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Peru Students K-12 Give Back Near and Far

By: Alec Pugh

Students of Peru get inspiration from the holiday atmosphere to illustrate acts of giving back and gratitude. Students take action by getting involved in local charities, community service, and helping families in need. Recently the entire Peru campus K-12 has taken on projects such as the combined food and coin

drive to benefit the Peru food pantry and the American Red Cross for victims of Superstorm Sandy. On Monday November 19th, Peru delivered over 1,000 food items to the JCEO in Treadwell Mills and collected generous donations from the coin drive district wide.



Students deliver food to the JCEO food pantry-photo by Mrs. Sardella

All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten

By: Jamie Roberts



Mrs. Matthews, Anna Hogan, Danielle Brothers, Emmalee Shambrook, Cole Ives, Hadley Houck, Gabrielle Dion, Ross Coughlin, Mr. Urban, Jamie Roberts, Colby Fortin, Connor Agoney, Mason Barber, and James Matthews. Missing: Alexis Wilson and Hannah Osborne. -Photo by Jamie Roberts

All you really need to know you can learn Friday December 7th or Saturday December 8th at 7:30 pm in the Peru Auditorium for five dollars. In the first play production by the Peru

Drama Club, the audience can look forward to "Spontaneity and great actors in the show because everyone is so talented," said experienced actor Mason Barber. Upon student requests and the consideration of

teaching another form of drama, directors Mrs. Matthews and Mr. Urban were the perfect match for the job. The play is age appropriate, funny and widely known said the directors. Both being the Drama Club advisors, it was just easier to share the intense job of directing. They wanted to "Expand the horizons of the Peru Drama Club members," Mr. Urban said. They also wanted to offer another form of drama to the students and community. The props, the lights, and the sounds don't just appear out of nowhere. This is where stage manager Mr. Urban and assistant stage manager Hannah Osborne come in. Between the two of them, they cover the technical work, create stage design, lighting,

and deal with uncooperative actors. The directors and stage crew aren't the only ones that have a lot of pressure on their shoulders. The actors and actresses have to not only overcome stage fright, but also remember the old adage that the show must go on. These actors are psyched to present a brilliant show that's both hilarious and meaningful. They also have to learn lines in a timely manner and have to portray the role that they were cast for. The performers, directors, and stage crew have put a lot of time and effort into this production. They have gotten to see and understand the deeper meaning behind it, and can't wait to share it with the community.

New Year, New council, Fresh Ideas for the Picking

By: Thomas Gwinn



Andrew Downs and Dominic Delello address the crowd at November's meeting- photo by Mrs. Manchester

This year has been one of great change for Peru High School. One impact felt by the student body

was the election of a new Student Council President Andrew Downs. The Student

Council staff have been working diligently to turn our school, "the environment we live in," into a more positive place, according to Downs.

This organization is run by students who take student and administrative ideas to improve the school and try, to the best of their ability, to "turn them into reality," Downs said. They do this through student participation in various committees. A great example of their progress would be the music you hear on the intercom in the morning before homeroom. This is done by

The Positive School Environment Team (PSET).

Student Council also set up the 3rd annual Peru Homecoming 5k Run to add a little kick to Spirit Week and encourage more community involvement. Student Council members are also looking to revamp the electronic policy. At the end of last year, they devised a trial, which gave students the choice to use their I-pods during study halls or lunch periods.

Seeing the rise in usage of the internet, they have also set up a web site committee so that more people will know when meetings and events are and hopefully stay active in the school.

A Different Point of View

By: Fanni Martha

Being an exchange student is challenging and exciting at the same time. In the future, when I attend college and eventually start a career, I will value speaking another language and having experiences living in another country.

However, the challenges include living away from my parents, friends and everything that is familiar.

When I first arrived, I understood why lots of people come here. There are many opportunities for students to take advantage of. Although, everything is very different and takes some adjusting.



