

## Run, Peters, Run!

by Daphne Crawford, 4th Grade



On October 22, kindergarten through fifth grade participated in the Jog-A-Thon. This is Peters' ninth year to be involved in this multi-school effort. PTA, parents, and teachers all volunteered at the Jog-A-Thon. Volunteers stood on one side of the soccer field with a Sharpie. As students completed a lap, they received a mark on a card that was pinned to their shirt.

Most of the students and teachers said they really like the activity. Avery Lira said, "I like the Jog-A-Thon because you get to run and win trophies and stuff."

Peters students will continue to enjoy this activity in the years to come because everyone needs to learn fun ways to achieve strong, healthy bodies.

Boys Most Laps: Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade, 29 laps

Girls Most Laps: Hannah Main, 4th Grade, 24 laps; Abigail McMahon, 4th Grade, 24 laps

Classes Most Laps: Mrs. Lira, 467 laps; Mr. Bowen, 454 laps; Mr. Harris, 445 laps

## Union Foundation Supports Teachers

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

On Saturday, November 2, the Union Foundation will have a fundraiser and dinner. The Union Foundation is a group of people who support the teachers and the students of the Union district. At the dinner, artwork and other items will be auctioned off. Mrs. Salinas worked with Peters students to create an art project for the auction. The project was made out of painted, recycled paper towel rolls.

Some of the money raised from the auction goes to teacher grants. Teachers who are interested in applying for a grant write what they need, and the Union Foundation chooses grants to fund from all the teachers who apply. Mrs. Harding has received a foundation grant. She got an incubator to hatch ducks. She said the grant helped her provide more engaging science activities.

Something new that the Union Foundation is doing is an online auction. Some of the items included are a QuikTrip gift card, a mini iPad, a purse, and much more. Miss Mary Jo, our former receptionist who is on the Union Foundation board, said that they will also be doing a gift certificate drawing that night.

## Red Ribbon Week Teaches Students to Stay Drug-Free

by Grayson Tempest, 3rd Grade



Students from Peters participated in special events for Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 28. Students did fun things like crazy hat day, crazy sock day, pajama day, and on the last day students got to dress up as their favorite book character.

Peters does Red Ribbon Week to prevent people from doing drugs and to honor Enrique Kiki, a DEA

agent who died trying to prevent people from doing drugs. Peters has been doing Red Ribbon Week for about 20 years.

Students received gifts for Red Ribbon Week, including coloring books, trick or treat bags, bracelets, and ribbons. On the 31st, firemen and policemen came to show off their car and to talk to students about why they should not do drugs.



# Peters Families Take Part in Tulsa Run

by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade

For the tenth year in a row, Peters had more participants in the Tulsa Run than any other school in the Tulsa area. Peters was awarded a \$600 check for this accomplishment. Mr. Ritter said that 154 kids and adults signed up for the Tulsa Run. Tulsa Sports Commission is in charge of the Tulsa Run, but Mr. Ritter is in charge of the Tulsa Run at Peters.

The Tulsa Run is a race that kids and adults do for fun and fitness. There are many different races at the Tulsa Run, such as the Fun Run and the 5k race. These events took place on October 26 in downtown Tulsa.

In past years, Mr. Ritter has bought playground equipment and balls with the money awarded from

the Tulsa Run. Mr. Ritter said he hasn't decided what to do with the money yet this year.

Students who signed up for the Tulsa Run received a long sleeve T-shirt and will be invited to a pizza party.

"We do the Tulsa Run because it helps raise money for our school and it is good family fun," said Mr. Ritter.

The most people Peters has had sign up for the Tulsa Run is 355 but the number is usually closer to 200.



## Solarium Club

by Marisol Sandoval, 5th Grade

Do you wonder what happens in Solarium Club? Well there's a lot of stuff to do like clean the pond filter, cut the rose bushes, clean the algae out of the pond and even pull out the weeds. The members work really hard to clean the solarium and make it look nice.

