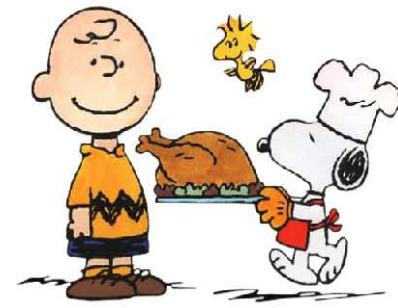




Pelham Press

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Dates to Remember:

Thursday-Friday, Nov. 25 & 26

Thursday, December 2

Monday, December 6

No School-Thanksgiving Recess

School Committee 6 p.m.

PGO meeting



Dear Pelham School Families,

The Food Service Department will be launching a new service for parents/guardians and students, beginning November 22. Families will now be able to self service their accounts with the Food Service Department to prepay for their child’s lunch on line using a variety of payment options, as well as to monitor the balance of funds available. Attached is a letter to parents/guardians announcing the new service and providing instructions to access the site. In order to access the system, your child’s ID number will be needed, and we will be forwarding that information to you via hard copies in backpacks as soon as possible.

I would like to reinforce how critical it is to have your child arrive on time every day! Regular and punctual attendance is essential for the success of students in schools. Students who attend school every day, on time, learn more and are more successful than students who are not. Please be aware that we monitor tardiness and unexcused absences, and you will be contacted if there are concerns. Thank you for your support in helping your child to develop good attendance habits.

Yesterday was Education Support Professional’s Day as Governor Deval Patrick has declared November 17, to be Education Support Professional Day in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It was first celebrated in 1987 as a way to honor the contributions of school support staff. Media staff, LPNs, paraprofessionals, transportation and facilities staff, clerical and food service providers play an intrinsic part in our schools and impact the lives of students, faculty and administrators each day. We celebrate the dedication and passion with which our support staff tirelessly serve our students each and every day. The Support Staff was recognized yesterday here at Pelham School with some special treats.

Parents, just a reminder not to send glass bottles in with your child with snack or for lunch. It is very easy for glass to get broken, and it can be very dangerous for young children who may try to “help” to clean it up. Thank you for your attention to this safety concern.

I want to send a special thank you to the Pelham Lion’s Club and the Pelham Council on Aging for providing Thanksgiving meals for some of our Pelham School families. For your information, the Pelham Press will **NOT** be coming out next Thursday. The writer of the Pelham Press will be carving up a turkey, and the Press production will resume after the Thanksgiving recess. I wish all of the families at Pelham School a most Happy Thanksgiving holiday!

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.

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.

FREE CONCERT AT PELHAM LIBRARY

The Friends of the Pelham Library present “Music for Two Violins” – Alicia Casey and Benjamin Van Vliet, violins and featuring special guest pianist Estella Olevsky.

Sunday December 5 at 3pm. The music of Bach, Prokofiev, Moszkowski and Piazzolla will be featured at this free concert
In the Pelham Library at 2 South Valley Road, Pelham.

Goats Needing Home

I am looking for a good home for two goats. A mother goat and yearling doe, brown and white alpines, no horns. Currently not milking.
Please call Liz Scheffey for more information. 548-9716



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)



Dear Pelham School Community,

We are delighted to share with you that our Third Grade students will participate in a Pennies for Peace campaign. Pennies for Peace is a service-learning program designed to broaden our students' cultural horizons while teaching them about their capacities as philanthropists – one penny at a time.

As part of our math unit, we needed to collect 1,000 pieces of a particular item. We chose to collect pennies to donate to this program. Last year, we surpassed the 1,000 pennies and collected around 21,200 pennies!

Pennies for Peace is a program of Central Asia Institute (CAI), founded by Greg Mortenson – author of the #1 New York Times best seller, *Three Cups of Tea*. CAI is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that promotes and provides community-based education and literacy programs, especially for girls, in remote mountain regions of Central Asia. Founded in 1996, CAI has built, to date, nearly 100 schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which serve more than 28,000 students – over 14,000 of whom are girls.

How can a penny bring peace? It doesn't buy much in our community. However, in the villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan, a penny can buy a pencil, start an education, and transform a life. That pencil can empower a child to read, write, and learn. The Pennies for Peace program goal is to encourage our students, who are ultimately our future leaders, to learn the value of philanthropy by collecting pennies for global peace.

