

Peirce Pride Monthly

September 2011

"Strive to Shine: As a student,
As a Friend"

The Peirce Pride Monthly (formerly the Verse) is written by the 5th Grade.

Town Night Town night was the only thing I went to! I did the shaving cream fight. That was almost as awesome as the fire works! The fireworks were loud and spectacular!!!! I loved it! *by Reese Hogan*

Town Day Today I went to Town day. When I got to Town day my mom and I walked around. We walked some and ran into Michael Graham Green. We decided to get our hair sprayed at the Peirce School booth. I had green hair, so did Michael. I did the Gatorade Ring- toss. I won one Gatorade. I then walked to have lunch at Zocolos. I had an open burrito. I saw people with fish and frogs. I went to A booth where you could win a fish or frog. I almost won a fish. After that I spun a wheel and won some free candy. That was my experience at town day. *by Ryan*



Town Day At the Peirce booth I played the ring-toss to win a gatorade and got my hair sprayed. I played some games at other booths and won a lot of candy too. We got pizza at Sabatino's booth an italian pizza shop from East Arlington. We got pie at the Unitarian Church booth. It was really good. It was a nice sunny day and it wasn't too hot. It was really crowded and I saw a lot of my friends. *by Michael*

From my point of view.... There I was waiting for the light to flash "Go" so my friend Venice and I could cross the street. "Come on!" said Venice excitedly, "I don't want to miss our shift!" We had signed up to spray people's hair many colors to help raise money for our school, Peirce Elementary! It was hard for Venice to pass by the fried dough stand. It seemed as if she was at a loss for words as she said, "Oh, look...but...oh...Yum...Uh...how much does it cost...fried dough...?" "It's like you said Venice, we have to be on time fir our shift!" I said as I tried to break her gaze away from the fried dough and began to remind her why we had come to town day in the first place! "Now we must find the Peirce booth, only where is it?" I questioned aloud. "Dunno", Venice said vaguely, "But we must find it, and quick! Our hair spray shift starts in - 3 minutes!" We dashed down the street, trying to block out all of the sweet pastry smells that were filling our nostrils as we dodged by people who were stuffing their faces with an assortment of different candies and cookies! I couldn't bear not looking at the mouth watering lollipops they were sucking on. Once at the Peirce booth, Venice and I got right down to it. We first sprayed my brother's hair and after him came about twenty more. It was the first time I've ever sprayed hair but I think I

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did a pretty good job considering the amount of compliments I got! I love town day because not only are you connecting with people but you're helping them too. When you pay for things at town day, you help raise money for schools, stores, and so much more! You're not only helping your friends but you are helping yourself and the town of Arlington! *by Isabella Scopetski*



Town Day --- I went to Town day with my big sister and moms boyfriend. We play games and won some prizes. I had fun. *by Athena*

...top of the heap...

"I feel that now because I'm the big wig I have to be more responsible I'll have to try to set an example. Setting an example as in including a 2nd grader in a game or not climbing things that shouldn't be climbed in the playground." - *Alex*

"We get to have more responsibilities that the younger grades don't have. We get to have a longer lunch and recess." - *Abby*

"The reason why I like 5th grade is because I'm the king of the school with all of my friends. I'm the last grade in the whole school." - *Anthony*

"In 5th grade you can help at the Peirce booth on town day and hair spray peoples hair. You get to go to science camp." - *Alana*

"Well some kids don't literally have to look up to see

me. But on the other hand it's a chance of a lifetime that I get to enjoy!" - *Ciara*

"What it feels like to be the oldest kids in school is I am sad because I have to leave Peirce School.

