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## Peacock wins Blue Ribbon!

By Liz F.,  
News Editor

Way back in March, Mrs. Bette Lewis, the Blue Ribbon Site Visitor, came to our school to observe the activities and curriculum of Peacock Junior High School, and confirm that what was included in Peacock's thirty-page application to the Department of Education was true. Mrs. Lewis's visit was the last stage in the long process, to have Peacock added to the elite list of public schools throughout the country that are recognized for their excellence in education.

Last week, Peacock principal Dr. Nickisch finally received the good news: Peacock was awarded the Blue Ribbon. Peacock is now considered a model to other middle schools. In recognition of the school's achievement, three representatives will go to Washington D.C. in the fall to meet the President or Vice President to receive the award.

According to Dr. Nickisch, Peacock was awarded the Blue Ribbon because of our outstanding nomination essay. A few good points that the department commented on were students' achievement and all the diverse kinds of learners, such as special education students, who attend Peacock. Dr. Nickisch said that he was extremely proud of the students, staff, and the entire community of Itasca.

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## Talent show was a popular success

### Student performances featured competition and variety

By Ashley S.,  
Op-Ed Editor

The most obvious fact about the Peacock talent show, held on Thursday, May 25, was the diversity of the acts. Acts ranged from Irish step dancing to rock bands to \*Nsync dance ensembles.

There were also three very polished piano performances by Jason Y., Abby Z. and Carl L.

Matt C's surreal guitar solo, which featured dancers in the background, received a lot of attention. One audience member described it as "scary, but pretty cool."

The talent show included seven dance acts, including a rendition of the \*Nsync number "Bye, Bye, Bye," by sixth graders Daniela F., Ashley H., Christa C., Despina P., Alyson K. and Kimberly C.

Eighth grader Dave S. took the prize for best solo act for his original drum solo, "Turpentine." Seventh grader Jason Y. was the runner up.

Eighth grader Brittany B. handled the



Photo by Mr. Peel

Eighth grader, Dave S., performed his winning original drum solo, *Turpentine*, during the Talent Show.

duties of master of ceremonies, with a little comic help from Christa M. and Patrycja M. As stage manager, Nikki A. kept everything running smoothly behind the scenes.

The show was generally considered a success. There was an audience of approximately two hundred and fifty students and parents.

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