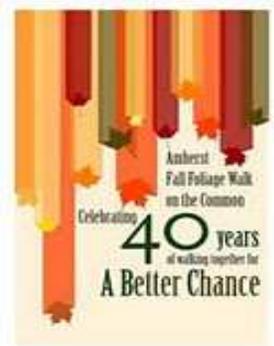




# Pelham Press

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**Dates to Remember:**

**Thursday, October 14**

**Saturday, October 16**

**Wednesday, October 20**

**Friday, October 22**

**Wednesday, October 27**

**Thursday, October 28**

**Sunday, October 31**

**Cindy Boyle, Internet Safety, Crocker Farm**

**ABC Fall Foliage Walk**

**Savings Makes Sense**

**Harvest Night**

**Savings Makes Sense**

**Fifth & Sixth Grades- Fine Arts Center Field Trip**

**Pelham School Halloween Party**



Dear Pelham School Families,

I am extremely pleased to announce that I was able to include both of the parent candidates in the Pelham School Council! So many parents stepped forward to advocate for both Annie Foley and Sarah Frenette that I recruited another classroom teacher, as parents must have parity with teachers on this site-based management group. The other School Council representatives are Meg Gallagher, grade 3, Suzanne Quinlan, grade 5, and Ron Mannino, Pelham School volunteer and community representative member. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Minutes to these meetings will be posted on the Pelham School website once they are completed. Thank you all for your participation and input into this process.

Unfortunately, the Third Grade- Petersham Field Trip has had be cancelled for tomorrow and will not be rescheduled. We apologize for any inconvenience and disappointed children!

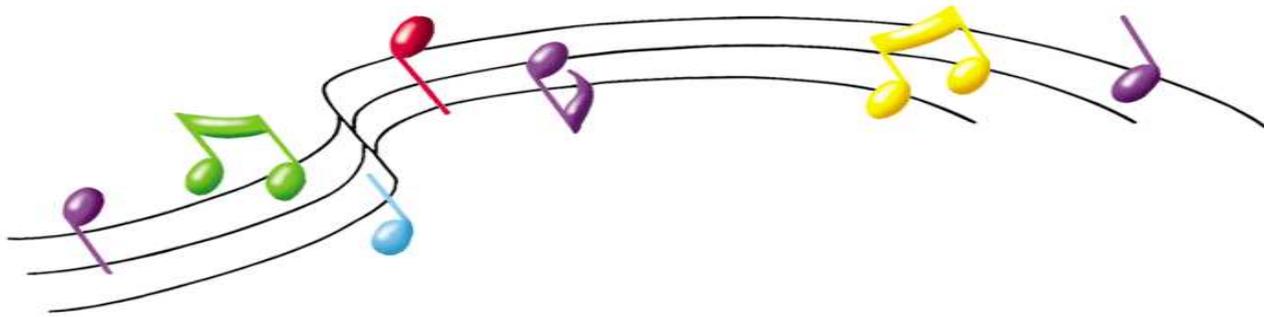
Any students that have a change in dismissal plans **MUST** send have a note sent in with them if possible. We are sensitive to the fact that sometimes last minute situations do come up, but advance notice is appreciated, especially if it involves going on another bus. Students will not be allowed on another bus without a bus pass. If your child is going on the same bus, and wants to get off at a stop that is not their assigned stop, it will not be allowed unless they have a note from parents. Our goal is to keep the students safe and arriving where expected.

On another note related to safety, beginning Monday, October 18, a message will be sent out to families who have **not** called into the school to say that their child will be absent on that day. Once our attendance for the day has been entered into our attendance database, parents will receive an automated message from me at approximately 10:30 to inform them that their child has been listed as an unexcused absence for that day. This message is a means to keep parents informed as to their child's attendance status, as well as to remind parents to call in an absence.

If you pick up your child at dismissal time and you are using the parking lot behind the library, we request that you use the lot closest to the playground. The other lot is reserved for library patrons. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

It is now the time of the year in which UNICEF collections are held. If you are interested in having your child participate, please stop in at the office to pick up a UNICEF box and information.

Sincerely,  
*Lisa Desjarlais*



Dear Pelham Families,

10/13/10

I am enjoying the music classes and chorus with your children.

I taught a song from Puerto Rico or Mexico to every class, honoring the Hispanic Heritage month. Did you know that October is Italian Heritage month? Children seem to enjoy singing Italian songs too. Music classes at Pelham incorporate hands-on activities such as playing instruments, folk dancing or performing different movement patterns to music, passing beanbags to the musical beat or playing musical games. I started to introduce students to a wide variety of cultures including a dance from Israel, and African-American singing games.

