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Dates to Remember:

Thursday, November 4
 Friday, November 6
 Saturday, November 6
 Sunday, November 7
 Thursday, November 11
 Friday, November 12
 Tuesday, November 16

School Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
 Grades K, 1, 5, & 6 Fine Arts Center Trip
 Recycling Fundraiser
 Daylight Savings Time ends
 NO SCHOOL- Veteran's Day
 Movie Night 6:30 pm
 Picture Make-up day



Dear Pelham School Families,

The month of November brings us to the time of year that traditionally we reach out to help those in need. Pelham School will be one of the sites used by the Amherst Survival Center to collect food for the holidays. We will be putting some boxes inside the front door to collect food for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday beginning tomorrow, and only non-perishable items should be brought to the school. The food drive will end for the Thanksgiving holiday on Friday, November 19th. Please see the attached flier for ideas of what to contribute and how to contribute hot food items for the meal, as well as information about a toy drive that will support area children in need for the holiday season. Your generosity will be very much appreciated!

At Pelham School we are always vigilant about keeping our students and families safe. We have identified two areas that are of concern that we are asking families to help us with. The first area of concern has to do with the Drop Off lane in front of the school. **This lane is not to be used for parking.** If you would like to accompany your child onto the playground, or have business within the school to address, please find a parking space within the school parking lot or behind the library. This practice of parking in the Drop Off lane has resulted in traffic being backed up down the street, as well as some very unsafe conditions for parents and students.

The other area of concern has to do with our friendly canine visitors. We have dogs that are following their student "owners" to school, as well as dogs that come with families for parent drop off or pick up. Although we ARE dog lovers, we are concerned about potential situations in which a dog could become aggressive. In addition, we have had several mornings in which students have had to have their shoes cleaned off....We appreciate your attention and support in keeping our school safe.

On a final note, the Halloween Party event was a huge success, and I have heard it was a VERY scary haunted house from many students. Thank you to all the parents and students who worked so hard to build the haunted house, and to all the parents who help to run the event. Everyone looked great in their costumes and it was a very fun night!

Sincerely,
Lisa Desjarlais

After School's 2010 Walk for The A.B.C. House is a BIG SUCCESS!

During the last two weeks of After School, over 78 students walked the back perimeter of the school grounds to help raise money for Amherst's *A Better Chance* House. Together they logged in 382 miles (or more than 1,900 laps around the playground)! The pledges for our walkers added up to a grand total of \$600! Many thanks to all of the participants and to all of those who generously donated. Special recognition goes to Ahanu Youngblood, who for the second year in a row completed the most laps, totaling 25 miles (5 more miles than last year) ! Other top walkers were: Matthew Morrin & Ella Mattocks with 16 miles each, AnnaMaria Biagi with 15 miles, Braden Langlois & Aurelia Delaney each with 11 miles, Emily May, Zachary Zahradnik & Ari Romero-Gonzalez with 10 miles each, Sasha Lambert with 9 miles, and Virginia Wardlaw, Kira Oh, Charlie May & Jillian Powell each with 8 miles. Whew!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mr. Lipman's Class

Parent Conferences After having completed almost all parent conferences, I am struck by the support and involvement of Pelham parents in their children's education. Children adopt the values of their parents and when parents express interest in their children's schooling, the message of its importance is echoed more loudly. We are a team in maximizing your child's potential and I would like to thank you for your time, input and participation.

Captain Clean We have begun our germ-hand washing unit entitled "Captain Clean." Children will be treated to and perform in several plays about germs, watch germs grow in Petri dishes and conduct experiments to discover the most effective way to wash hands. This is a great way to learn how to stay healthy and I hope that it makes a positive difference in the number of illnesses this year!

Homework Folders Sending a couple of books each days is providing the extra practice to make a significant difference in your child's rate of reading progress. Homework folders continue to be a great success and children seem to be enjoying this new routine. Please contact me right away if the folder goes missing or you have any questions. Thank you for making the time to listen to your child read.

Paul Lipman

Second Grade News

October has flown by. The children are doing a great job of keeping their desks organized, being prepared for the next subject, and keeping on task. We are getting a great deal accomplished and have had time to do some fun fall activities. For the past few weeks we have worked on a mini unit about habitats. Our focus has been on forest and wetland habitats. The children are learning about the names of different habitats and creating a wetlands and woodlands scene.

Next week we begin a new unit called Pebbles, Sand, and Silt. We will delve into the different ways rocks are formed and changed. We will do many hands on experiments to study rocks. Any parents that have knowledge about rocks are invited to come to speak to the class. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in doing a lesson.

We are also learning many new skills and perfecting some old ones in our math class. The children are using varied techniques to help solve addition and subtraction word problems. We just finished our unit assessment where the children had to write an equation, solve the problem, show their thinking, and label their answers. The children did a great job. Some children are even finding multiple strategies for solving these math problems.

We are also working on the addition combinations. I have tested everyone over the +1, +2, and tens. No one has completely learned their +2's quickly enough to pass. Please keep working on these every night.

Our next unit is on geometry. We will study 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes as well as learn their attributes.

