

Peters Salutes Veterans at Assembly

by Caeleb Burch, 3rd Grade



On November 11, Peters Elementary had a Veteran's Day assembly to honor those who served in the United States military. The assembly was organized by Mrs. Beam, Mrs. Keller, and Mrs. Salinas. Kindergarten and first grade made big red poppies for stage decorations and fourth and fifth grade made smaller poppies for the veterans. Dozens of parents and veterans attended the assembly.

Fourth and fifth graders danced and sang. The dancers used the "Molly" song from the American Girl series. Molly was a character from World War II. This dance has been a tradition at Peters for many years.

During library class, Mrs. Leslie

read the *The Poppy Lady* by Barbara Walsh. *The Poppy Lady* is a story about a lady who gave special things to soldiers going off to war. Students Mckenna Reed, Chandler Montgomery, Peyton Kunkel and Sydney Rosenthal retold the story at the assembly. Student Council officers passed out poppies to each veteran at the assembly.

Student Council officers read facts about the different branches of the military. Secretary Erica Coday also shared some facts about Veteran's Day. Veteran's Day is always on November 11 because World War I ended at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month. It used to be called Armistice Day.

Thank You, Veterans

Editorial by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade
Paw Prints Editor

Are you glad that you live in America? America is one of the countries that allow people to have freedom. You may not realize this, but freedom is not free. Men and women risk their lives and put everything on the line just so our country can have freedom. Without veterans, our country wouldn't have freedom because people would take over our country and nobody would stop it from happening. Without freedom, we wouldn't get to choose what we want to be when we grow up; we would have our careers chosen for us.

We have Veteran's Day because we want to honor the people who have served our country. Next time you see a veteran, thank them for everything they have done and are doing for you and your country.

Citizens of the Month



4th Grade - Jennifer Delgado, Daphne Crawford, Taylor McDonald, Cody Paschall, Kora Yeahquo

5th Grade - Evan Brown, Erica Coday, Peyton Kunkel

Student Council Sponsors Canned Food Drive

by Sara Castle, 5th Grade

Who likes pie? Well, hopefully Student Council President Braxton Tempest and Vice President Alaina Reich do, because for a canned food drive girls and boys are going head to head to see who can bring the most cans. If the girls win Alaina



will put a pie in Braxton's face. If the boys win Braxton will put a pie in Alaina's face.

The canned food drive is sponsored by Student Council. All col-

lections will go to the Broken Arrow Neighbors.

Alaina and Braxton said they agreed to get hit by a pie because they wanted to help those less fortunate.

"This was an ingenious idea by Student Council. We have collected a colossal number of cans," Braxton said.

Peters has once again pulled together to help neighbors in need. Results will be announced on Friday, December 20.

Fifth Grade Works at BizTown

by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade

On December 17, fifth grade students and teachers went to JA BizTown. JA BizTown is a marketplace where students run mock businesses. BizTown is not all just fun and games. Students have to fill out job applications and then interview for a job. There are many different businesses to choose from such as Arby's, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Bank of Oklahoma, Reasor's and Cox.

Students have their own bank accounts and checkbooks and have to manage their money. Students get a paycheck twice but have to pay taxes. With the remaining money in their bank account they can go to the

businesses to buy things. Items available for purchase include hair extensions, magnets, puzzles, stuffed animals and dog tags.

Fifth grader Warisha Choudhary worked as the CFO at the Schusterman Center. She said BizTown has



been one of her favorite things at school.

"It really taught me a lot about how the real world works. It got kind of hard at times, but I still loved it," she said.



Third Grade Pioneers

by Grayson Tempest, 3rd Grade

On December 11, third grade students had Pioneer Day. Students made bread and ate in the classroom with their teacher. They played games like Drop the Handkerchief and made yarn dolls. They also got to decorate lunch pails and dress up like a pioneer if they wanted.

This was the third year that Peters students have had Pioneer Day. Mrs. Morris said that third grade does it because it goes along with their study of westward expansion. She said she likes showing kids

what it was like to live back then.

"I liked it because you get to dress up and there are old time snacks," said Creed Gniech.

Ruby Palos said her favorite part of Pioneer Day was making dolls.