Also, it feels like we are grown up because we can leave school right after specials." - *Caelan*

"It's fun being the oldest in school because you have a lot more privileges. Younger kids also look up to you." - *Colton*

"The one thing I like most is that I am one of the oldest in the school. We also do cool things." - *Carlos*

"It makes me feel like I'm 3 years older then I was in 4th grade. It makes me feel important." - *David*

"It feels amazing. I like it because I'm the oldest."
- *Dawn*

"One great thing about 5th grade is you get to have Kindergarten buddies. Another great thing about 5th grade is you get to have a newspaper." - *Drew*

"There are a few things different from 4th grade and they are that we get Kindergarten buddies, some of the work is harder. And we learn new things." - *Ellyce*

"I like being in 5th grade because I would like to have a Kindergarten buddy. I like being the oldest because I'm starting middle school next year."
- *Edwin*

"The best thing about being in 5th grade you're ruler of elementary school. The best thing of being in 5th grade you get to pick you Kindergarten buddies." - *Eryka*

"5th grade is so awesome because of the teachers. On Friday or *Fantabulos Friday* all we do is have fun!" - *Henry*

"Ever since I started 5th grade, I felt really honored. I feel like everyone either looks up to me or is really proud of me, it feels GREAT!" - *Isabella*

"Being the ruler of the school feels cool cause we're the oldest. And that I am going to middle school next year." - *John*

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"Everybody that are 4th and under look forward to us. We know our way around the school and can help other kids."- *Jasmine*

"I love being the big wigs of the school because I get to help out. Also, I love that I can have a Kindergarten buddy. I am very excited that this is my last year at Peirce." - *Justin*

"The good thing about being a 5th grader is science camp if you like it of course. You get to do fun activities and learn about the Earth. There is no school for 4 days cause your away at science camp. And also everyone that's not in 5th grade looks up to you. They are learning from you in the hallways. 5th graders are the biggest kids in the school finally." - *Joe*

"One good thing about being a 5th grader is that you feel important like everyone looks up to you. Something else I like about 5th grade is that I enjoy being a good role model for the younger kids."

-*Jamila*

"We get five extra minutes for lunch and recess. There is no one older than us." - *Juliette*

"One of the best things is that we get to go to science camp. The second thing that we get to have cute little Kindergarten buddies!"- *Jasmin*

"Being the oldest in the school is so cool it makes me feel proud. All the kids look up to us because we are the oldest and smartest." - *Katelyn*

"In Mrs.T's playcare there is a table that only the 5th graders can sit at. I feel good that everybody looks up to you and admires 5th graders." - *Lucas*

"How I feel being the big person on campus is I think that everyone looks up to us. Another feeling I have is that I feel very powerful as a 5th grader."

-*Matt*

"I love being in 5th grade. It feels like being the Queens/Kings of school" - *Melissa*
stare at me like I'm superman or something, and it feels like there's a ton of pressure on my shoulders

that won't come off until I leave Peirce for the last time as a student." - *Maia*

"It's awesome to be a 5th grader because I have been waiting for 6 years and finally I am. Another reason why its awesome being a 5th grader is because you are a 5th grader!"- *Michael*

"I really like being a 5th grader. It's kind of cool that I have a lot of responsibility and it makes me feel mature."- *Mia*

" Having more lunch and recess time. Being able to test out things for the school." - *Michael*

"I have always wanted to be a 5th grader and now I am. I feel like I have to be a good example to everyone else in the school."- *Mohammed*

"The thing that 5th graders get to do is go to science camp and its really fun to do. We're the King and Queens of the school."- *Nicole*

"Being the top of the hill like we are responsible for lining up quietly and coming in the morning right away ; come in order lunch. do your job , and then do morning work all quietly. And what else I like about 5th grade is that 5th grade is no time to fool around because we have a big MCAS on math so if I were you no fooling around."- *Nathaniel*

" I feel very excited about being the oldest in the school. I also feel very humbled because I am setting a good example with my class."- *Peter*

"I'm looking forward to doing the 5th grade car wash. Only 5th graders get to do it. I'm looking forward to 5th grade science camp next month."- *Patrick*

"I think it is fun being on the top. I look forward to Middle school too."-*Ryan*

"The teachers are nice. They are friendly and helpful to me. ." - *Racer*

"The little kids look up to you , we're like the heroes. We can help the little kids with their homework. I always help my sister with her homework. Even though we have to leave Peirce next year it's still good to rule the school."- *Reese*

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"What I like about 5th grade is that we're the oldest so its like we have to show the other grades that we're responsible and that's hard ..and I like hard things. Another reason I like 5th grade is because the teachers are really nice and fun."

