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Dates to Remember:

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| Monday, May 2 | PTO Meeting 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday, May 4 | Teacher Appreciation Luncheon |
| Thursday, May 5 | School Council Meeting 7:30 am |
| Thursday, May 5 | School Committee Meeting 6:30 pm |
| Sunday, May 15 | Spring Fair |
| Monday, May 30 | No School- Memorial Day holiday |
| Wednesday, June 22 | Grade 6 Graduation |
| Thursday, June 23 | Last day of school!!! |



Dear Pelham School Families,

The Pelham School celebrated the final day of the Artist-in-Residence Program Friday with several fun and festive events. Kindergarten performed a puppet show for second grade, grades K-2 paraded through the school in a puppet parade, and the day ended with an all-school assembly with students in grades 3-6 telling stories to their fellow students.

The month-long residency of Eshu Bumpus and Jonathan Keezing has served to develop students writing and story telling skills in the genre of folktales, and has been a wonderful learning experience for everyone.

As a follow up to earth day, this past week we were able to host two events that celebrated the value and beauty of the natural world around us. On Wednesday, we had the Watershed on Wheels Express visit our school for the day, which was sponsored by the U.S. Fisheries and Wildlife. WoW Express included two, engaging components: a walk-through immersion exhibit featuring the diverse sights and sounds of the watershed; and eight, interactive kiosks exploring the cultural, economic and environmental significance of the Conte Refuge. Friday was Arbour Day, and at the end of our all-school assembly, we discussed the meaning of Arbour Day and the importance of trees in our world. Every student received a small evergreen tree to take home to plant. Please find a home for this tree! We thank Mr. Hawkins, Pelham parent and Pelham Tree Warden for his generous donation of these trees to our school.

Several weeks ago I sent out information regarding a Pelham Parent Survey and requested families to participate. As to this date, we have received only 23 completed surveys. This message was sent home in a paper format for those families who do not receive the Pelham Press electronically. If you have already participated, please do not take the survey again, however, you may take the survey for each child that you have in Pelham School if you feel that their educational experience has been different. Again, we thank you for your time and your response is very much appreciated. Here is the link again for your convenience: <http://pelhamparentsurvey2011.questionpro.com>

Below you will find the MCAS testing schedule for math and science that begins in mid-May. Please note that dates that your student may have a testing session.

Sincerely,

Lisa Desjarlais

**Pelham School- Spring 2011
MCAS Testing Schedule- Math & Science**

May 10-May 26

English Language Arts- Grades 3-6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	10 Grade 5 Science	11 <i>Makeups as needed</i>	12 Grade 5 Science	13 <i>Makeups as needed</i>
16 <i>Makeups as needed</i>	17 Grade 3 Math Grade 5 Math	18 Grade 4 Math	19 Grade 6 Math	20 Grade 4 Math
23 <i>Makeups as needed</i>	24 Grade 3 Math Grade 5 Math	25 Grade 6 Math <i>Makeups as needed</i>	26 <i>Makeups as needed</i>	

What Could the Community Preservation Act Do For Pelham?



**Learn more at the next CPA Forum
Monday, May 2, 7-8:30pm
Pelham Library Community Room**

**The Community Preservation Act
will bring Pelham together to invest in our
town's people, history, and rural character.**

- 147 communities in Massachusetts have already adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA), including all of our neighboring towns: Shutesbury, Leverett, Amherst, Belchertown, Sunderland, and Hadley.
- For approximately \$.33/day, residents can generate a local fund to preserve our town's historic buildings, conserve forestland for drinking water quality, create a public network of local trails, and support the development of small-scale affordable community housing for the elderly and young families.
- *Every dollar is matched by the state, and is under the control of our town.*

**You Can Pass the Community Preservation Act at
Town Election, Saturday, May 7
VOTE anytime between 8am-2pm at the Pelham School Gym**

Sponsored by Pelham's Conservation and Historic Commissions

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
300 Westgate Center Drive
Hadley, MA 01035**



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Take Me Fishing



Day of Fun, Fishing, and Learning

Saturday, May 7, 2011

rain or shine - 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

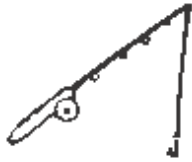
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
South of the intersection of Route 9 & Route 116 North
behind Staples and Applebee's Hadley

Free fishing for kids 14 and under
Free live bird demonstration



- Baiting a hook
- How to cast
- Arts & Crafts
- How your rod works
- Face Painting

Borrow a rod and reel (or bring your own rod, barbless hooks only).
Food on sale by Hadley Boy and Girl Scouts.



Prizes will be awarded in three age groups
for the longest fish caught.

Wildlife and nature art on exhibit in
Regional Office Gallery.



For fishing day information, call 413/253 8303 or Federal Relay Service
for the deaf and hard-of-hearing 1 800/877 8339.

All activities are accessible to people with disabilities.
If you require special arrangements, call the number above.