Academic Teams Play Union Schools

by Anna Hemm, 5th Grade and Meghana Venkatesha, 4th Grade



On November 12 and 13, fourth and fifth grade academic teams went to Anderson for their first competition of the year. Peters competed against Jarman and Anderson. In the competition, students tried to buzz in as fast as they could to answer the question that was given to them. If they got that question correct, then they received a bonus question. The whole team was able to confer on the bonus question. Each question was worth 10 points.

The fourth grade academic teams placed fourth and fifth. The fifth grade teams placed third and fourth.

"I liked it because it was challenging," fifth grader Simon Eddins said.

"I liked competing against other schools," fifth grade captain Hannah Fuller said.

Wonders of Woolaroc

by Daphne Crawford, 4th Grade

On November 7, Peters fourth grade students went to Woolaroc for their field trip. Woolaroc is in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. If you take a bus from Peters to Woolaroc it takes about an hour. Mrs. Borgelt said fourth grade goes to Woolaroc because it is a good place to learn about the history and geography of Oklahoma.

On the field trip, fourth graders completed a scavenger hunt. They had to find things in the museum and things outside. There were lots of things to see. In the museum, students got to see all kinds of Oklahoma history. There were Native



American masks, shrunken heads, and much more. The outside of Woolaroc had all kinds of animals, including deer, bison, and water buffalo.

"It was really fun and it was a good experience. I want to go there again," said fourth grader Erin Hillhouse.

Peters Has Talent

by James Huffman, 4th Grade

Tryouts for the talent show were held on November 19. There were many different acts, including science, magic, dancing, musical instruments, singing, and cheer. 29 students were selected to participate in the talent show.

Fifth grader Sara Castle, who will be singing Rolling in the Deep, said her favorite part of the talent show is singing on stage. "I really enjoy watching all the acts too," she said.

The talent show will be on January 31 and dress rehearsal will be on January 28.

Student Council Update

by Erica Coday, 5th Grade
Student Council Secretary

Student Council had a second meeting November 12.

For Kindness Week, they decided to have the following activities: Write a Letter to Someone Day, Make a New Friend Day, High-5 Day, Compliment Day, and Give Someone a Smile Day.

Student Council decided that for the November No Tardy Party students will eat with their teacher, and for the December No Tardy Party students will get to wear their favorite holiday socks for a day.

Student Council also decided to collect canned food for the Broken Arrow Neighbors. Boys are competing against the girls to see who can collect the most cans. Thank you boys and girls for your donations.

Peters Gets Fit

by Grayson Tempest, 3rd Grade

Third through seventh grades take a fitness test each year in PE. Students have to do pull ups, sit-ups, the mile run, shuttle run, and sit and reach. Students have been taking these tests since 1961 -

Holiday Shopping

by Caris Fore, 3rd Grade

On December 11, Peters opened a Holiday Shop in the science lab where students could buy gifts for family and friends. The reason Peters has a Holiday Shop is to raise money for the school. The PTA ran this event. They had some new items like toy monster trucks, figurines, clocks, and more. They also kept some items like pull-back racecars and pink poodles. The price range was from 35 cents to 16 dollars.

"I like having a holiday shop because you can get presents for your friends that you can't find in stores," said third grader Lauren Hemm.

Kindergartener Alisah Shepherd

said, "I like giving presents because it makes me feel good."

The Holiday Shop is open until December 18 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Happy Holidays!



PTA Raises Funds by Selling Candy Grams

by Warisha Choudhary, 5th Grade

Candy Grams are returning to Peters for the holiday season. Candy Grams are messages with candy attached to them.

PTA President Jean Jones said that selling Candy Grams helps PTA raise money and also is a way to give Peters students something nice.

"They are a good way to express your feelings to others," said fifth grader Sara Castle.

"They let me know that somebody cares for me," said fifth grader Anna Hemm.

If you want to buy a Candy Gram you can buy them in February and December. You can get a Candy Gram paper from your teacher. Just fill it out, attach two quarters, and turn it in to the office.



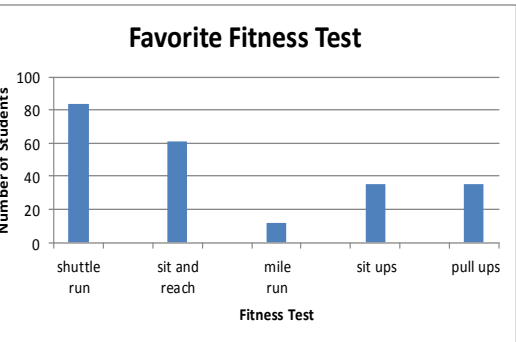
Stop the Flu Bug!

by Hannah Fuller, 5th Grade

Do you ever hear adults telling kids to wash their hands? It is important that kids and adults wash their hands because germs and bacteria will build up and they might get sick.

