



Peoria Elementary School

"Home of the Pirates"

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Principal's Corner

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As some of you have heard on the news the **AZMerit (State test) results will be released sometime in early Oct.** Statewide many of our students did not demonstrate proficiency on our new State Standard (Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards). For most people this probably is not a surprise.

But what does that mean to us at Peoria Elementary? What it means to us is that we will **continue to carefully review and plan outstanding and engaging lessons that require our students to think and respond in ways that are more rigorous and require our students to base their responses with evidence – "Prove it."** Through continuing to improve our core instruction, classroom and school-based interventions (additional opportunities to practice the new learning), we are confident that our students will learn at high levels.

Ways you can help:

1. Set aside a minimum of 15-30 minutes of school-related work time each night. This can be used to complete homework, read a book, practice sight words, practice multiplication facts, organize backpacks, etc...
2. When reading to your son or daughter (or watching a movie) ask him/her questions about the story/movie and follow up with "How do you know?"
3. Ensure your son/daughter is at school on time each day unless he/she is sick.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CJ Smith".

CJ Smith
Principal

PEORIA PANTRY

We would like to remind you that on the Peoria Elementary campus, our pantry is stocked with clothing to serve our community. We are taking appointments during the following hours:

Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Thursday 8:00 – 10:00am

To make an appointment, please call 412-4465 or
email jyacknin@peoriaud.k12.az.us

From the Nurse -

Emergencies and contact phone numbers:

In an emergency, it is very important that we have up-to-date phone numbers in order to contact you. **If your home, work or cell number has changed, please inform us in writing so we can update your child's file.** It is equally important that the school have a second emergency phone contact number, in case you are not available, the second contact may know where you are and how to contact you.

Immunizations:

If you have a student in the **5th grade** this year, please check your child's immunization records for the Tdap and MCV-4. **Kindergarteners** are required to have additional immunizations as well. These are required by state law. Maricopa County Health Department holds free immunization clinics. Please contact our school nurse at 623-412-4453 if you would like more information about this. If your child received an immunization over the summer, please send or bring in a copy of the shot record, so his/her health records are up-to-date.

Should your child go to school?

Children with the following signs or symptoms should **NOT** be sent to school.

- **Fever:** your child should be fever free for 24 hours, without the aid of a fever reducer, (Ibuprofen or Tylenol) before returning to school.
- **Difficulty breathing** or has a hard or productive cough.
- **Vomiting** within the last 24 hours.
- **Mucus or pus** drainage from eyes or nose.
- **Sore throat** with fever or swollen glands.
- **Rash** with fever or undiagnosed rash.