



Welcome
Parents and
Families!

**PEORIA
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

August 2020

Mrs. Brenda LoPresto, Principal Ms. Becky Rusher, Assistant Principal

Mrs. LoPresto attended both Peoria Elem. & PHS as a student. She has been an educator for over 26 years, with 15 of those years in administration. In May, she received the RSK Leadership Award as a leader in this district.



Ms. Rusher has been a dedicated educator since 1996. As she begins her 16th year as an assistant principal in this district, she is excited to continue building relationships with students and families on our campus.

We are here to get your questions answered. Please let us know what we can do to support your child's learning.

Starting with Virtual Instruction

- **Your child's teacher will provide you with a schedule of class meeting times that she is "live".**
- **You can watch recorded sessions at a later time.**
- **Your child's day will consist of "live lessons", lessons on Florida Virtual, class meetings and projects that your teacher assigns. These things will make up your child's school day and count towards their attendance.**

Technology Needed

- A desktop computer or laptop computer works best in the virtual format.
- Chromebooks are also a suitable option.
- Tablets, iPads, and mobile devices may not meet the needs of your child's course and are not recommended.
- We suggest students have a Windows or a Mac-based computer to complete their coursework.
- If your home computer was purchased within the last two to three years, it should work fine.
- We have a limited number of laptops available for checkout. Families are financially responsible for loss or damage to the computer.
- In order to participate in Virtual Instruction, internet access/WiFi is required.

MS TEAMS and Meet the Teacher

- On our website you can find all of the how to documents to support your child's digital access.
- Your child will need to access their teacher's Microsoft Teams Class to receive information from the teacher and see their Welcome Video.
- To access Teams...[Getting Students Ready to use Teams](#)

Meet our Special Area Staff

Library: Ms. West

PK-8 Art: Ms. Wills



5-8 Band: Mrs. Kauffman

PE: Coach Colton & Coach Croteau

6-8 Technology: Ms. Newkirk

5-8 Choir: Mrs. Alexander

Nurse: Ms. Brown



They will be presenting lessons both virtually and pushing out lessons. Look for your child's schedule to know when they will have special area classes.



Meet our Special Education Teachers

K-2 Resource: Ms. Adams

3-5 Resource: Ms. Hammack

6-8 Resource: Mrs. Aron

Speech: Ms. Koscak

Speech Asst: Ms. Finch

Preschool Speech: Ms. Wilson

OT: Ms. Heese

Psychologist : Mrs. Kramer

Special education services will continue during our online instruction. Your child's service provider will be reaching out to you to share how they can support your child.



Early Release

Every Wednesday

at 1:00 PM

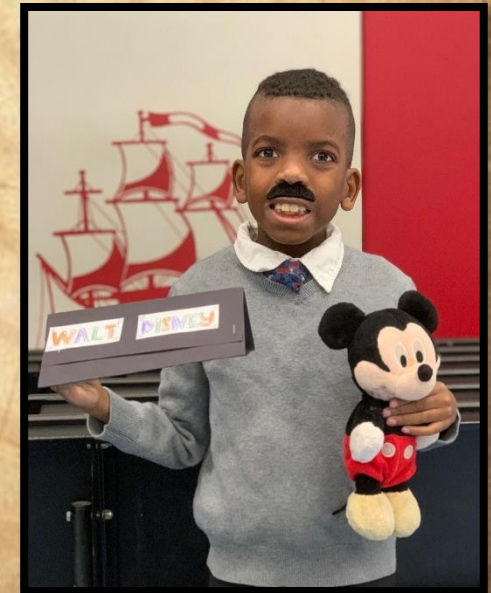


Our teachers will be in professional development on Wednesday afternoons. This will be both during virtual instruction and when we return to classroom instruction.



Parent VUE

- Parents are able to check their child's grades and email teachers 24/7 through ParentVUE.
- Get your parent access letter from the front office. You must present photo ID to receive access.



Afterschool Options & Sports

- City of Peoria AM/PM *Working on opening*
- Boys and Girls Club *Open*



- SPORTS
- Cross Country
- Football
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Softball
- Track & Field

Sports are postponed until further notice.

School-wide Title I

- Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.
- The school district identifies schools with a 40% or higher free and reduced lunch count as eligible schools and allocates the Title I funds to these schools.
- Peoria is an eligible, school-wide Title I School with a free and reduced lunch count of 70%.



Goals and Services of Title 1

- Increase academic achievement for all students
- Ensure school accountability
- Ensure that parents are provided with assistance in understanding how well their school and their children are performing

Interventions are provided by:

- 1 full-time Title I Reading Specialists – Mrs. Jaeger
- 3 Title I Reading paraprofessionals - Mrs. Yacknin, Ms. Bias and Mrs. Williams



How Does My Child Qualify?

- Assessments are given.
- Test scores are evaluated.
- Students are referred by teachers.
- Students with the greatest need qualify for extra services.



Some services will be delayed until we reopen for classroom instruction.

Services Provided

- Title I Programming: (for all students and/or families)
- Family Academic events : Bingo for Books, Math Night, etc.
- Academic intervention for qualifying students.

Parent Involvement Requirements

- Title I School/Parent Compacts
- Title I Parent Involvement Committee (please let your child's teacher know if you would like to participate)



Parents' Rights

- To be involved in your child's educational success
- To be provided information about your child's level of achievement on assessments and screeners
- To request and receive information on the qualifications of your child's teacher
- To be informed if your child is taught by a non-highly qualified teacher for four or more consecutive weeks

PTO Officers



**School shirts
available in
front office for
\$10**

- **President: Megan Karas**
- **Vice President: Tiffany Husar**
- **Treasurer: Lluvia Martinez**
- **Secretary: Darlene Brown**
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Peoria Elementary



WHAT WE DO MATTERS

Together We are Peoria. We can. I will. What we do matters.