The best thing to do to prevent sicknesses like the flu is to wash your hands. Some pharmacies and stores offer flu shots but it is still important to wash hands and take other precautions. Kids need to wash their hands before meals, after they go to the restroom, and after handling animals. Kids should wash their hands for 20 seconds or as long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice.

Other ways to prevent the flu are to cough into your arm, do not touch someone who is sick, and keep your hands to yourself. It really is important to practice healthy habits to prevent getting the flu and other sicknesses.



Mr. Ritter said the reason Peters does the fitness test is to show students how fit they are. To pass, students have to score in the top 15 percent of all students. If you pass, you get a certificate signed by President Obama and a badge. Mr. Ritter said it is really hard to pass. Only 31 kids passed this year.

Meet Nigel

by Cameron Brashear, 3rd Grade



Mrs. Griffin’s class has a pet guinea pig named Nigel. Nigel is a very fat guinea pig but a very cute one. He is brown, black, and white.

Mrs. Griffin got Nigel on September 16 from Mr. and Mrs. Baker, who are friends of Mrs. Gray. She said the reason she got Nigel was because she wanted her class to learn about guinea pigs. She also wants her class to learn about responsibility and to be respectful to animals.

Mrs. Griffin gave her class a sign up sheet to take Nigel home each weekend. All the kids really like to take Nigel home.

“I like Nigel because he’s soft and doesn’t harm people and he’s kind,” said third grader Justin Crutchmer.

Students Participate in Reflections Program

by Hannah Fuller, 5th Grade

Do you enjoy making pictures, writing literature, taking photos, writing music, or making films? If so, you are probably one of the students in grades pre-k through fifth who entered the National PTA Reflections Program. This year’s theme was “Believe, Dream, Inspire.” All entries had to relate to the theme.

The Reflections Program is divided into four divisions: primary, intermediate, middle school, and high school. Judges decide who wins in each division. The students who win in their divisions will receive trophies, and all entries will be displayed in the library.

Winners and honorable mentions will be announced on PNN76.

Books and More Books!

By Anna Hemm, 5th Grade
and Warisha Choudhary, 5th Grade

On October 8, Mrs. Cole received a grant for \$900 worth of books. Mrs. Cole submitted a grant request with Donors Choose. Donors Choose is a web site where teachers can request materials for their classrooms. In her request, Mrs. Cole had to tell why she needed the books and how they would help her students.

“This grant has increased the number of books available to my students,” Mrs. Cole said. Her class got on-level books for first graders.

First grader Autumn Jones said her favorite book from the grant is *Who Lives In...?* because it is exciting.

“It is different having more books than usual,” said first grader Isabelle Beerens.



Meet Officer Hearst

by Warisha Choudhary, 5th Grade

Do you know Officer Hearst? Well, he is the school’s safety officer. He teaches the students laws and how to be good citizens. He counsels kids to help them grow, and when people break laws he enforces them.

“I became a police officer to help people. I decided the best way to help is to help kids,” Officer Hearst said.

He says he tries to help students every time they see him. “I always lend a helping hand,” he said.

Dominoes With Dads

by Daphne Crawford, 4th Grade

On November 8, PTA sponsored Dads Night Out in the gym. About ten families came to the event. The event lasted from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Guests ate sandwiches, played dominoes, and had an auction for some cool prizes.

PTA President Jean Jones said that all the money raised is going towards an anti-bullying program at Peters.



