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Dates to Remember:

Friday , November 12

Tuesday, November 16

Thursday-Friday, Nov. 25 & 26

Movie Night 6:30 pm

Picture Make-up day

No School-Thanksgiving Recess



Dear Pelham School Families,

Pelham School phone books have been distributed to all families. Please let us know if you have not received one, and we will send one home. A big THANK YOU to Kristin Mattocks for taking on the task of making all the additions and revisions for this year's book!

The Annual "Visions of Peace" Lion's Club Poster Contest had several sixth grade artists submitting their work. I am delighted to announce that the winner of this year's Poster Contest is Liam Carolan. His poster has been forwarded to be entered into the district contest. I would also like to recognize the following students for their effort and contribution to the contest: Sammie Rice, Molly Lynch, Alex Rosenbach, and Sarah Blatz. Their posters will be displayed in the school for everyone to enjoy.

The snowy morning that we had earlier this week signals that winter is around the corner. I have included the Cancellation and Delay information in this week's Press to make sure everyone is prepared in case of inclement weather. At the beginning of the year each family filled out an "Emergency School Closing" form, which asked parents to list the names of two children whose parents had agreed to take your child home if school staff were unable to contact you or your other designated contacts before the school closes. We will follow your instructions on this form if Pelham School students are dismissed early due to snow or other emergencies. Parents, you may want to stop by the school office to check this form and make any necessary changes or additions. With the messier weather season upon us, children are beginning to wear boots. Please send in an extra pair of shoes or slippers to be kept at school if possible, as children cannot wear socks around the building.



SNOW DAY INFORMATION: In the event of storms or changing weather, the Superintendent will notify local radio and TV stations. Please tune in to the following for possible changes in dismissal or school closing:

Television: Channel 22-WWLP, or www.wwlp.com; Channel 40-WGGB, or www.wggb.com

Radio: AM 1400, 1430 FM 93.1, 99.3

The Amherst-Pelham system also has a **Newsline (362-1898)** and a website at www.arps.org, which will carry announcements of school closings and/or delays due to poor weather. PLEASE CALL THIS NUMBER OR LOOK ON THE WEBSITE FOR CANCELLATION AND DELAY INFORMATION. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL TO SEE IF SCHOOL IS CANCELLED OR DISMISSED EARLY.** If we must cancel school during the school day, we will need all available phone lines to call you and let you know that school is dismissing early.

Parents, it is **vital** that you or your designee be available if we need to contact you at any time during the school year. Therefore, please notify the school if any information has changed on your child's emergency card.

SNOW DAY/DELAY REMINDER FOR THE BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM: If Pelham School is cancelled for the day, both the Before School and After School Programs are cancelled. In the event of a delay, the Before School Program will open one hour before the delayed opening of school. Thus, if there is a 2-hour delay in the opening of school, school will open at 10:40 AM and the before school program will open at 9:30 AM. School delays and closings are announced on local radio stations and TV channels 40 and 22. Lennie Ware will make the decision to cancel or close early the After School Program, and she will let you know.



The month of November brings us to the time of year that traditionally we reach out to help those in need. Meg Gallagher and her third grade students have visited each classroom to speak to students about the Survival Center food drive and hung up posters around the school. Boxes have been placed inside the front door also to collect food for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Only non-perishable items should be brought to the school. The food drive will end for the Thanksgiving holiday on Friday, November 19th. Your generosity will be very much appreciated!

Sincerely,
Lisa Desjarlais



Reminder: Some members of our staff suffer from chemical sensitivities that can cause serious health issues. When they are exposed to chemical fragrances in shampoos, detergents, soaps, lotions and perfumes, they can become physically ill (asthma attacks, migraine headaches, etc.) and are debilitated for hours and even days. We all can be aware of this issue and try to make Pelham School as “fragrance-free” as possible. Please help us create an environment where each staff and student can participate fully in all of the activities at school. Thank you for your consideration.



Pelham School Movie Night

- Friday, November 12th, 6:30pm in the gym. Bring your sleeping bag and pillow and enjoy the movie: How to Train a Dragon (Rated PG).
Sponsored by the Pelham PTO.

News From Kindergarten

We enjoyed our first trip to the Fine Arts Center last week. The children did a great job staying together, and were excellent listeners during the performance. The Chinese Acrobats were amazing. Many of their acts left us with surprised faces. Just when we thought the act was over, they would add another part that was even more amazing.

The children are beginning to use their letter-sounds to complete whole thoughts, sentences in their writing. They are learning to stretch out words to hear sounds in the word. The use of the period at the end of their thought is also being used. I am proud and excited with this fascinating work.

I am beginning to read individually with our children. We are learning the left to right sweep, using our pointer finger, discovering the pattern of language, and using various strategies to figure out what a word says. Many of the children want to keep going, and read more than one story when it is their turn. What excited learners!

We have just finished our counting section in math. We are now focusing on counting and comparing lengths. We will use a tower of ten to measure things around the room, looking at things that are longer and shorter. The use of the base line will help us measure things correctly.

Within the next few weeks we will be studying Thanksgiving, with a focus on Native American Indians and the first Early Settlers.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Debbie Jacque

Message from the Survival Center:

Our **pre-Thanksgiving Community Meal** will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on Wednesday November 24th from 1-3PM. Join Us! It's a great time to bring the wider community together! And if, as a family, you'd like to contribute some food to the meal, please call me! We can always use mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, stuffing, green bean casserole, other vegetables, squash, and of course, Turkeys! When you call (or email) I'll let you know what we need (it changes daily). My phone number 549-3968 x202 and email is tracey@amherstsurvival.org.



