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Dates to Remember:

Thursday, March 17

Friday, March 18

Tuesday, March 22-April 6th

Grade 6 Orientation- ARMS 7-9 pm

NO SCHOOL- Teacher Furlough Day

MCAS English Language Arts testing window



Dear Pelham School Families,

Last week, the robots had arrived at Pelham School. This week, the salmon eggs have arrived! The picture above shows the “eyed up” stage at which the Atlantic salmon eggs arrive in. Tony Shaw’s fourth grade classroom will be the caretakers for this endangered species for the next several months. This salmon restoration project is supported by the U.S. Fisheries and Wildlife and Trout Unlimited. In order to provide an optimal environment for these embryos to survive, the natural conditions of a New England stream are replicated in a tank complete with a chiller, and biowheel to filter and infuse oxygen, and a rocky gravelly bottom. As the embryos hatch out they will be in the alevin stage, and then as their egg sacs “button up”, they will be at the fry stage. It is at this point that the fourth grade students will take a trip to release them into an area stream that has been identified as a salmon release site. This project serves to teach our students about watershed management, our responsibilities to support sustainable habitats, and science life cycles. We will keep you updated in the coming months on the progress of our fish “babies”! Mr. Shaw welcomes any donations of gallon sized spring water to keep the tank maintained.

Please note the MCAS testing schedule below. This schedule may be subject to change, but I wanted to give parents the opportunity to view the schedule several weeks in advance to plan accordingly for any appointments or planned days off.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Lisa Desjarlais

Pelham School Spring 2011 English Language Arts MCAS Testing Schedule

March 22-April 6 English Language Arts- Grades 3-6				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	22 Grade 4 Long Composition 9:00	23	24	25 Grade 5 ELA 9:00
28 Grade 4 ELA 9:00	29 Grade 5 ELA 9:00 Grade 3- ELA 9:45	30. Grade 6 ELA 9:00	31 Grade 6 ELA 9:00	April 1 Grade 4 ELA 9:00
4 Grade 3- ELA 9:45	5 Makeups as needed	6 Grade 4 Composition Make-Up Date Makeups as needed		

FRIDAY ALL-DAY CARE

On Friday, March 18th, there is no school due to a teacher workday. I am running an all day childcare session at the school from 8:30 until 3:30. The cost is \$28, with an option of early drop off or late pick up for an additional cost. There are sibling discounts and also fee reductions for qualifying families. Two snacks will be provided, but students need to bring a lunch from home. Please let me know if you are interested, as pre-registration is required.

Lennie Ware @ 265-3766

News From Pelham K

What a strange week of weather. Monday started out as rain, so I thought for sure we wouldn't get outside. By recess time it was snowing, so we went outside and enjoyed the snow falling into our faces. Thank you to our families for sending your children in with their outside clothing so that we could have fun like this!

We have been very busy these past weeks. We are now writing "How To" books. It feels great to be teachers teaching how to do, make, and play something. This type of procedural writing (How To) is the easiest form of nonfiction to help us learn the structures of recalling a procedure, starting at the beginning and giving directions for that procedure.

Our Social Studies unit of study is 'maps'. We are learning about the use of maps, how to understand, and make them. We are learning about the town that we live in, the state that we live in, the country that we live in, and the world that we live in.

Our math concentration is on 2-D and 3-D shapes. We are reviewing 2-D shapes, as we studied them in the Fall.

We will be using geoblocks to help us develop language to describe and compare 2-D and 3-D shapes and their attributes.

As we get closer to Spring we will begin our 'Signs of Spring' sketching unit. We will go outside and sketch the signs of Spring that we see. It might take us a little longer to start because we have to wait for all, or most of the snow to melt so that we can actually see these signs!

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AMHERST & PELHAM **2011 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

The Amherst and Pelham Schools will begin kindergarten registration for the 2011/2012 school year on:

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM each day

Amherst parents/guardians are urged to register at your neighborhood school. Pelham parents/guardians should register at the Pelham Elementary School during the same hours.

There will be **one EVENING REGISTRATION** session to accommodate those whose schedules prevent them from registering during the day. The evening registration will take place on:

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010 6:00-7:00 PM
AT WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

There will be interpreters for the following languages present during the evening session to assist families: Spanish, Khmer and Chinese. Parents/guardians from any area of Amherst or Pelham may register their children at this evening session.

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2011 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the fall. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

An **original** birth certificate, proof of immunization, proof of residency in the district and a current physical examination are required for admission. The **original** birth certificate, proof of residency, and immunization record should be brought to registration. A physical examination can be performed up to the start of school and forms for a physician to fill out will be available at registration. If parents/guardians have questions concerning student eligibility, they are requested to direct their questions to the appropriate building principal.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County
*Bangs Community Center * Amherst, MA 01002 * Phone: 413-253-2591*
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March 3, 2011

Dear Parents,

Several Pelham School Teachers have formed a bowling team (The Pelham Penguins), which, once a year, raises money for Big Brothers Big Sister of Hampshire County. This annual event, The Bowl-A-Thon, takes place this year on Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3, 2011. It includes dozens of teams that raise almost \$60,000 to support mentoring for children in Hampshire County, many of whom attend school in the Amherst-Pelham District.

Please think about forming a team or sponsoring our team of Pelham School teachers in this effort to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County. Sponsorship checks can be made out to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County and sent to the Pelham School office by March 30.

Thank You,

“The Pelham Penguins”

Cindy Corey, Meg Gallagher Leanne and Bridgette Hasbrouck, Deb and Savion King, Paul Lipman, Jill Orro, Janet Scott, Lisa Desjarlais and Lennie Ware

Community Notes

FREE to a good home. One wooden teacher's desk. About 38 x 20 inches, with side shelf and drawer. In pretty good shape. See Lennie for details.

BACH AT THE KEYBOARD

The Friends of the Pelham Library are pleased to present a performance and commentary By noted pianist Nigel Coxe at the Pelham Library on Sunday, March 27th at 3 pm. The concert is free. The library located at 2 South Valley Road has ample parking and Is fully accessible.coxe

