Spelling Bee in March.



middle school for 2023!!





Resources and Reminders

- <u>January Lunch Menu</u>
- School Tool Parent Portal