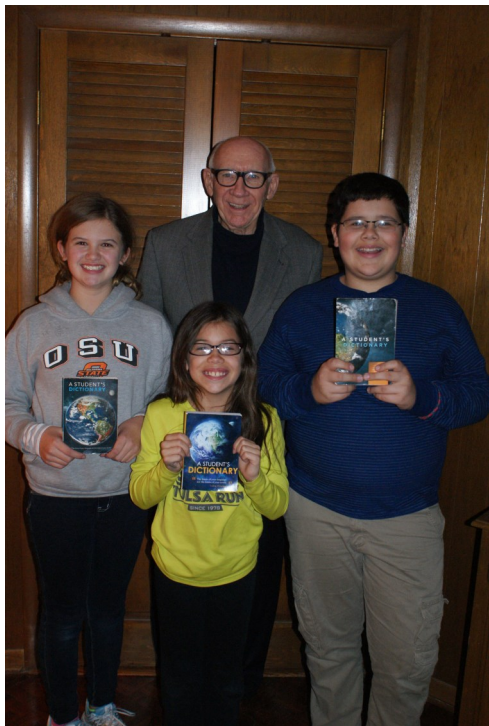
3rd Grade Receives Dictionaries

by Hannah Fuller, 5th Grade

One of Peters’ special traditions is when third graders get their own dictionaries. Peters grandparent Don Wright hands them out every year. Each dictionary has the student’s name on the inside cover. This year Mr. Wright handed them out on Monday, November 18.

Mr. Wright belongs to the Southeast Tulsa Rotary Club that provides the dictionaries. Mr. Wright has been a member for six years and handed out dictionaries for the past five years. There are Rotary Clubs all over the country. They raise money for scholarships and other things. Each year, they provide over 1,000 dictionaries to Union third graders.

“Everybody should have a dictionary,” said Mr. Wright.



Editor’s Note: Don Wright has passed out dictionaries to each of his grandchildren during their third grade year at Peters. Pictured are Mr. Wright with his grandchildren Hannah, Sarah, and Jacob.

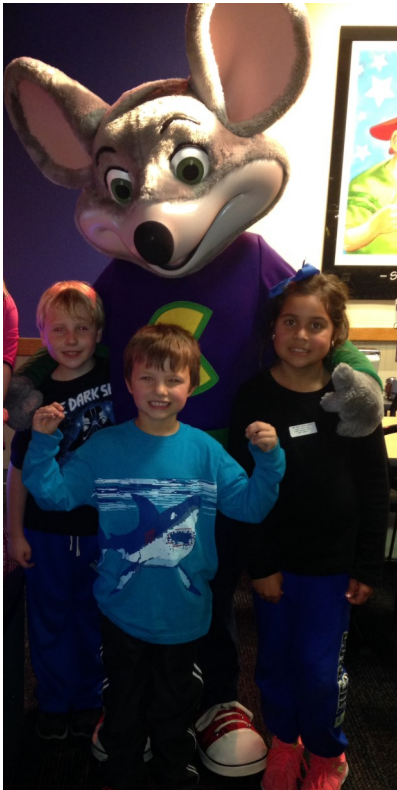
Meet Mr. Robert

by Grayson Tempest, 3rd Grade



Have you noticed the guy telling you when to cross the street? He’s also the guy telling you when to get milk. His name is Mr. Robert. He likes to fish on his free time. He was also in the United States Army. His birthday is the 17th of June. If he could meet anybody it would probably be Albert Einstein. His hero is his dad Harold. He likes the book series *Lord of the Rings*.

He likes his job because the kids make him laugh. He says the hardest thing about being a crossing guard is the weather. He likes being the duty assistant better because the weather is better and he gets to spend more time with the kids.



Say Cheese!

by Cameron Brashear, 3rd Grade

Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night was on November 12. Lots of Peters students were in attendance. Peters has spirit nights because the PTA wants to encourage students and parents to be together at a fun place. Chuck E. Cheese counts the money spent by Peters families who attend and gives our PTA a percentage. PTA made \$100.85 from this event.

Ask The Panther

by Meghana Venkatesha, 4th Grade
and Daphne Crawford, 4th Grade

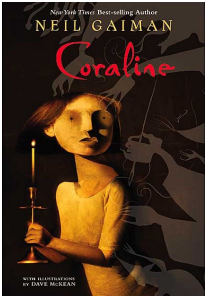
Dear Panther,
My friends always say that they have all this cool stuff. I accidentally join in and say that I have something I don’t really have because I want that cool stuff too and I lie. I’m not sure what to do.
— Confused

Dear Confused,
First of all, stop lying and don’t measure yourself by the things you have. Just because they have stuff you don’t, doesn’t mean you need that stuff. The best stuff in life isn’t stuff.