Fanni Martha and her host family including Bill McBride, Madison McBride, Scarlett McBride, and Bradford McBride – photo by Angelica Esposito

In school, the first few days were difficult. The four minute breaks between classes are shorter than those in Hungary. Also, having every class in a different room is an adjustment because in Hungary most classes were in the same room with the same students throughout the day. On the other hand, I never had a study hall before, and I love it.

Halloween and trick or treating were new experiences for me, and so was Thanksgiving, a holiday we do not celebrate at home. And I will never forget Black Friday!

PSET Encourages Students to Show Thanks

By: Abigail Chen

How often do you feel uncomfortable, apprehensive, or even unsafe in your school? Well, the Positive School Environment Team's (PSET) goal is, "To combine the thoughts and ideas of the community, teachers, and students to create a peaceful environment,"

according to student member Jamie Roberts.

The first student meeting of PSET was held on October 16th.

Senior student members Linzee Wright and Erika Diskin explained that they were



PSET decorated the lobby with November themes of greatness and thanks-photo by Abigail Chen

asked to write down ideas for creating a more positive environment. One idea involved placing a box in the high school for identifying at risk students, or acknowledging those who demonstrate the PSET goals. The identified or acknowledged students could receive help if needed, or be commended for their efforts.

Another idea was for the high school students to visit the primary, intermediate, and middle schools to encourage positivity

and promote awareness about problems like bullying at an early age.

PSET plays music on Friday mornings to encourage students to have a good start to their day. They have also decided to create a different theme each month.

The themes of November are greatness and thanks. PSET has brought out these themes by decorating the lobby so students and faculty can write down what they are thankful for and place it on the wall. Anyone who writes a note will be entered to win a prize.



The choir is all smiles during rehearsal 3rd period-photo by Reanne Shields-King

Everyday 3rd period, choir director Mr. Urban prepares his students for the upcoming holiday concert on Dec. 13th at 7pm. Mr. Urban also prepares his 10th period Select Choir for the Sing-O-Grams that are to be performed on Dec. 21st, during periods 1-9. Mr. Urban's plans are to expand choir by recruiting new people. It may take time out of your schedule, but it's

Music, Concerts, and Sing-O-Grams: Oh My!

By: Reanne Shields-King

worth it. Choir meets every day to rehearse for any upcoming concerts. Select Choir meets twice a week during 10th periods. "Any chance the students get to perform for the community, is a good thing", said Mr. Urban. A lot of time is put into rehearsing for concerts. Sing-O-Grams are a way to present the Select Choir to the school community and have been enjoyed by many for the last 5 years. They are also a great way for the music program to raise money for choral activities or trips.

"I love singing. Singing is so much fun for me", said Ross Coughlin outside of the band room. Ross is one of the many students who expresses his artistic side through music. Choir is a fun experience where you are able to learn something. It even teaches students to work together in groups. According to Mr. Urban, "Teaching music requires you to always be on your toes; there's always something going on and that makes it very exciting." This year's choir is going to be a big hit for the school and community.

Winter Sports Preview

Women's Basketball

As the 2012-13 season is set to begin, the Lady Indians benefit from 7 returners, four of whom are seniors. According to Coach Baroody, the team will be reliant on athleticism and team speed and will strive to improve rebounding. They hope to peak during the playoffs. That will require beating rivals PHS, Saranac, and Beekmantown, who boast a 6'4" Center in Shannon Ryan, the most dominant player in the CVAC.



The Indians prepare for their meet against Ausable Valley-photo by Ms. Tetreault.



Men's Basketball

The men's team this year is a very experienced squad with 7 returners and 6 seniors. On the court, they have great balance, size, and can run the fastbreak, but off the court, they will need to work on teamwork and chemistry to flourish throughout the season. Captained by Bret Boyer, Hunter Bruno, and Alex Barrett, they will need to beat PHS and Beekmantown on their quest to dominate the CVAC.

