

Welcome Parents and Families!




August 2022

MISSION

Educating Learners today to be
Leaders tomorrow.

VISION



Peoria Elementary School strives to become
a community of thinkers and problem solvers;
a place where all are supported and a place of
mutual respect for students, staff and families.

Mrs. Brenda LoPresto, Principal

Mrs. Kim Mendez, Assistant Principal

Mrs. LoPresto attended both Peoria Elem. & PHS as a student. She has been an educator for over 28 years, with 15 of those years in administration. In May 2020, she received the RSK Leadership Award as a leader in the PUSD district.



Mrs. Mendez has been a dedicated educator since 2000. She has a background in special education. As she starts next year as our assistant principal, she is excited to continue building relationships with students and families on our campus.

We have Community and Developmental Preschool

Mrs. Gary



Ms. Vega



Meet Our Kindergarten Teachers

Ms. Back



Ms. Briggs



Ms. Miller



Meet our 1st & 2nd Grade Teachers

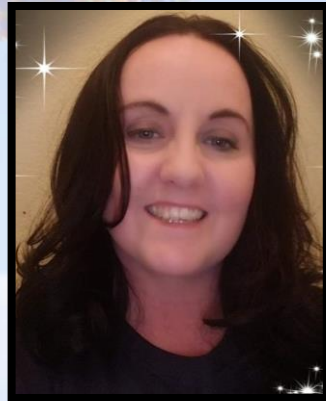
1st grade: Ms. Gragnano



Mrs. Candaso



2nd grade: Ms. Castillo



Ms. Nelson



Meet our 3rd & 4th Grade Teachers

3rd grade: Ms. Martinez



Mrs. Tarantino



4th grade: Ms. Hall



Mrs. Hartman



Meet our 5th & 6/7th Grade Teachers

5th Math/Science: Ms. Berg



5th ELA/S.S. Ms. Rusher



6-7 ELA: Mr. McMurry



6-7 Math: Ms. Rosburg



Meet our 6-8th Teachers

8 ELA: Mrs. O'Hara



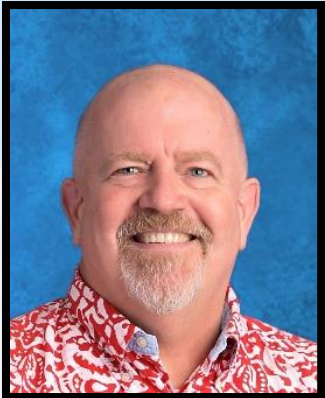
8 Math: Mrs. Markham (Jackson)



7 Social Studies and Math: Mr. Flores



6-8 Science: Mr. Nelson



6-8 Social Studies: Mr. Trembly



Meet our Special Area Staff

K-4 Music:

Ms. DeYoung



Library: Ms. West

K-8 Art: Ms. Wills



5-8 Band:

Mr. Gil



PE: Mr. Jasperson

PE: Mr. Fosdick



5-8 Technology:

Mr. Martinez



5-8 Choir:

Mrs. Alexander



Meet our Special Education Team

K-2 Resource: Ms. Adams

3-5 Resource: Dr. Allen

6-8 Resource: Mrs. Aron

Speech: Ms. Koscak

Preschool Speech: Ms. Betts

OT: Ms. Hesse

Psychologist : Mrs. Kramer



Early Release
Every Wednesday
at 1:00 PM
Except Aug. 10th



Our teachers will be in professional development on Wednesday afternoons. We use this time to help them grow as instructional professionals so they can be the best teacher for your child.



Parent VUE



- 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
- Progress Reports and Report Cards are posted here
- We will send most communications on Thursdays



Afterschool Options & Sports

- City of Peoria AM/PM
- Boys and Girls Club
- Local Daycares



• SPORTS

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

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 approx. 70%.
- **We need Free & Reduced Lunch forms filled out.**
- www.schoollunchapp.com



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
- 2 Title I Reading paraprofessionals



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.



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

Mornings at Peoria

- 7:30 Gates open for breakfast
- 7:45 Students report to classes
- 7:55 Students in seats ready to learn
- 3:00 Students dismissed (1:00 most Wednesdays)

**Free Breakfast
for
ALL Students!**



MyLunchMoney.com

- Enroll and create an account
- Provide credit or debit information
- Select how you would like it to pay