Coraline

Book Review
by Caris Fore, 3rd Grade

I am going to tell you about a good book called *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman. Coraline’s family has moved into a really big house. On one rainy day, Coraline gets bored, so she counts all the doors. One is all bricked up. The next time she looks at the door that is bricked up, there are no bricks! If you’d like to know what happens next, you can check out *Coraline* at the library.



Letters to the Editor

Fourth Grade Bathrooms

by Miles Givens, 4th Grade

When I walk into the fourth grade boys bathroom, there is only one stall that has a door. I speak for the boys in fourth grade. It is not fair. Sometimes we find vandalism on the stall doors. Really?!

Be Prompt

by Miles Givens, 4th Grade

Sometimes I notice that kids are tardy just so they can get a sack breakfast. My teacher doesn’t like this. Mrs. Marla cooks for nearly 500 kids every day. If you want breakfast, you should come earlier. Be prompt and keep your teacher happy.

No Absent Party

by Rayan Choudhary, 2nd Grade

We the People of Peters Elementary should have a No Absent Party for the month just like the No Tardy Party. Students could play games with chalk, hula hoops, jump ropes, and more. We should have it right after lunch. If you want to do it, go tell Mrs. Gray.

Longer Lunch

by Anna Hemm, 5th Grade

I think that Peters should have longer lunch times. We get only 20 minutes to eat, and when you are last, you only get about 10 minutes. Then, you have to chug it all down and don’t have any social time with your friends. I don’t like that. I’ve heard many complaints about this, and I think that it should be changed.

The Christmas Genie

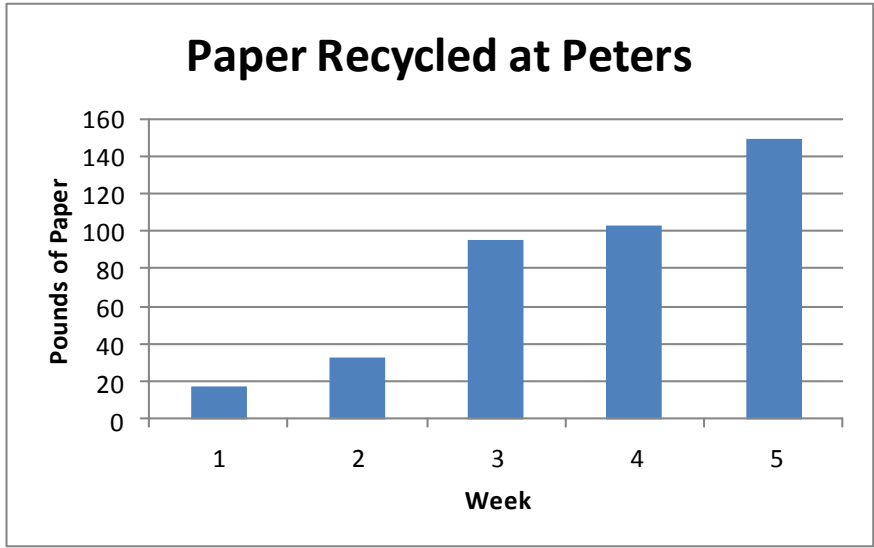
Book Review
by Grayson Tempest, 3rd Grade

The *Christmas Genie* by Dan Gutman is a book about a teacher who always talks about meteorites. One day a meteorite actually falls through the roof into the classroom. This is where the genie comes in. A genie pops out of the meteorite and says he would grant the whole class one wish.

I would tell you what happens, but I don’t want to spoil it for you. If you’re wondering why the genie is a Christmas genie, it is because this happens on Christmas Day.



Graph by Hannah Fuller, 5th Grade



Word Search by James Huffman, 4th Grade

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Mr. Bowen Named Teacher of the Year

by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade

On October 31, Mr. Bowen was named the Teacher of the Year for Peters. He was surprised with a cake and crown at a meeting after school. “I did not expect this award. To be honest, I was pretty embarrassed. But I appreciate the recognition and am grateful to be part of such a ded-

icated staff,” Mr. Bowen said. The Teacher of the Year is selected by teachers at Peters. The winner is then a candidate for District Teacher of the Year. Mr. Bowen has been a teacher for six years. He said his favorite subject to teach is math. but he also enjoys United States history. “I think Mr. Bowen is a nice and great teacher,” said Peyton Kunkel, a fifth grader in Mr. Bowen’s class. “He is awesome!” said classmate Brianna Wimberly.



Comic by Cameron Brashear, 3rd Grade

