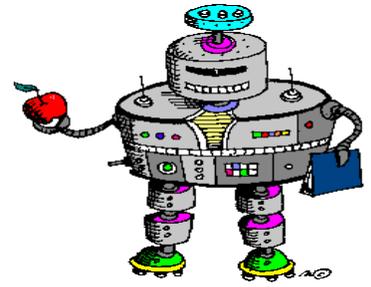




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Dates to Remember:

Thursday, March 3

Monday, March 7

Wednesday, March 9

Thursday, March 17

Friday, March 18

Tuesday, March 22-April 6th

School Committee- 6pm Community Room

PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

Pelham School Visioning Committee 6:30 pm

Grade 6 Orientation- ARMS 7-9 pm

NO SCHOOL- Teacher Furlough Day

MCAS English Language Arts testing window



Dear Pelham School Families,

We have returned from the winter break with renewed energy and have quickly settled into classrooms. Teachers are planning and preparing students for the upcoming MCAS test session later this month. The MCAS English Language Arts testing session will begin with fourth graders taking the long composition on Tuesday, March 22 across the state. In addition, grades three through six will each have two test session days and I will be sending out a testing schedule with next week's Pelham Press.

Robots have come to sixth grade! With the support of Pat Cahill, our science coordinator, sixth grade students have begun a robotics unit which integrates science with technology. Students have begun this unit by building robots out of Legos, and will next learn how to program their robots using a computer-based program in the computer lab. Students will learn how to attach sensors and program their robots to move in a multitude of directions as well as performing specific tasks. This exciting first for Pelham School will run through the month of March.

Please note the meeting schedule at the top of the page. Minutes from the various school based groups are posted on the web site. For your convenience, I will posting agendas for the School Committee and the PTO in the Pelham Press.

Sincerely,

Lisa Desjarlais

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

AGENDA for Meeting of the Pelham School Committee

6:00 PM, Thursday — March 3, 2011

Pelham Community Room

1. Welcome
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Agenda Review
 - C. Approve Minutes
2. Announcements and Public Comments
3. Superintendent's & Principal's Update
4. Continuing Business
 - A. District Initiatives
 - B. School Choice Vote
 - C. Student Activities Account
5. New Business
 - D. Middle School Presentation
 - E. FY2012 Budget
 - F. Preschool
 - G. Accept Gifts
6. Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Pelham Visioning
 - B. Policy Subcommittee
7. School Committee Planning
 - A. Calendar Review
 - B. Items for upcoming meetings
8. Adjournment

The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Dear Pelham School Community,

Please come to the next PTO meeting on Monday, March 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the school teacher's lounge. Day care will be provided across the hall in the art classroom for all elementary school age children. All babies and toddlers are welcome in the meeting with the adults. Please let me know if you plan to use day care so I have adequate coverage.

Also, please contact me if you have a topic to add to the March agenda. Refreshments will be served.

Thank you.

Regards,
Ruth Carolan
rdcarolan@charter.net

PTO Agenda – Monday, March 7th

Welcome

- Introductions

Updates

- Principal's report/school committee update – Lisa
- Treasurer's report – Diana

Old Business

- School Dance, February 18th
- Funding for Artists – Lisa/Paul
- New Structure for 6th grade fundraising – Lisa/Ruth

New and Ongoing Business

- Update on purchasing new curtains for stage – Lisa
- Dean Beans - Amy
- New fundraiser for May – recycled clothing to Fashion Republic - Ruth
- School storage shed – Diana
- PTO Meeting Minutes on website? – Lisa/Elise
- Variety Show in March or April-Volunteers Needed– Tracy/Leni

New Business

- Teacher's appreciation luncheon in May – Amy
- Select date for next PTO meeting in April
- PTO policy on what events/scholarships/support provided by PTO – Elise
- 6th grade Lasagna dinner – Friday, April 29th
- Select date for Spring Fair -

Lately all classes started their unit on American music.

Younger students started to sing African American songs and spirituals such as "Kumbaya," "Ten Angels' Band," "There's a Little Wheel A-turning in my Heart," "I'm on My Way to Freedom Land," "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing," and "This Little Light of Mine." They played singing/action games from the same tradition, such as "Grandma Sick in Bed," "Shoo Lie Loo," "Shoo Turkey, Shoo," "Draw me a Bucket of Water," "Little Johnny Brown, Spread Your Comfort Down," "Pizza, Pizza" and "Oh, Won't You Sit Down?"

Through discussions about these songs and playing these games, children learn about the history of our country and become familiar with the musical form of call and response, a basic element of American music originated from Africa.