Our students will join tens of thousands of students around the world who are participating in the Pennies for Peace program and who are working together to become members of a global family dedicated to peace.

If you have any questions about our Pennies for Peace campaign, please feel free to contact me.

Our students are eagerly looking forward to this new adventure!

Sincerely,

Meg Gallagher

Holiday Wish List

2010

Would you like to make a teacher's wish come true?

Each year around holiday time, the PTO asks Pelham School teachers to create a list of items for their classrooms to enrich curriculum and enhance every child's learning experience. This is a wonderful way to show your appreciation to the staff in a way that will benefit all. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you need more information regarding a specific item.

Kindergarten: Gift cards to Michael's, acrylic paint, aluminum foil

First Grade: bath dust for chinchillas (Dave's Soda and Pet Food City), soccer ball, jump ropes, Pick Up Sticks, Connect Four, Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, adhesive number lines to 20, stop watch, clear tape for dispenser

Second Grade: head phones for computers, brown envelopes (6X9), scotch tape for dispensers, Scrabble Flash, Boggle Reinvention, math or word games, Magnadoodles, Kid friendly stop watch

Third Grade: Crayola Model Magic – single packs in color, Crayola markers – thick + thin, Ziploc bags – qt. size, magnetic tape, Kleenex unscented tissues, Ticonderoga #2 pencils, gift card to Stop + Shop to use for MCAS snacks

Fourth Grade: Gift Certificate to Cowl's Building Supply

Fifth Grade: Big Y gift cards, electric pencil sharpener, stickers for planners and signs, fun pencils, items for grab bag, used books for book bag

Sixth Grade: granola bars, Stop and Shop or Big Y gift card to buy supplies for plate tectonics and structure of earth lessons – we use food as models, red pens, pencils

Music: Tissues, beanbags, CD's: ethnic music + classical jazz

Nurse Paula: Kleenex, bottled water (small size for kids)

Guidance Counselor, Ms. King: Kleenex, Clorox handi-wipes (non-scented), holiday donations for children of families in need.

The Office, Mrs. Scott: Extra mittens and gloves for children without

Hello Pelham families,

This has been a wonderful, fun and productive year so far at Pelham School. We have had two all school assemblies and one of them focused on community building within our school. Each grade presented a project around building a positive school community and we ended it with our traditional walk around the room, holding hands with some dancing to music. Your children certainly know how to have a good time.

We are, as usual, continuing our emphasis on (no) bullying and teasing throughout our school. We emphasize the importance of the bystander role and we are even discussing making some videos around these issues in our school. Pelham School children are so incredibly attuned to this topic that their ability to be effective bystanders and advocates for their friends is impressive.

My role within the school has me wearing a few different hats. I am a therapeutic teacher which means I have a particular group of children whom I am required to see through special education and then I am a school adjustment counselor. A school adjustment counselor's job is more typically a guidance position. This is what enables me to go into the classrooms providing social curriculums. As a counselor, I also see children who refer themselves to me or I respond to family and teacher's concerns. Lunch groups are another service which I provide. I try and take each child from second grade to sixth grade to have lunch with me once a week. We usually start off the lunches with the high point and low point of their week or weekend, and then we eat, talk and play. There is a lot of lego and doll house play during this time, or with the older children we may play a game or toss a ball around. (shhhhhh!!!!) Nonetheless, it's fun. Even for me!! However, if you do not want your children to eat lunch with me, you may email me or stop by my room.

I will be writing occasional pieces for the Pelham Press. I would appreciate any feedback or thoughts you may have regarding my musings. I look forward to working with all of the Pelham families and I certainly feel so lucky every day spending time with your children.

Thanks and a happy Thanksgiving,
Deb King

Amherst-Pelham Public Schools Student Services Office

Education and Discussion Series for Parents and Guardians of Students in Grades K-6 2010–2011

Date/Time	Event
December 14 7:00–8:30 p.m.	Doable Social Skills: How do we help our children become considerate and polite?
January 18 7:00–8:30 p.m. February 1 9:00–10:30 a.m.	Doable Routines: How to help your children with homework and more?
March 25 9:00–10:30 a.m. April 12 7:00–8:30 p.m.	Doable Discipline: How to help our children become responsible?
May 24 7:00–8:30 p.m. June 7 9:00–10:30 a.m.	Doable Communication: How to win cooperation of our children?