Indoor Track

Although the team has lost strong competitors to graduation, they have a plethora of quality talent and hope to remain one of the better teams in the CVAC.

Cheerleading

As the season progresses, the basketball cheerleaders kickoff with new stunts, and more workouts! Can you say Hello competition?

Wrestling

The 2011-2012 season was very successful with only one team loss. This year's squad only lost two wrestlers to graduation, so they are still very versatile. According to senior Troy Seymour, with talent coming up from the junior varsity level, they have depth and, as the new players gain experience, they expect to be a team to beat in Section 7. The team's main focus this year is to give up as few points as possible.

Bowling

For this year's team, the goal is to win sectionals after being runners-up the last three years. Led by captains Chelsea Whitney and Reanne Shields- King, they seem up to the challenge.

Hockey

They may be a small team, but their experience, talent and skill will carry Peru and Saranac through the season. According to senior Ryan McCall, their main focus of executing plays well and improving their endurance will help them beat rivals such as PHS.

Peru Students Get a Jump Start on the College Process through CFES

By: Mary-Ann Picozzi

Many students here at Peru are involved in College for Every Student (CFES), an organization that promotes early college awareness by exposing students to the steps needed to gain acceptance into college.



Freshmen participate in the SUNY Plattsburgh shadow day-photo by Mrs. Caron

According to junior CFES member Angel Turan, this organization is incredibly beneficial to students because it prepares students for what lies ahead, helps them decide on the

classes they want to take, and most importantly improves their academic performance. CFES gets students motivated to achieve their highest potential.

They already started the year with a kick-off event, where all members, new and returning, get to know each other.

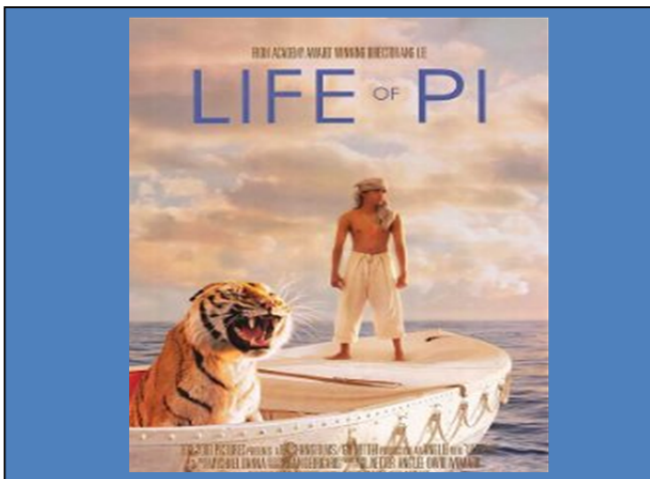
As for the new freshmen members, they attended a shadow day at SUNY Plattsburgh where they toured the campus, attended classes, and talked with college students.

Angel explained that CFES members also participated in a leadership summit where they gave presentations for other north country students in order to share and develop leadership skills.



Life of Pi Exceeds Expectations in Theaters

By: Alyssa Szczypien



Check out the movie *Life of Pi* –photo from www.imdb.com

People chat, and then hush as the projector whirs in the back ground. On November 21, the new PG movie *Life of Pi* directed by Ang Lee was released to theaters. Based on the novel by Yann Martel, a young Indian boy named Pi Patel lived in Pondicherry, where his family

ran a zoo. When Gandhi instituted martial law, they try to escape by loading themselves and their animals on a ship. A storm drowns his family, and leaves Pi shipwrecked with a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. In their fight for survival, miraculous and unbelievable events unfold on their small lifeboat.

Though this particular film is not action-packed, it does contain scenes thought to be possible

only in wild dreams. Suspense filled moments rose to a satisfactory amount and captured the audience from the opening line. The plot twist in the end left viewers with curious questions, defying normal story endings. It had dreamlike quality, yet the director still managed to harness the fierce reality in it. Basically, it's a high quality movie worth watching several times without ever getting bored.