Students study musical notation with the help of the overhead projector as we point out and look at notes and signs together, and by using magnetic notes to figure out rhythms.

The chorus sounded great today. The children are starting to sing out confidently and are becoming a cohesive group.

Thank you for introducing yourself at the Open house

Sincerely,  
Agnes Zsigmondi  
Music teacher

### **Childcare for Early Release Days**

Childcare for the two early release days, Oct. 28 and Nov. 2, is available from the end of school at 1:20 until 3:00 P.M. The cost for this session is \$6 per child per day. There is a discount for siblings and for families that qualify for free or reduced lunch.

There is also a 30-minute childcare option for students while their parents are in a conference. This cost is \$2.00 per child, and parents or guardians must be in the building. Sorry, preschoolers cannot be accommodated.

Space is limited for both programs and pre-registration is required. Please contact Lennie Ware (265-3766) to register. *(Please note: the After School Program will start at its regular **3:05 P.M.** time on both days.)*



### **String Instrumental Music at Pelham School**

On Thursdays the Pelham Community Room is alive with the sounds of string instruments! We begin our day early with an 8:45 orchestra rehearsal with students who have been playing for at least one year. We are already making some nice music together with a theme of "Dance Music" for this semester. So far we have been playing "The Trapeze Waltz" and a piece called "Twilight Dancers".

We will begin a piece titled "Kabuki Dance" next week. The Kabuki Dance is a traditional dance form from ancient Japan. Our beginning students in the third grade are happily learning their first song, "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and they are catching on very quickly. I encourage parents/guardians to come in and visit a class lesson if you are ever available on a Thursday. Seeing what your child is doing will help you to be supportive during home practice. I am happy to say that we have a few older students who are also participating in the Thursday afternoon All-Elementary Orchestra which meets at Fort River School. As a participant in this group students have an opportunity to play in a large ensemble and to play more challenging musical selections than we are able to attempt in the regular school orchestras. Please support your young musician with a quiet regular practice time and send those instruments and music to school every Thursday! It is my joy to share the love and skill of music making with your children. I am looking forward to a wonderful year.

Thank you,  
Laurie Rabut



### **ENCHANTED FOREST: WHO'S AROUND UNDERGROUND, A NONSCARY HALLOWEEN EVENT**

**Friday, October 15 & Saturday, October 16, 5-8:30pm.** The pumpkin-lit trails at the **Hitchcock Center** will come alive with characters from underground! Adults and children of all ages will enjoy this magical guided walk. Walks leave every 15 minutes and last 45 minutes. Enjoy crafts, games and snacks for sale. Pre-registration required. Register early as this event fills fast. Call 413-256-6006.

## Kindergarten News

Our class had a great time preparing for Open House the other week. One of our favorite activities was making the Fall bulletin board. I was amazed at the creativity that the children used when making their things for the board. The eye graphs were a great way to predict and show what color eyes we would find the most in our class. Some children spent a long time looking in mirrors to decide what color eyes they had. Our art display of Fall paintings sure added the touch of this season to our room.

We have moved onto the next math Investigations unit called, Counting and Comparing. We will focus on strategies for accurately counting and keeping track of what we count. We will learn about the connection between number words, numerals, and quantities. We will also be counting backwards.

We are continuing with the letter of the week, connecting it with its sound. One of everyone's favorite activities is our homework. We have to bring in something that begins with the letter of the week to share with the rest of the class. Our writing in our journals focuses on our letter of the week on Mondays.

Part of our science unit on seasons is our annual trip to Atkins Market for some Fall learning. The rain let up just enough for us to enjoy our stay there. One of the features this year was our tour guide Mr. Gould! He has retired from doing this, but came back special this year because his granddaughter is in our class this year. It was so good to see him.

I want to thank all of our Kindergarten families for coming to Open House. It was so wonderful to see you all. I know how hard it is to adjust your busy schedules, so my thanks to you all.

Enjoy this wonderful season of Fall!

