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School Staff

Dr. Linda O'Dell, superintendent
Peggy Miles, principal
Patty Joseph, secretary
Mrs. Kathy, teacher
Mrs. Quinlan, teacher
Mr. Wade, teacher
Mr. Pirch, teacher
Mr. Smith, teacher

Special Note:

PEC is looking for parents and a student to sit on our site council.

Students can always work at home on online sites such as Empower3000 and PEC Laurus math.

Student Council

Katlin Franklin, president
Victoria Buce, vice president
Shenoa Quesenberry, Secretary
Alexis Jacquez, treasurer
Anna Lymer, historian

Journalism

Mr. Wade
Chelsey Neuman
Justin Mumm

Interview with Ms. Kari

We recently interviewed Ms. Kari. This is Ms. Kari's first year at this school; some students may know her from a math teacher at the Payson High School. Others may not know her at all, so we took the initiative to ask her some questions about herself.

We wanted to know what her impression of the school was and she stated, "The first time I walked into the building I saw focused students."

School isn't her life, so we wanted to know what she does outside of it. Turns out

she likes to do landscape in her yard and be outdoors.

Ms. Kari was born in Butte, Montana, and she says she always wanted to be a teacher. Her favorite subjects were math and science. She said, "When I was a little girl, I played school every day."

This was certainly safer than being bucked off a horse, which she said was her worst injury.

Ms. Kari advice to students is "to stay focused, do your best, and always

persevere."

Ms. Kari also won a grant from the Rotary Club. It was for \$250 and she hopes to use it for making the outside student eating area nicer, which could include a shade structure.

Ms. Kari has been doing a great job here. It is fun watching students use hand- on materials to learn math.

Welcome to Payson Education Center, Ms. Kari!

Changes for 2013 Pros & Cons

By Chelsea Neuman

All the teachers had a meeting and came to a decision about the new rules, so it wasn't just one teacher. However, I don't necessarily agree with the

music rules and the whole no screen issue?

In my opinion, you waste just as much time if not more time sitting there pushing a button then you would finding the song you want. But, on the other hand I agree because students can't text or have other means of

communication. As for the hats, I guess it wouldn't really bother me either way because I am a girl, but all my life in grade school, junior high, and high school hats weren't allowed inside a building so to me? It's nothing new.

DOODLE SPACE

Use this space to doodle and turn it in to us. We'll print the best!

Game and Fish Volunteers

Arizona Game and Fish Officer David Daniels spoke to our school about volunteer opportunities. On August 16, 2013 Mr. Pirch took two students to do volunteer work for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Garrett Lance and Seth Cook worked alongside other volunteers repairing a water catchment for wildlife. Chores included clearing brush, rolling barbed wire, and pulling old fence posts.

Seth Cook, "I felt it was a wonderful experience because I met some people and did hard labor." Student Garrett Lance said that the best part was meeting different people, including a mountain man from north of Flagstaff. The Mogollon Sports Association (MSA) provided the meals. It was a great experience, and PEC hopes to be a part of future opportunities. Officer Daniels also presented our school with a \$500 check from the MSA.



Best of Empower3000

Occasionally, we will print outstanding student samples from Empower3000. This month features Andi Shepherd in her heartfelt response to the article "No Law Against Flag Burning".

"I believe that the burning of the flag is wrong and unjust. It is protected every day by thousands of people who put their lives on the line, leaving their families and homes behind to go to scary places that you wouldn't even call a nightmare, only so they

can protect the flag, the symbol that we are free. There are people that burn the flag and truly believe that it's okay to do that because they have freedom of speech and that freedom apparently says that they can burn the symbol of freedom.

Maybe their opinions would change if they were those people fighting for it. I feel strongly about this argument, I feel like I should be up somewhere speaking in honor of the flag

because I've lost family members and I know people who have lost loved ones to keep us all safe. Those people, those memories, protect our freedom to think, speak, and feel how we want to. It's all symbolized by that flag. " -Andi Shepherd

Snack Bar

The school offers some snacks at break time that include ramen noodles, Hot Pockets (that you have to pre-order), soda products, and chip products. On top of all that, there are nice people that donate free

meals, much like the Yeagers would do for us in the past. We have had such things from fried chicken to cold cut sandwiches and cookies. The snack bar isn't free,

however there is a small fee: water is 25 cents, soda is 50 cents, chips and ramen are also 50 cents, candy is 65 cents, and Hot Pockets are \$1.00.