Ten fourth graders are selected for Solarium Club. Third graders who want to sign up for Solarium Club can apply in the spring. Solarium Club meets the first Friday of each month.

## CiCi's Pizza at Lunch

by James Huffman, 4th Grade

On Friday, October 4, Peters students were able to purchase CiCi's pizza in the cafeteria. Students have CiCi's pizza day because when we did PTA pizza some students couldn't afford it. But now some can. The full price pizza meal costs \$1.90 and includes pizza, fruit, vegetables, and milk.

The cafeteria had 45 pizzas and 355 students ate 450 slices of pizza. There was cheese and pepperoni pizza. The next pizza day will be November 8.

## Check Mate!

by Meghana Venkatesha, 4th Grade



After an absence of several years, Chess Club has returned to Peters. Mr. and Mrs. Yeats and Justin Tackett have volunteered to sponsor the club.

Chess Club meets every Friday at 7:20 a.m. in Mrs. Harding's room. Students are encouraged to play chess because it improves strategic thinking.

To be in Chess Club, students have to fill out a form and turn it in to their teacher. So far, Chess Club has 22 members who come regularly.

"I like chess because I think it's cool!" said Jordan Taylor.

Mrs. Yeats encourages kids to play at least three people during each meeting and to not play the same people.

## Creed's Cleaning Crew

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

Have you seen the 3rd graders picking up trash at recess instead of playing? Well those kids are Creed Gneich, Sarah Fuller, Abbie Main, Haylee Christopher, Ethan Jackson, and Grayson Tempest. Creed started picking up trash and Abbie thought of the club. This club picks up trash all over the playground.

"If we did not come up with the club then our school would be a dump," Creed said. "It is faster, easier, and more fun with a club."

On Fridays the club gets a day

off. If anyone who is in the club starts to play on the playground or on the soccer field, except on Friday, they're out of the club.

Mrs. Griffin said she is proud of Creed and amazed at what the club does. "I get to see the club in action and what good they do," she said.





## Peters Recognized as Energy Saver

by Hannah Fuller, 5th Grade



Have you noticed the new sign in the lobby? It is advertising for the Public Service Company of Oklahoma, the local electric provider. They recognize businesses that have reduced their energy usage as PSO peak performing businesses. Peters is now recognized as a PSO peak performing business.

Mrs. Eva said, "PSO is trying to remind us to save energy so there is more money for the teachers. That is why the sign is in the lobby. Last year they sent out an e-mail about how much energy we're saving. We also have a green flag." Peters earned the green flag by working as a school to save energy and improve the school site.

PSO has a program called Demand Response that pays schools or businesses for reducing energy usage during high demand times. PSO will announce an event, which means they expect the energy usage to exceed the energy available. This could cause blackouts. During these events, Peters and other Union schools reduce energy usage and get financially rewarded.

According to Charlie Bushyhead, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, Union expects to receive \$70,000 for the two events that occurred this summer. Mr. Bushyhead said, "One of things we are most proud of regarding energy use this past year was the reduction of over \$230,000 in our district electric bill compared to 2011-12."

## Giving Back

by Grayson Tempest, 3rd Grade

Peters' United Way fundraiser started on September 6 and lasted until October 1. Every year there is a theme. This year's theme was "Be Someone's Hero."

Mrs. McDonald has been in charge of United Way for five years. She said that our school usually raises \$6,000 each year. This year we raised \$6600. That money goes to organizations like the Red Cross that help families in need.

On September 20, Peters students and teachers got to dress up as their favorite superhero to encourage donations.



## Student Council Has First Meeting

by Erica Coday, 5th Grade  
Student Council Secretary



Have you wondered what Student Council does? Student Council has meetings and they decide what Peters wants to do for that month to make school fun. Student Council decides what we do for no tardy parties. Student Council also was in charge of the pumpkin guessing in October.