Older students discovered the meaning of the word "polyrhythm" by listening to old and new recordings of music from Africa. They listened to spirituals performed by Marian Anderson, Paul Robeson and "Sweet Honey in the Rock" and sang African-American spirituals such as "Come and Go with Me to that Land," "Soon I will be Done," "I'm Gonna Sing" in three parts, and the partner songs "Chatter with the Angels" and "All Night, All Day."

The third grade classes watched the film "Follow the Drinking Gourd" about the Underground Railroad. Next, they will learn the song in the film and the instrumental accompaniment that goes along with it.

Students in upper grades started the study of the Blues. They followed the development of the blues by listening to recordings of blues performed in different styles (folk blues, classic blues and swing) and played the harmonies of the classic 12 bar blues on the bells to a recording of a big band playing "Happy Blues." This activity also helps students to understand the rules of improvisation in jazz. Next they will play these harmonies individually on the xylophones. The unit will continue with the study of different musical styles that developed from the mixing of African and European musical elements in our country.

Agnes Zsigmondi

Second Grade News

Where in the world is second grade!!! Since January, second grade has been studying continents and oceans. Next week we will finish this unit. The objectives for this unit were to know and label correctly the seven continents and 4 oceans, also to know the names of some major rivers and mountain ranges in the world. Another goal was to experience or learn about some of the different cultures by integrating art and music into the unit. Please stop by the second grade hall and see all the wonderful projects the students have made.



The Tuesday before vacation was our **100th Day of School**. Everything we did had to do with the number 100. We wrote stories, we sang songs, and had math activities around the number 100. The children also created a project that had to do with the number 100. They are on display in the room. Whew! Lots of fun and excitement in February! It was good that we had a little break to get ready for our next fun day—**Dr. Seuss's birthday!!** We celebrated that yesterday by snuggling in our pajamas and having reading and writing activities all day long.

In math, we have worked on strategies to add and subtract 2-digit numbers, counted by 2's, 5's, and 10's, as well as counted money. And just in time for the 100th Day, we studied the hundreds chart and played games to help us see the patterns on the chart. The children have taken timed facts drills. Please spend 5 to 10 minutes every night working on these facts. Before vacation we began a new unit building on place value and addition and subtraction strategies.

The second grade wants to thank all the students and parents who helped us with our goal to raise money for the Survival Center. Here are two reports from second graders about our project.

In 2nd grade we earned \$45.00. We sold door hangers, pillows, bracelets, and necklaces. We are giving the money to the Survival Center. It was fun for the class to do; it was nice to do something for others. I hope the money will be used for good. --Shea Goguen

We made a project to help the poor. We made necklaces, bracelets, paper pillows and door hangers. We collected a total of \$45.00. We sold the goods in the lunchroom during lunch. I hope the Survival Center is happy! - Arden Lloyd – 2nd Grade

Pelham Press from the Art Room-

We are looking forward to a busy spring in the art studio at Pelham.

The KDG will continue to follow the changing seasons with a unit on birds & the coming spring. We continue to build our essential art skills from looking & observing to using many media & tools in art. In 1st grade we finished a wire sculpture project studying the amazing work of Alexander Calder. We will be starting to look at & study artists who design buildings - architects & architecture as we design our own unique buildings. In 2nd grade we will begin a short unit tying in with the study of the Hopi & native groups of the southwest by creating our own sand paintings & pinch pots. We will study the symbols & designs of these beautiful traditional arts. Connecting with motion & simple machines in 3rd grade students have been designing their own kinesthetic sculptures based on the mobiles of Calder. We are working on balance, asymmetry & form.

In 4th grade we have been studying the fantastic sculptures of contemporary Korean artist, Nam June Paik. Students created their own robot, animal & people sculptures from wood & other materials inspired by his found object sculptures. In 5th grade we have completed collages based on the work of American artist Romare Bearden. We looked at his ground breaking collages & assembled our own mixed up people collages. Integrating with the 5th grade unit of Revolutionary War era people, we have created busts out of clay, trying to capture the unique features of each students person of study. 6th grade continues with the study of ancient cultures in art. We completed a unit on adinkra stamps, carving a unique symbols & printing on cloth inspired by the traditional art form from Ghana. We have also looked at the symbols & unique art of ancient Egypt & are currently making our own amulets from clay based on the special amulets of ancient Egypt made from Egyptian paste.

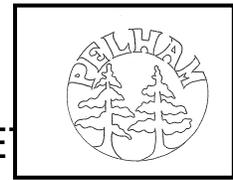
As you can see we have been very busy in all our classes in art! We try to make the most of our one day a week together! As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me or come by the art room on Mondays!

Diane Travis (travisd@ARPS.org)



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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
Fax: 413-253-0124 * Email: bbbshc@chd.org*

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

Sports, music or fine arts, a day program or overnight camp.

