

Itasca School District 10

Principal's Newsletter

Volume 12, Issue 3 Dr. Reinhard Nickisch, Principal, F. E. Peacock Middle School, rnickisch@itasca.k12.il.us November, 2008

November Highlights

- 3 YWCA classes
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 - Hot lunch
 - Peacock Vision & Hearing
 - Girls' BB @ Medinah
- 5 P/T Conferences 4:30-8:30 pm
- 6 Girls' BB @ Wood Dale
- 10 Drug prevention program for 8th graders featuring Dr. Mann Spittle @ 8:30 am
 - Girls' BB @ home
- 11 1st quarter awards' assembly @ 8:10 am
 - Hot lunch
 - Girls' BB @ home
- 12 Board of Education meeting @ Village Hall—7:30 pm
- 13 Girls' BB @ home
- 14 PTO dance—7-9 pm
- 17 Girls' BB @ home
- 18 Hot lunch
 - District TAG parent meeting @ 7 pm
 - Vision & Hearing re-screening
- 20 P/T conferences 4:30-8:30 pm
- 24 No school—P/T conferences 8:00 am-3:00 pm
- 25 No school—Institute Day
- 26-30 No school—Thanksgiving break
- 1 School resumes

State testing results reflect strong student performance

In late September, all parents/guardians received their child's ISAT results. I hope that Peacock families have had a chance to thoroughly review the results and if necessary, contact members of our staff (your child's teachers or our counselor, Mrs. Gornik) for answers to your questions or issues.

While each of you naturally is primarily concerned with and interested in your own child's performance on these ISAT's, you may also be interested in Peacock's overall results. School performance results are shared with the general public following local school board review through the Illinois School Board of Education sponsored websites, local district websites, as well as local newspapers such as the Daily Herald.

The Illinois State Achievement Test (ISAT) results include reading, math, science, and writing. Districts and schools taking the exams had to attain 62.5% of their students meeting or exceeding the state standards. All of

District 10's schools attained that minimum standard for all groups that are tested. This attainment is often referred to as making "Adequate Yearly Progress" or AYP. This simply means that our scores across the district are well above the State of Illinois Learning Standards.

The ISAT results are a performance indicator for our students and the staff. They are a summative profile of how well students learned our curriculum at a particular grade level. The tests also reflect how well our curriculum is aligned to State of Illinois Standards. Included with the testing information that is disseminated is data on the instructional setting (e.g. class size), teacher information, and financial summaries.

On the following page please find the results for all of Peacock's students in math, reading and 7th grade science.

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Peacock's walls of fame seeking distinguished former students

There have been many graduates from Peacock who have distinguished themselves both in their chosen profession as well as in serving our country in one of the branches of service.

Peacock is once again seeking former graduates to be inducted into our Wall of Fame and Military Wall of Honor. Candidates for either one of these select groups will be screened by

a committee of current staff and will be invited to attend an induction ceremony to be held at Peacock in late spring of 2009.

Over the years former graduates of all walks of life have been inducted into our walls of fame and honor providing our current and future students with a vision of what can be accomplished through achievement, sacrifice and dedication.

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Please view District 10's Website at itasca.k12.il.us for access to the parent link of our student management system along with comprehensive information on all three schools including Board of Education policies. Please also help support our school by using your Target credit card. Portions of all purchases made with the card will go to our PTO in support of supplementary funding for student curricular and extra curricular projects and programs.

ISAT results, continued

Level 1—Academic Warning

Level 2—Below Standards

Level 3—Meets Standards

Level 4—Exceeds Standards

Reading

6th grade	1	2	3	4
	0.0	4.0	53.5	42.6

Math

6th grade	1	2	3	4
	0.0	4.0	63.4	32.7

Reading

7th grade	1	2	3	4
	0.0	13.5	50.0	36.5

Math

7th grade	1	2	3	4
	1.0	6.3	46.9	45.8

Science

7th grade	1	2	3	4
	1.1	7.4	52.6	38.9

Reading

8th grade	1	2	3	4
	0.0	1.4	84.9	13.7

Math

8th grade	1	2	3	4
	0.0	4.1	50.7	45.2

ISAT scores continue to improve at Peacock. Our profile of achievement on these exams over the past three years shows a steady and significant level of improvement in critical areas of learning, in particular reading and math. The scores have been analyzed by Peacock's grade level teams with a focus upon continued academic improvement. Students who have scored below standards have been provided with increased instruction in their areas of weakness. In some cases, students have been scheduled into a reading or math remediation class typically during their Common Time where key staff focus upon specific objectives of learning that have been found to be deficient. Results from prior years have shown that these remediation classes have had a major impact upon student performance throughout the year and in particular future ISAT testing.

The staff at Peacock is committed to the goal of having every child at Peacock attain a performance level that at least meets State of Illinois Standards. With the scores presented here, we are moving very close to achieving that goal.

Walls of fame graduates, continued

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In order to provide our committee with candidates for our Wall of Fame, please include the following information on the nominee:

- Full name and contact information (email or voicemail preferable)
- Date of graduation from Peacock
- Summary of career tract (relevant employment history)
- Highlights of awards or recognition within career
- Brief narrative describing why nominee should be inducted into Peacock's Wall of Fame
- A 5X7 color photo of nominee

In addition to our Wall of Fame, Peacock also celebrates graduates who have or are honorably serving our country in one of the branches of our armed service. To nominate a Peacock graduate for induction into our Military Wall of Honor, please include the following information on the nominee:

- Full name and contact information (email or voicemail, if possible). Person nominating active deployed members of our Armed Forces may include their own contact information that may include email, voicemail, and/or home address.
- Date of graduation from Peacock
- Branch of service with full rank
- Summary of deployments
- Brief narrative describing the military highlights of the nominee
- A 5X7 color photo (if available) of nominee **in uniform**

Please send your nomination with supporting information to:

F. E. Peacock Middle School

301 E. North St.

Itasca, IL 60143

Attention: Wall of Fame or Wall of Honor