- *Rhandy*

"It's fun to be role models for the younger students. I'm excited about science camp and wondering what we we'll do in science camp."- *Stephanie*

"I like being the oldest at school because you get to do more volunteer work. I also like it because everybody is looking up to you."- *Sophie*

"We get longer lunch and recess. We have our specialists at the beginning or end of the day."

- *Tate*

"Being the big kids in the school makes me feel like every time I walk down the halls everyone looks at me . It feels like we are so famous and everyone looks up to us."- *Tessa*

"It feels awesome to be the oldest in the school! "

- *Venice*

"The two best things about being in 5th grade is going to science camp and having a kindergarten buddy!"- *Zach*

Interview with Ms. Karwowski

Ms. Karwowski is teaching at the Haggerty School in Cambridge. She really likes her new school. She told us it was hard work. She is teaching 5th grade this year. We also asked her some other questions:

Your favorite color? Orange

Your favorite sport to participate in? Running

Favorite sport to watch on t.v? College basketball

She also told us that she misses Peirce. We miss her too! by *Lucas, Edwin, Jasmin, Reese, Katelyn, &*

Juliette



Off To A Great Start!

Posted on September 26, 2011 by Karen Hartley

Now that we've got a few full weeks under our belt, it's starting to feel like a routine again - just where we left off in June, but a little fresher!

I've been checking in with the children, asking how their summer was, and most are happy to be back to school. I think all our parents are happy we're back!

The most positive feedback I've received from the students is regarding the longer lunch period.

We've extended the period by 10 minutes, in order to give the kids more time to eat and then play. In the shorter period (30 minute), students found that by the time they get through the lunch line, they had only a few minutes to eat before the next class would be entering the cafeteria. The lunch ladies had to hurry them along so they could clean and sanitize the tables for the next crew. now that we've extended the time, I've had reports like 'I can eat my whole pizza now!' and "it feels way longer".

Several students just give it a thumbs up.

In classrooms, kids are off to a busy start. One 5th

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grader leaving the computer lab told me, "that was fun, but really hard!" It is great to hear that students are being challenged, and enjoying it. Curriculum afternoon is tomorrow, so I know we will see many of you here. I hope this school year has started as well for all of you!



Principal Hartley welcoming the students at the Peirce Pride rally.

Peirce Calendar

- Sept.30 Family Movie Night 6:00pm
- Oct. 4 Early Dismissal 12:30
Lunch will be served
- Oct. 5 Picture Day
- Oct. 10 Columbus Day
NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 11 5th Grade Science Camp
- Oct. 14 5th Grade Returns from Camp
- Oct. 17 Book Fair begins in Library
- Oct. 20 Advisory Council Meeting, 2:30-3:30
- Oct. 20 Book Fair 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Oct. 20 Open House 7:00pm-8:00pm

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- Oct. 21 Book Fair --Last day
- Oct. 22 Walk-A-thon
- Oct. 28 Pumpkin Painting
- Nov. 1 Professional Day
NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 18 BINGO! Night
- Nov. 23 Early Release 12:30 dismissal
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Break begins
- Dec. 1 K- 5 Conferences 11:15 dismissal
Box lunch served
- Dec. 5 K- 5 Conferences 11:15 dismissal
Box lunch served
- Dec. 7 K- 5 Conferences 11:15 dismissal
Box lunch served
- Dec. 26 Winter Break begins,
NO SCHOOL



3rd Grade waiting to harvest lettuce in our Science Garden.

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- * **Safe Phone Number 781-316-3298**
- Please call before 8:15am day of illness
- * Ms. Hartley, Principal 781-316-3737
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