Children from preschool to teens have a wide variety of choices to keep active and engaged during the summer.

More than a dozen programs will be showcased at the Summer Camp Fair, hosted by Amherst’s LSSE Department March 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wildwood Elementary School.

“We are so excited to bring together families from the area with the many camps and summer activities available. There are so many options that people might not be aware of,” said Stacey Lecuire, LSSE Youth Program Director

The fair highlights dozens of programs throughout Western Mass ranging from sports camps to specialty programs. Participating camps include The Common School, Hampshire Regional YMCA Day Camp, The Bement School, Montessori School of Northampton, the Friends Camp, the Berkshire Hills Music Academy, Camp Howe, Photography Summer Workshop, Western Mass Basketball Camp, the Academy at Charlemont, Snow Farms, Summer Art Programs with Lahri Bond and Deborah Bazer, and the Oasis Summer Day Camp. Information about all the LSSE Summer Camps will be available as well as a \$10 off coupon towards the LSSE Summer Camps.

In addition to learning about the various camps, the event includes a performance by students of the Berkshire Hills Music Academy as well as an appearance by Ed the Wizard from 12 to 3 p.m.

The fair is free and open to the public. Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

For information call 259-3065 or visit: www.lsse.org.

TOWN OF AMHERST



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Youth Flag Football Clinic

The Town of Amherst Leisure Services in cooperation with Amherst College head coach EJ Mills and the Amherst College coaching staff is introducing an instructional program to teach the game of *non-contact* flag football to boys and girls of all abilities in grades 1-6. This program is for kids who are interested in learning the sport or want to improve their skills in a fun and interactive environment. Coach Mills has been the head football coach at Amherst College for 14 years. In his time there he has received numerous accolades including the American Football Coaches Association Division III Region 1 Coach of the Year and D3football.com East Region Coach of the Year. The flag football concept allows children to learn and develop the necessary skills and concepts in a safe and fun setting with no equipment necessary (cleats recommended). Each child should bring a water bottle. Every participant will receive an authentic NFL jersey with registration. The coaches will divide kids by similar age and ability.

Who: Boys and Girls currently in 1st through 6th grade

What: 8 Sessions of Instructional Flag Football Clinics

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays

April 12th – May 5th

5:00 – 6:30 PM

Where: Groff Park

Mill Lane, Amherst MA

Cost: \$69

To register or for more information, call LSSE offices at 259.3065, log onto www.LSSE.org, or contact Mark Miville, Sports and Recreation Director, at mivillem@amherstma.gov.

*Save \$10 if
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SPRING Session 4 : Youth and Adult
After School and Half Day Wednesdays
5 Weeks starts March 14- April 15

Mondays:

***Exploring Mixed-Media**

4-5:30 pm

Ages 5-7 yrs

Together we will explore various artist materials including: Paper, clay, wood and other exciting artist mediums.

We will create from our own imagination unique individual works of art. Come play and enjoy this fun exploratory class for young artists !

Teacher: Carolyn Toomey

Tuesdays:

*** Mommy + Me: Masks***

10-11:30 pm Ages 4-7 yrs

Child and Adult class

' **ALL ABOUT ME** ' We will get together for fun and creative art projects and learn about ourselves in the process of it all! What is your favorite animal? Color? Who do you look like? Where is your favorite place to be? We create self portraits and masks using a variety of materials! We talk about the features of the face, hair, eyes and nose. We'll build with wood, creating fantasy mini-environments! Don't forget your smock and a cool drink to keep you going!

Teachers : Ezzell Floraniña + Carolyn Toomey

***SPRING has SPRUNG!**

4-5:30 pm Ages 5-8 yrs

Bees are buzzing! Birds are chirping-Spring is almost here. In this new + invigorating class we will explore the beauty of the season! We will be using a wide range of materials like: Clay, paint,

fabric, found objects and more. Bring your found objects or any nature items like rocks, seashells or dried twigs. We will have a blast, feeling the warmth of spring + making art together.

Teacher: Carolyn Toomey

Half Days at ETTA Art Studio

Wednesdays:

(1) 2-3:30 (2) 4-5:30 All Ages

Clay, Clay + More Clay

(1) 2-3:30 pm

Do you adore clay? All levels will explore a variety of clay techniques and tools throughout this 5 week session. Rolling, pinching, taking clay on and off techniques and scoring are just a few words to describe this is a real hands on experience in our clay studio. We will build 3 dimensional clay sculptures and small 2 dimensional relief sculptures like the Masters! Be prepared to get messy and have a lot of fun.

Teacher: Ezzell Floraniña

Fantasy Environments

(2) 4-5:30 pm ALL AGES

Where would you like to live? or Visit? In a tree house, an igloo, or a skate park, a playground or in your living room, or maybe a

garden ! Hand-building with clay, mixed-media: allow your dreams and your creative talents come together in this class.