Debbie Jacque

# HARVEST NIGHT

5<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER

PROCEEDS TO FUND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRIP TO NATURE'S CLASSROOM

OCTOBER 22, 2010

6:30 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

- COME CARVE YOUR HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN  
(BRING YOUR OWN PUMPKIN AND CARVING TOOLS)
- ENJOY FALL DESSERTS (PUMPKIN PIE, APPLE CRISP AND CIDER)
  - 50/50 RAFFLE
- GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE PUMPKIN
  - Make a spider

THERE WILL BE PUMPKINS FOR SALE

If you are bringing your own pumpkin please gut it at home  
(that is the hardest part)

**Fundraiser Fundraiser Fundraiser**

**RECYCLING RECYCLING RECYCLING**



**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>**

**5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser**

**Proceeds to fund 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Nature's Classroom**

- **Please bring all your returnable's, "Cans and Bottles" to the Pelham Recycling.**
- **Bake Sale - "Assorted Goodies"**

**"Thank you for your Support"**

# GENEVIEVES

## PELHAM PTO FUNDRAISER Starts TODAY – Ends OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>!

**Be safe!** Show brochures to people you know.

**Payment is due at time of order.**

1. Make one check payable to:  
PELHAM PTO  
DO NOT ADD SALES TAX.
2. Fill out Order Form and keep pink copy. **You will need your copy to deliver items to customers.**

Family and friends can order online with shipment to home @ [www.genevieves.com](http://www.genevieves.com)

Use our account number: **A1423**

Free UPS shipment on online orders of \$80 or more. Internet sales tax laws apply to all online orders.

To receive e-mail notification of any online orders, **click the “parents” link to sign up each student BEFORE you tell family to order online.**

### BONUS!

Sell 6 items - earn FREE PASS to Coco Key Water Resort.



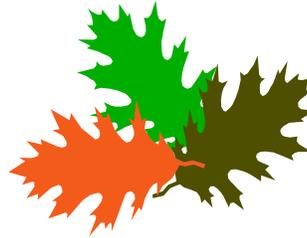
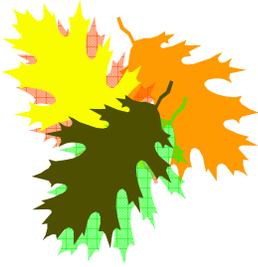
### RAFFLE PRIZE FOR OVERNIGHT STAY at COCO KEY!

Sell \$100 or more and be entered in a raffle for our school! Lucky winner is awarded a FREE Overnight Room for 4 with 4 water park passes.

[castlerockmorgans@verizon.net](mailto:castlerockmorgans@verizon.net)

413-530-0079

**Thank you for Your Support!**



## **Saving Makes “Cents”**

We hope you had a great summer. Florence Savings Bank and the Pelham Elementary School are starting the school banking program once again.

*Saving Makes Cents "Bank Day"*

**Pelham Elementary School**

**Every Wednesday**

**By the gym - between 8:15 – 8:45 a.m.**



If you did not participate in the school banking program last year, ask a volunteer on “Bank Day” for the information packet needed to open an account.



If you already have a Savings Makes “Cents” account you may start banking any Wednesday.

Again, welcome back. We’re looking forward to another great year!



# Amherst Massachusetts

ELISURE SERVICES & SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION DEPT

Bangs Community Center  
70 Boltwood Walk  
Amherst, MA 01002  
[www.lsse.org](http://www.lsse.org)

Phone: (413) 259-3065  
Facsimile: (413) 259-2407  
[lsse@amherstma.gov](mailto:lsse@amherstma.gov)

**For Immediate Release:  
Program Director**

**Contact: Stacey Lecuire, LSSE Youth**

**Phone:**

**413.259.3065**

**Amherst, MA Oct. 13, 2010**

Autumn in Amherst includes colorful fall foliage as well as a lively Halloween Parade set for Sunday, Oct. 31. The Amherst LSSE Department that sponsors the parade invites all pirates and princesses, super heroes and sorcerers to gather at 12:45 p.m. at Sweetser Park on Main Street for the parade that marches up Main Street, down North Pleasant Street to Kellogg Avenue ending at Bangs Center on Boltwood Walk.

Inside the Bangs Center, the fun continues from 1 to 4 p.m. at a carnival in the Large Activity Room with games, performance, a haunted house, prizes, and refreshments.

"Halloween is a favorite holiday for many children and when you can roll in a lively parade, trick or treating in downtown Amherst, performances, a haunted house and games, it just can't get much better. This is a great way for families to have some fun and the whole town to get into the act," said Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director.

The festivities began with Trick or Treating at downtown merchants from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Children in costume will collect treats from downtown businesses located on North and South Pleasant Streets and Main Street.