Poinsettia and Wreath Sale Pelham School

Please support this fundraiser for the 6th grade trip.

Include cash or check (payable to Pelham 5th/6th grade) and return your order to the school office or town library.

**ORDER NOW:
Deadline for orders is
Wednesday November 24th**



pick-up

Mark your calendar! Orders will be delivered to the school and available for at 3-5:30 Wednesday, December 1st.

If you have questions please call Helen Blatz at 256-1974 or email at Helen-Lauren@Charter.Net

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ 6" red poinsettias @ \$12 each

_____ 6" pink poinsettias @ \$12 each

_____ 6" white poinsettias @ \$12 each

_____ 8" red poinsettias @ \$20 each

_____ 8" pink poinsettias @ \$20 each

_____ 8" white poinsettias @ \$20 each

_____ 12" frame (standard size) evergreen wreath @ \$12 each

_____ 18" frame evergreen wreath @ \$18 each

_____ red bow for 12" wreath @ \$4 each

_____ red bow for 18" wreath @ \$6 each

_____ Total enclosed (checks payable to Pelham 5th/6th grade)

Visual & Performing ART CLASSES for Youth & Adults:

Why?: Art is about life. It is about freedom of expression. Art is a way to develop creative thinking! Because there is an artist inside of everyone!

Where?: ETTA ART STUDIO, 534 Main St., AMHERST (corner of High St. and Main St.); 413-230-3272
www.ETTAartstudio.com

When?: 2nd Fall Session begins on Mon. Nov. 15th - 4 or 6 week Sessions, after school and evenings. (NOTE: There are also some "one time" or "drop in" class options! Call to find out if this is possible for the class you want! Open for After School Classes: Mon./ Tues./ Thurs./ Fri. - 3:30-5:30 and Wed. 2- 5:30

A "Taste" of Classes this fall: (see full list on www.ETTAartstudio.com) *****

Tues.+ Thurs. 3:30-5:30 ** Theater Improv/ Comedy and Acting for the Stage! Class offered: 2 day or 1 day a week option! Sliding scale & 10% discount: for 2! Ages 11+ (Teacher: Ezzell Floraniña/Stilts performer, Stage Clown and Theater Director)

This class brings in the techniques and games from Theater Improvisation as well as acting basics of character development and storytelling techniques, voice, stage presence and use of props. Drawing from many sources and theories, this is a class about process and development and is for ALL Abilities. Guaranteed to have plenty of laughter!

Wed. 2-3:30 **Painting and Drawing Basics with a Twist of Cartoon Techniques!

For Ages 9+

(Teacher : Rebecca Migdal/Comic Book Illustrator + Graphic Novelist-Teacher)

This class will cover the basic skills of drawing and painting for self-expression and narrative processes. Special attention will be paid to storytelling, and to the human figure and the interaction of figures in space. We will also look at artists throughout history and in a range of cultures who have used representational images to portray stories and ideas.

Wed. 2-3:30 OR 4-5:30 **Clay, Clay and More !!!

(2-3:30 by Ezzell Floraniña / 4-5:30 Teacher: Dara Herman-Zierlein/Artist, painter, sculptor+Art Educator)

For ALL Ages

This is a fun class for the young artist to be able to explore the properties of clay and use of tools. The students will be pinching, rolling and scoring to create simple forms like cups and bowls. Students will also come to an understanding of 3-D sculptures and will explore making animals, masks , environments and other creative art works out of hand building with clay.

SEE MORE CLASSES ON [WEB](#) or call for details:

YOUTH Classes: Mon. - Puppet Skilz with Anna Sobel - www.puppetree.com; Wed. – Clay, Clay and more with Ezzell and Dara (two times/day); Thurs.- Portrait Drawing with Katalina Each session is \$98 for a 6 week session. Material fee \$12. Some classes may be open for "drop in" or a one time experience!

ADULT Classes: **Metal Clay Jewelry Class: Wed. 6-9pm/4 weeks \$140 Starting Nov 17th - Teacher : Ruth Levine



Student Name _____

Phone Number _____

Teacher _____

Item		Unit Price	x Quantity	- Total
Sumatra FR (dark)	Whole Bean	\$9.00		
Sumatra FR (dark)	Ground	\$9.00		
Moka Sumatra (medium)	Whole Bean	\$9.00		
Moka Sumatra (medium)	Ground	\$9.00		
Decaf Peruvian (dark)	Whole Bean	\$10.00		
Decaf Peruvian (dark)	Ground	\$10.00		
Decaf Liberation (medium)	Whole Bean	\$10.00		
Decaf Liberation (medium)	Ground	\$10.00		
Hot Chocolate, 12 ounce		\$4.50		
Java Drops, Milk Chocolate		\$8.50		
Java Drops, Dark chocolate		\$8.50		
 Pelham Coffee Mug		\$10.00		
 2 Pelham Coffee Mugs		\$15.00		
Grand Total				

* All coffee and Java Drops are 16 ounce bags. Decaf is Swiss Water Process.

All orders are due at the last day of the month.

Please make checks payable to: **Pelham Elementary PTO**

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Any questions: Amy Wasserman 253-4664, amy@cutnpaced.com



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