Being in Student Council is an important job. You have to listen very closely and come up with ideas. It is a big commitment to the school.

## Box Tops = Money!

by Joy Grissen, 5th Grade  
and Sara Castle, 5th Grade

Do you enjoy going to the carnival and family fun nights? Bringing Box Tops to your school helps the school raise money for some of those fun events. Mrs. Dollins collects the Box Tops and takes them to the PTA, who turns them in for money. They use the money to pay for events and other things.

The first time Peters had a Box Tops contest our school raised about \$800. Mrs. Reich's class won the first Box Tops contest. This year there are three chances to bring in as many Box Tops as you can. The class that brings in the most Box Tops will earn a pizza party.

You can find Box Tops on cereal boxes, hamburger helper boxes, and other pre-packaged foods. The deadlines to bring in Box Tops are October 15, February 15, and May 10.

## Book Fair Meets Goal

by Hannah Fuller, 5th Grade  
and Sara Castle, 5th Grade

From Friday, October 4 to Friday, October 11, the back of the library was occupied by the fall Scholastic Book Fair. Students with money and classes that were shopping or previewing were allowed in the book fair. Besides books, there were bookmarks, pens, pencil sharpeners,

and more for sale. *I Funny, Mythical Monsters, Spirit Animals*, and the world record books were some of the most popular books.

Mrs. Leslie said the book fair is important because it helps her buy books and fund special programs like TV crew. Peters has had book fairs for about 20 years.

Mrs. Leslie set a goal to raise \$6,000. Because students reached this goal, Mrs. Gray dressed up like an Egyptian pharaoh.

## Turn Your Work In On Time

by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade  
Paw Prints Editor

Have you ever had work and felt no desire to do it? Well that feeling happens to everybody, but that doesn't mean that you can just put it off to the next day. When you do put off your work or don't even bother to do it, it interrupts the class and the teacher has to deal with you not doing your work rather than teaching the class. This does not set a very good example to your classmates either.

If you don't understand your work then ask a friend or your teacher. Please, do not ask a calculator for help on your math assignments. Be sure to leave some time in your schedule for homework so you can be prepared. You could even ask your teacher to give you time during the school day to do your homework.

There are many things you can do to get your homework and regular class assignments turned in on time. When you don't turn in your work on time, you lose the trust of your teacher. So let's try to turn in our work on time, shall we?

## Healthy Habits Lead to Healthy Life

by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade  
Paw Prints Editor

It is great to get home on a Friday and go play Xbox and watch TV after a hard week of school, but you don't need to spend all week-end doing that stuff. I understand that everybody needs to relax, but you can also go play. When you are little and do simple things that help you get fit, these habits can help you stay fit when you are older, too.

One of those things that you can do is to eat healthier. I would not recommend trying to lose weight, but just don't eat Skittles and Slushies for all of your meals. One thing you can do to eat healthier is to eat pretzels instead of chips and drink water instead of pop.

Another thing you can do is to get active. Go outside and play or go ride your bike. If your parents have a membership to a gym, that would be a great place to go to get fit. One of the main reasons that people aren't fit is because all they do is play video games.

So, let's change our life style and try to stay fit. Eating healthy and being active are just some of the ways we can stay fit.

## Ask The Panther

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

Dear Panther,  
Some of my classmates are saying that someone in my class is spreading rumors about me. When I asked him, he said he never said that and you're my best pal. Who should I believe?  
— Confused

Dear Confused,  
Think about the person who told you he didn't spread any rumors. If he has been trustworthy, you should believe him. If you don't believe him, maybe you should not hang out with him. If the rumors keep going, you need to ask an adult for help.  
— The Panther

Dear Panther,  
My best friend has been extremely mean lately. When we argue, she hasn't been listening to my opinion and she's been calling me names and she thinks she's so perfect. What should I do?  
— Clueless