The Halloween Fest is open to all ages and abilities. Costumes, instruments and noisemakers are encouraged. The activities are staffed by 50 to 60 volunteers from the campuses and community. Those interested in volunteering should email Stacey Lecuire, LSSE Youth Program Director at [lecuivrea@amherstma.gov](mailto:lecuivrea@amherstma.gov).

The event is also supported by the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce and Promoting Downtown Amherst.

For information visit: [wwwLSSE.org](http://wwwLSSE.org) or call 259-3065.

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Volunteers are needed for the annual Amherst LSSE Halloween Parade and carnival that will be held Sunday, Oct. 31. The parade steps off at 12:45 p.m. at Sweetser Park on Main Street and ends at the Bangs Center. The carnival is from 1 -4 p.m. in the Large Activity Room at the Bangs Center and features games, performance, haunted house, prizes and refreshments.

Volunteers would decorate, plan and oversee the activities and help with the clean up. About 50 to 60 volunteers are needed.

For information or to volunteer call Stacey Lecuire, LSSE Youth Program Director, at 259-3065.

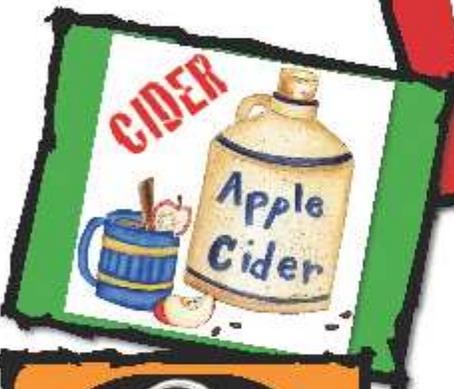
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Pelham School



# HALLOWEEN PARTY

SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 31, 2010  
5:00 - 7:00 PM  
IN THE SCHOOL



APPLES



GIFT BAGS

GAMES  
PRIZES  
TRICK OR TREATING

# Internet Safety for Our Children

**Date: Thursday, October 14th**

**Time: 7:00 P.M.**



Crocker Farm School cafeteria  
280 West Street  
Amherst, MA

Please join us for an evening with  
Cindy Boyle. Cindy is an outreach educator  
from the Northwestern District Attorney's  
Office. She will discuss the challenges we face  
with our children's increasing use of the  
internet. There will be discussion and a follow  
up question and answer session.

**Questions?**

**Please contact :**

**Gallinaroj@arps.org— Fort River**

**Breene@arps.org—Crocker Farm**

**Runyank@arps.org— Wildwood**

2nd Annual

# 5K for Farmland

**Sunday, October 17, 10am**

**5K Road Race or 2 Mile Walk**

Start and Finish at Hadley's West Street Common

Fast, Flat Route Past Scenic Farmland

Post Race Party with Locally Grown Food & Music



To Benefit The Kestrel Trust—Celebrating 40 Years of Land Conservation

Register at [kestreltrust.org](http://kestreltrust.org) or [sugarloafmac.org](http://sugarloafmac.org)

Advance Registration Fee: \$18 • Day Of Fee: \$20 • Family (2 parents plus 2 kids): \$40

T-Shirt with Logo For First 300 Registrants



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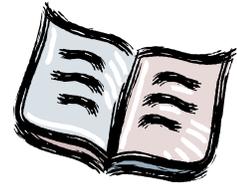


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## FROM THE LIBRARY



We are still fine-tuning the schedule for weekly class visits. Please help your child remember to return their books on the day their class is scheduled to visit the library so that they are able to borrow more books. At present, these are the classroom library days:

TUESDAY	Kindergarten, 2nd & 3rd grades
WEDNESDAY	1st grade
THURSDAY	4th, 5th & 6th grades

The loan period for students is two weeks, with the exception of kindergarten. The number of books a student may borrow depends upon grade level:

Kindergarten	1 book (1 week loan)
Grades 1 & 2	2 books
Grades 3 & 4	3 books
Grades 5 & 6	4 books

All students have their own shelf marker and barcode for use during school hours. If you visit the library with your child during public library hours, please remind them to use a shelf marker (available at the circulation desk). Also, please help your child keep his or her school library books separate from books your family may have borrowed through the public library. Our book loan periods and limits are designed, in part, to help students become responsible library users.

We welcome parent volunteers to assist with class visits and a large variety of library projects. If you would like to volunteer, or if you have questions about the school library, please call or stop by during school library hours. Thank you.

Rosalba Baroni-Booth