Supported by

- Big Y
- The R & R Sport Shop
- The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Fifth Annual Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools Latino Achievement Night

The Fifth Annual Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools Latino Achievement Night will be celebrated on **May 20, 2011** at the Amherst Regional Middle School, located at 170 Chestnut Street in Amherst, Massachusetts. The event will begin at 6:30 and it is open to all families, friends, staff and community members.

For those of you new to this wonderful community event, this celebration was envisioned by a group of families, staff and community members from several surrounding towns and cities, six years ago when our district established the Latino Initiative. Data revealed that, as a group, Latinos were performing at lower levels than other students in our district and a series of recommendations were formulated to address the issue and try to close this achievement gap. One of the strategies suggested was the creation of a community celebration of the achievements of Latino students every year, as it is accustomed in the majority of the countries our students' families come from.

As a true community event, this celebration is open to the public and hundreds of people come to support our students. In addition to celebrating every student who attends the activity by school, certificates are given to students at transition grades (K, 6, 8 and 12) who have excelled in any of the following categories:

Academic Achievement – *This category recognizes excellence and achievement in academic work in all areas.*

Community Spirit – *This category recognizes students who are “all-around great kids”; these students are a positive influence on their peers, are thoughtful, respectful, and inclusive in a variety of settings (class room, clubs, sports, playground, etc.)*

Effort – *This category embodies students who demonstrate hard work, perseverance, determination and a great love of learning.*

Leadership – *This category embodies students who take initiative in one or more of the following areas: academics, sports, clubs and community service (school and family).*

Progress- *This category recognizes students who have shown great improvement in academic subjects, attendance and/or behavior.*

Please contact Mildred Martinez at www.martinezm2@arps.org or by calling (413)362-1871, if you have any questions about the event.

Dear Pelham Community,

Please join us on Monday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m. for our May PTO meeting. Childcare is available upon request with at least twenty-four hour notice. Refreshments are available.

Thank you.

Best,
Ruth Carolan
rdcarolan@charter.net
(413) 230-8859

Pelham PTO Agenda
May 2, 2011 - 6:30 pm
Teacher's Lounge - Pelham Elementary School

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Principal's Report including school committee update – Lisa
- Treasurer's Report – Diana

Old Business:

- Variety Show – Tracy

Ongoing Business:

- Staff Appreciation: Wednesday, May 4th – Amy
- Electronic Recycling – Saturday, May 14th – Cherylina (need three volunteers)
- Fashion Republic Clothes Recycle, May 14 – 22nd – Ruth
- Spring Fair – May 15th - Ruth, Amy, etc.
- Stage Curtains – Lisa
- Shed – Cost Estimates – Ruth/Diana
- PTO Pelham School Scholarship – Diana/Ruth

New Business:

- Pelham Elementary School/PTO Website – Ruth
- Guidelines on what Pelham PTO supports – Elise



Mark your calendars for the 2011 Pelham Spring Fair, held on Sunday May 15th from 12-4 p.m. at the Pelham Elementary School. Bring your friends and family to this great event. This is the PTO's largest fundraiser and we need volunteers. If you or someone you know can help out for one hour, two hours, or the full four hours, please fill out the information below. We need all the help we can get! We are looking for people to work in two-hour shifts (or any other time you can) from 12-2 p.m. or 2-4 p.m. (or both). Please indicate what you want to do:

- run games
- distribute prizes
- sell tickets
- work at concession stand
- monitor the bounce house
- help at the climbing wall, or
- anything



THANKS AND WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!



Please fill out the information below, cut at the dotted line and return to: Pelham PTO, Ruth Carolan by Wed. May 11th

Name: _____

Best way to contact you: Email Phone Both

Phone number or Email address: _____

What you want to do: _____

You could be the winner of this beautiful quilt.

Tickets will be for sale at the lasagna dinner and the town meeting night.

Tickets are 6 - \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. The quilt will be on display both nights for you to see in person. This quilt to benefit the Pelham Elementary 5th & 6th Grade – Natures Classroom Trip.

Drawing to be held at the Pelham Elementary Spring Fair on Saturday 5/15/11. It just takes one ticket to win....



Pelham Elementary PTO will be
holding a
used clothing

collection

We are collecting:

- WEARABLE & USABLE CLOTHING
(Men's, women's, & children's)
- SHOES, BELTS, HANDBAGS
- LINENS
- STUFFED ANIMALS

Date: Drop off May 14 - 22
Drop off in Pelham School
Lobby between 8:20-3:05pm
Time: School Hours

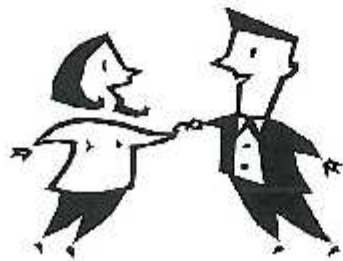
DON'T THROW IT AWAY !

**Support
your school**

The school will receive a donation for the total pound-
age that we can collect. Please put clothing items in
well tied plastic garbage bags.

Contact person: Ruth Carolan
rdcarolan@charter.net

Call us for more details



10% of proceeds will go to local shelter.


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