Dear Clueless,  
First ask her if something is wrong and bothering her. If she still is like that, maybe you shouldn't play with her. If she isn't nice to you, she may not be your true friend.  
— The Panther

## Letters to the Editor

### Stop Bullying

by Mia Hodson, 4th Grade

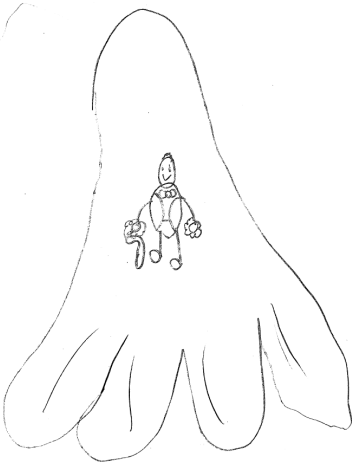
People like you and me may have been bullied. If you are like me and don't like bullies, help stop the bullying. You can help by first having permission to make "stop bullying" posters! This school needs to be bully free! If you think you're a bully, ask a grown up or ask a friend if you are. If you are, try to stop. You'll make more friends and make our school better.



## Joking Around

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Spell.  
Spell who?  
W-h-o.  
Submitted by Dylan Sneed, 4th grade

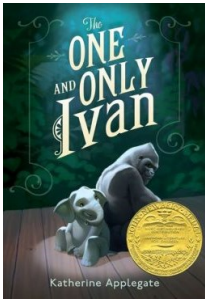
How do you make a tissue dance?  
Put a little boogey in it.  
Submitted by Jennifer Bissett, 2nd grade



### The One and Only Ivan

Book Review  
by Grayson Tempest, 3rd Grade

I read a book called *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. It's about a gorilla who has a sister named Tag. Ivan and Tag were with their family one day and all of a sudden they got taken away. They were put in a big box and taken to a circus with other animals like elephants, dogs and more. Ivan's owner is now a man named Mack. Read it and find out what happens next.







## No Tardy Parties

by Cameron Brashear, 3rd Grade

On September 30, Peters had its first no tardy party of the year. A total of 387 students were not tardy in September and enjoyed popsicles and an extra recess.

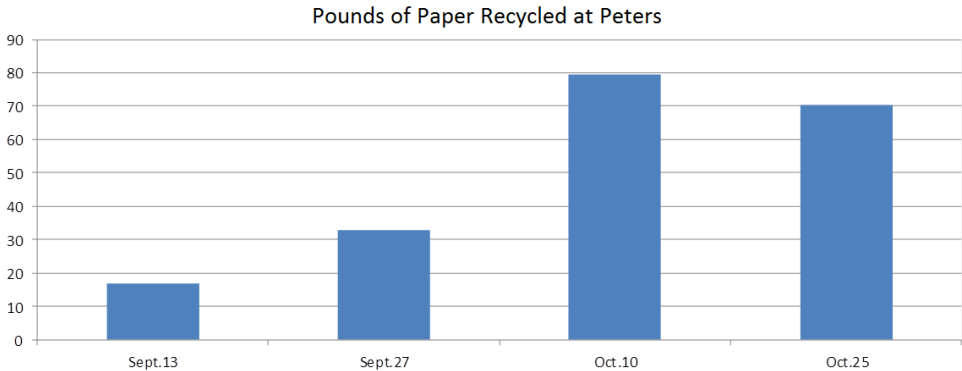
The no tardy party is for students who have not been tardy for the entire month. If students have not been tardy, Student Council plans fun things for those students.

The reason we have the no tardy party is because teachers want to encourage students to be at school on time so they can learn.

## Peters Recycles

Graph by Hannah Fuller, 5th Grade

Every two weeks Recycling Club gets everyone’s recycling box and weighs it. This is a chart of how many pounds of paper products Peters has recycled each collection.



## Comic by Hannah Main, 4th Grade

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Cartoon by  
Hannah Main  
4<sup>th</sup> grade