Free & Reduced Lunch Forms

- Lunch is \$2.50 unless you qualify free or reduced. Last years will expire.
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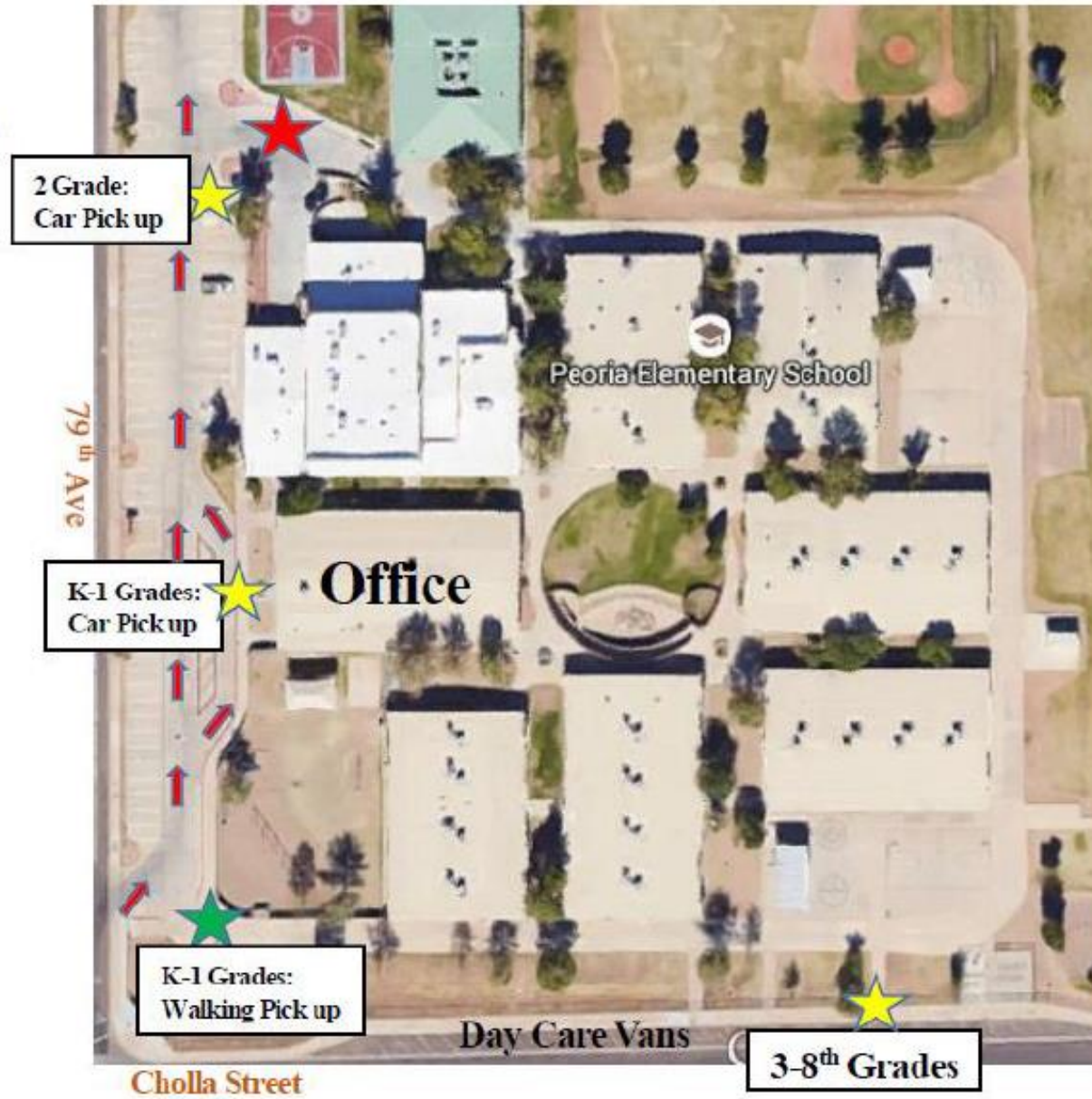


Drop off & Pick up

Peoria Elementary Student Drop Off & Pick-up

Please be a good example for our students and courteous to other drivers.

-  7:30 Breakfast drop off
7:45 Drop off if not eating breakfast at school
-  3:00 Car pickup locations
-  3:00 K-1st Walking parent pick-up
- Siblings should meet at the youngest child's pick-up spot.



Cell Phone Guidelines

Peoria Elementary Cell Phone Guidelines



All student cell phones must be off and away (including earbuds and headphones) unless being used under the direction of a staff member for educational purposes.

Violation 1: Cell phone will be taken to the office by the student. Student may pick up after school.

Violation 2: Cell phone will be taken to the office by the student. Parent will need to pick up after school.

Violation 3: Cell phone will be taken to the office by the student. Parent will need to pick up after school.
Student will have a lunch clean up detention assigned.

Violation 4: Cell phone will be taken to the office by the student. Parent will need to pick up after school.
An in-school suspension will be assigned, and a plan developed for the student to be successful with these guidelines. Future incidents will be treated as defiance and may result in out of school suspension.

Bike Rack

***For all bikes, scooters, skateboards and other wheeled items-
Put a lock on all items in bike rack.***

Help Us Keep Kids Safe

- **Masks are optional**
- **Encourage handwashing and sanitizer**
- **No sharing of food or water bottles**
 - This includes bags of chips, candy, pizza, etc.
 - No Polar Pops, Starbucks, etc in classrooms
- **Visitors in cafeteria will be limited**
- **All medication, including cough drops must go to Nurse Brown's office.**



Calling In

- Please make afterschool arrangements with your child before they leave home.
- If you must call the office to change plans please do so before 2:00 pm.
- If your child will not be at school, call the attendance line before 8:00 AM. **623-412-4457 (24 hour number)**
- **SIGN IN at Front Office BEFORE ENTERING CAMPUS**



PTO – Parent Teacher Organization

PTO Officers

- President: Tiffany Husar
- Vice President: Candee Wooten
- Treasurer: Ivet Romo
- Secretary: Sergio Favela



Contact them through their email:

peoriaelementarypto@gmail.com

**Family Membership:
\$10 and includes a school cup!**

Peoria Elementary



WHAT
WE DO
MATTERS

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

