

St. Peter's Elementary School
April 2010 School Commission Report

1. Enrollment figures for Montessori and kindergarten will be available at next month's meeting. We are still interviewing and testing students for enrollment next school year.
2. We are pleased to announce that Brian P. Cleary, author of children's books, will be visiting St. Peter's tomorrow (Wednesday, April 14). Mr. Cleary, a native of Lakewood, Ohio, is a humorist, writer, and poet with more than one million copies of his titles in print, including the popular "Words Are CATegorical" series. Mr. Cleary shows students how to play with words, using humor as a way to teach and learn. He will be meeting with students in kindergarten through sixth grade during his visit. Many thanks to Parents' Club for funding this author visit and to Mrs. Sarah Rizzo for arranging this event.
3. Congratulations to Mrs. Sarah Rizzo (sixth grade language arts teacher) who visited Washington, D.C. from March 24 through March 26 as one of three teachers representing the Mid-Ohio Writing Project, one of 212 federally funded sites of the National Writing Project. Through her participation in the Summer Institute 2009, Mrs. Rizzo was invited to go to Washington to share with members of Congress and other Writing Project teachers her successes in the classroom as well as her passion for the Writing Project model. Mrs. Rizzo will become a facilitator for the Summer Institute beginning in 2011, after fulfilling her mentor year this summer. This is a great honor for Mrs. Rizzo and for our school.
4. Teachers in the elementary school continue their training on Moodle. Training of faculty has occurred on December 9 (3:30 to 5:00 p.m.) and March 24 (3:30 to 5:00 p.m.). One additional training session will held before the end of the school year on Wednesday, May 5 (3:30 to 5:00 p.m.). Teachers in grades 3 through 6 will be participate in Moodle training this summer at NCOCC from June 15-18.

Moodle has many options including giving teachers the ability to discuss topics with students online, share activities, give online assessments (auto graded), poll students, receive homework electronically, etc. My goal is to have everyone of our elementary school teachers implement Moodle in some form for the 2010-2011 school year.

5. The elementary school's second major fund-raiser of the school year begins on Wednesday (April 14) and runs through Friday, May 7. Students will be selling certificates redeemable for live plants and flowers at Possum Run Greenhouse, and may turn in their order forms along with payment to their teachers any day during the sale. Parents may also turn in order forms with payment on Thursday, April 22 and Thursday, April 29 from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. in the main hallway. Prizes will be awarded to students. Certificates will continue to be available at St.

Peter's Parish Center and in the school offices on a daily basis through Friday, May 28. Certificates purchased after May 7 will not count toward student prizes. Please see the flyer in today's home-school envelope. Thanks to Carla Pindel for coordinating this event.

6. The tuition assistance application deadline for the 2010-2011 school year is Monday, April 19. Those of you who need financial assistance can make application by using the Private School Assistance Service (PSAS) form which can be picked up in the school office or in the tuition office. **You can now find the PSAS application on the school's website (forms section) at www.mansfieldstpeters.org.** It is a confidential way to apply for tuition assistance and for St. Peter's School to determine how our assistance monies will be dispersed. Using your federal tax information, complete the PSAS form and mail it to Private School Aid Service, P.O. Box 770728, Lakewood, Ohio 44107-0034.
7. Grandparents are invited to "go back to school" on Thursday, April 29 at St. Peter's Elementary School. Invitations for this day listing events and times of the visit were included in the March 31 home-school envelope. If your child's grandparents are deceased or not living in the area, an aunt/uncle or parent may come in place of the grandparent.
8. Upcoming dates:
 - Thursday, April 15 P/T/S conferences (teacher request)
 - Friday, April 23 Silent Auction
 - Wednesday, April 28 Fine Arts Festival (6:00 to 7:30 p.m.)
 - Thursday, April 29 Grandparents Day
 - Tuesday, May 4 Richland County Academic Challenge competition (6:00 p.m.) at Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center
 - Wednesday, May 5 Band Concert (7:00 p.m.)