All the events will be held in the Professional Development Center
Amherst Regional Middle School
170 Chestnut Street
Amherst, MA 01002
No need to register.

If you need documents translated into Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Portuguese and French please contact the following numbers.

Si usted necesita traducción para este documento, favor comunicarse con Mildred Martinez, al telefono (413) 362-1871.

학교 문서의 번역에 도움을 위해, 접촉하십시오 (413)362-1871.

如需要翻译这份文件，请联系心理辅导老师郭乃馨 (413)362-1871

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Every student
every day!

To ensure that a translator in your language will be present or if you need or can offer a ride please contact Mildred Martinez.

For more information please contact:
Mildred Martinez
Phone: 413 362-1871
Fax: 413 549-6108
E-mail: martinezm2@arps.org



Dear Parents:

With current national attention being focused on children's health and wellness issues, the Food Service Department of the Amherst Schools is excited to provide parents a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service to deposit money into your child's school meal account at any time. This service also provides parents the ability to view your child's account balance through a web site called MyNutrikids.com. By having money in each child's account prior to entering the cafeteria, we find the lunch lines move along much faster so your child has more time to eat and be with friends.

Also, parents will have the ability to print out a copy of their child's eating history report. This history report will show you all dates and times that your child has purchased a breakfast and or lunch within the past thirty days.

These new services will be available November 22, 2010.

To access these services:

1. Simply go to the district web site at www.ARPS.org.
2. Click on the Food Services link.
3. Click on the MyNutrikids.com link. From this site you will create your account and add money to your child's school meal account. All you need is your child's name, student ID number and school ZIP code (01002). The instructions listed on the back of this page will guide you through the easy online account set up process.

Things to know:

- If you have more than one child in the District you can handle all online prepayments from the same online account.
- Payments may be made through an existing PayPal account or with a major credit or debit card.
- In order to use the online prepayment service, a small convenience fee for each transaction will be assessed to cover the bank fees. The convenience fee is \$1.75 per deposit transaction. Parents placing money into multiple meal accounts will only be assessed the \$1.75 fee once per deposit transaction. The School District will not profit from the use of this site.
- Payments made with a credit card or PayPal will show up at the point of sale terminal within 24 hours. Payments made with electronic checks could take up to 10 days to show up.

We are very excited to offer these new services, and are confident this new system will benefit you, your child and our District.

However, if you choose not to take advantage of the online prepayment service you may continue to make advance payments via check, which should be made payable to:

- If student attends Crocker Farm, Fort River or Wildwood - Amherst School Lunch
- If student attends Pelham School - Pelham School Lunch
- If student attends the Middle School or High School - A-P Regional School Lunch

Please write your child's full name on the check.

If you have any questions about these new services, please feel free to contact my office at 413-362-1839.

Best Regards,

Rebecca Trietley
Director of Food Services

THE AMHERST-REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Serving Amherst, Pelham and the Amherst-Pelham Region

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES
170 CHESTNUT STREET
AMHERST, MA 01002

413-362-1834 (PHONE)
413-549-9834 (FAX)

November 15, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students with Special Needs,

As follow up to the special education program evaluation conducted last year for the Amherst, Pelham and Amherst-Regional School Districts, parents/guardians of students receiving special education services are invited to share suggestions and ideas about ways to improve services, communication and collaboration with families.

Please join us for one of the following open forums:

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Professional Development Center at the Middle School

Please sign in at the Middle School main office when you arrive, and feel free to bring your lunch to this working meeting.

OR

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

7:15 PM - 8:15 PM

Professional Development Center at the Middle School

** Please note that confidentiality prevents discussion of individual children or staff and that this forum is intended to hear your suggestions or ideas for improving special education in the schools. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

If you have any questions or are unable to attend one of these forums and have suggestions, please contact Karen Lowe via the Student Services Office at (413) 362-1834 or via email at lowek@arps.org.

Sincerely,

Karen Lowe, Doreen Reid, Renata Pienkawa

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Student Name _____

Phone Number _____

Teacher _____

Item		Unit Price	x Quantity	- Total
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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**

Please return this form to the school. Thank You!!

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



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