Teacher: Carolyn Toomey

Sign up for both (1) +(2)
and get 10% off !

Comic Book Illustration

Wed. : 2:00-5:00 pm & Fridays:
2:30-5:30 pm AGES 10+ yrs

We begin by learning all aspects of visual storytelling for comics. Focus includes: drawing facial expressions, action, visual language, sound effects, backgrounds, machines and costumes. We will learn: panel design, page design, shading and working with word balloons. We draw from a live (clothed) model for an hour each week, studying the anatomy and musculature of the figure itself, with costume and drapery. We explore the work of classic superhero comic illustrators like Jim Lee and Dave Gibbons, as well as alternative comic artists like Alison Bechdel and Peter Kuper. Materials explored: charcoal, pencils, erasers, newsprint, drawing paper, bristol paper, rulers/t-squares, pens: technical pens, crow quill pens and brushes

Teacher: Rebecca Migdal
6 weeks/\$220 + Model fee \$25

Refresh Spring Activities



Spring has arrived! Now that the weather is nicer, it is time to gear up for all those outdoor activities. Getting your bike out of storage and cleaning up the yard can be hard work. Stay healthy and enjoy a lighter fare this spring. Try veggie or chicken burgers, chef's salad with zucchini and broccoli and whole wheat pasta primavera.

LUNCH PRICES
Type A Lunch Price \$2.50
Reduced Lunch Price \$1.40
Milk/Chocolate Milk \$1.40
Adult \$3.25

PREPAID LUNCHES AVAILABLE
10 Lunches-\$25.00 20 Lunches-\$50.00
30 Lunches-\$75.00 40 Lunches-\$100.00

ALL STUDENT LUNCH OPTIONS
Skim Milk, 1% Milk or Low Fat Chocolate Milk / 100% Juice/ Fresh Vegetable / Fresh Fruit

Lunch Alternatives
Monday-Italian Combo Sandwich
Tuesday-Veggie Wrap/Chefs Choice
Wednesday-Tuna Sandwich
Thursday-Turkey Sandwich
Friday-Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Daily Alternative-Sunflower Butter/Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt/Bagel Lunch

SENSIBLE SNACKS CONTAIN
Fat=7g or less - Sat Fat=2g or less
Sodium=360mg or less - Sugar=15g or less

*"If you have a food allergy, please speak to the Director or Lead Server. *Consuming raw or undercooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions. *Menu is subject to change, notice posted when available. If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this menu, please contact the food service director*
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Wednesday- Wheat Bagel, Cream Cheese Pancakes
Thursday- Ham, Egg, Cheese Sandwich
Friday- Breakfast-\$1.50
Reduced Breakfast-\$1.30
Adult-\$1.00

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Hamburger, Cheese-burger or (V) Veggie Burger on a Whole Wheat Bun Green Beans	2 (V) Spaghetti (With Meatballs or Plain) Green Beans Garlic Bread	3 Hot Dog on a Whole Wheat Bun Potato Rounds Fresh Apple	4 (V) Whole Wheat Classic Cheese Pizza Tossed Side Salad With L Fat Dressing
7 Cheesy Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Dipping Sauce Green Peas	8 Manager's Choice Assorted Entree, Vegetable, Fruit & Bread	9 Fish Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Butternut Squash Assorted Fruit	10 Crispy Nacho Chips Seasoned Meat or (V) Beans Cheese Sauce Steamed Rice Salsa	11 (V) Whole Wheat Classic Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks With Low Fat Dip
14 Baked Chicken Nuggets w/ Dipping Sauce Corn/Rice Whole Wheat Bread	15 Tomato Soup Toasted Cheese Sandwich Baked Fries	16 Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Butternut Squash Dinner Roll	17 St. Patrick's Day Shepherd's Pie (Lean Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Corn) Irish Soda Bread Holiday Cookie	18 No School
21 Hot Dog on a Whole Wheat Bun Potato Wedges Corn	22 Crispy Nacho Chips Seasoned Meat or (V) Beans Cheese Sauce Steamed Rice Salsa	23 Brunch For Lunch French Toast Sticks Omelet Potato Rounds Applesauce	24 Breaded Chicken Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Steamed Carrots	25 (V) Whole Wheat Classic Cheese Pizza Tossed Side Salad With L Fat Dressing
28 Safari Day Chicken Fajita in a Tortilla Shell Steamed Rice Corn	29 Manager's Choice Assorted Entree, Vegetable, Fruit & Bread	30 Turkey/Gravy over Rice Butternut Squash Dinner Roll	31 Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Whole Wheat Bread	Veggie of the Month  Squash

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