The children are learning about the parts of a sentence during writing class. Last month we studied the subject and the action of the subject. Last week we finished a story using only barebone sentences (not an easy task). These are on display in the classroom as well as leaf descriptions of special leaves we found on a fall walk.

In reading, we have read several different fairy tales and have learned the characteristics of a fairy tale. We are reading different books according to our levels and working on vocabulary development as well as different comprehension skills.

Parent conferences are still going on. It is great to get to talk to each parent and learn more about your child. Thank you for all your support and feedback.

Cindy Corey

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6th

5th-6th Grade Fundraiser

Proceeds to fund 6th 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"

SLAVERY IN COLONIAL AMHERST

The Pelham Historical Society will meet on Monday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ramsdell Room at the Community Center in Pelham.

Following the annual meeting, Robert Romer, emeritus professor at Amherst College and author of the book, *Slavery in the Connecticut Valley of Massachusetts*, will talk about slavery in the Valley, where the Amherst minister and other prominent citizens owned black slaves in the 1700s.

The public is invited. For more information, call Barbara Jenkins at 253-2929.

For timely release.
10/29/10
Thank you.

Doris Holden
Publicity Chair
253-5993



Lovely, adorable black, and gray tiger striped kittens need loving home today. 14 weeks old, spayed, neutered, rabies shot. I have been fostering them since 6 weeks old. They are ready for their real home. If not placed, they will have to go to the animal shelter.

Call Liz @ 548-9716

Survival Center Needs

In terms of needs, here it goes...

Thanksgiving Food Boxes - We distribute over 250 boxes with turkeys (or gift cards for turkeys), stuffing, potatoes, etc. to families in the Amherst/Belchertown/Pelham/Sunderland area. We can use boxes of stuffing, frozen turkeys (or gift cards to local markets for people to buy their own), side dishes, etc. We start giving the boxes away on Friday November 12th and do it until Friday November 19th. Any donations are welcome!

Our **pre-Thanksgiving Community Meal** 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.

Toys and gifts:

We do a huge toy drive and distribute gifts to over 150 families in the area. If you or anyone you know is interested in donating toys, games, music/movies, new clothing or gift cards, please contact bekki@amherstsurvival.org. She also manages an "adopt a family" program for the holidays.

Thanks for thinking of us!



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.

WE WANT YOU



TO COME RUN THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL INTER-ELEMENTARY CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE

Where: On fields behind the Amherst Regional High School

When: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 (see time schedule below)

How far: 1K (.62 miles) for Kindergarten through second grade

1.5K (.93 miles) for grades three and four

2K (1.25 miles) for grades five and six

How much: Donation requested, but not required

Schools Invited: Crocker Farm, Wildwood, Fort River, Shutesbury, Pelham, Leverett, Common School, Amherst Montessori

Time Schedule

K-2 boys and girls (3:30)

3-4 boys and girls (3:50) 5-6 boys and girls (4:10)

(Please register as close to 3:00 as possible)

Sponsored by the Amherst Regional Boys Cross Country Team

November 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Amherst-Pelham Regional High School Athletic department is having a "Turkey Trot and Activity Night for students in Grades K-6 on Tuesday 11/23, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the High School Gym and Fields. High school sport student-athletes who participated in the Mentors in Violence Prevention training and coaches will supervise sport and recreational activities including basketball, football, soccer, lacrosse, floor hockey, cooperative games, board games, brain teasers, puzzles, and movies. We will also have informational sessions on bullying prevention and sportsmanship. Our student-athletes and coaches are excited about having this opportunity to teach sport activities and talk with your kids about their sports and the benefits of regular exercise. We hope the evening will be educational and lots of FUN!

Please pre-register so that we have an idea of how many kids will be attending. There is no cost for the Activity Night this year. You may drop off the signup sheet at the athletic office at the high school or send it through the mail by November 19 to ARHS Athletics, 21 Matoon St. Amherst. Registration will start at 5:00 and Pickup is anytime before 8:00 p.m. Please have your child dressed for activity. Snacks and beverages will be provided. If you have any questions about the evening, call the athletic office at 362-1747.

Sincerely,

Karen Keough-Huff
Athletic Director

ACTIVITY NIGHT
Tuesday, November 23
5:00-8:00
GRADES K-6

(GAMES, SPORTS, MUSIC, MOVIES, AND LOTS OF FUN)

Where? Amherst High School Gyms & FIELDS

Who? For students in grades k-6

Activities will be run by high school athletes and coaches

**Pre registration is required. Sign up in the Athletic Office at
the High School**

WAIVER

I permit _____ to participate in the Activity Night on Tuesday, November 23 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. I authorize the supervisors of the Activity Night to make any decisions regarding the emergency treatment of my child. I further agree to waive claim to liability Amherst Public Schools, its representatives and employees from physical injury and all liability. _____

Phone number: _____

Signature of parent/guardian



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**

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

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



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Phone Number _____

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Decaf Liberation (medium)	Whole Bean	\$10.00		
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Hot Chocolate, 12 ounce		\$4.50		
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