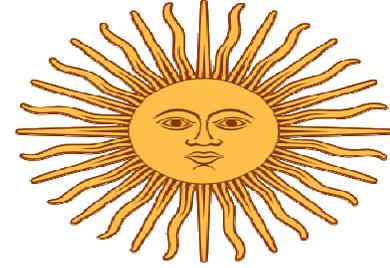




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Dates to Remember:

Saturday, May 14-22

Sunday, May 15

Monday, May 16

Monday, May 30

Thursday, June 2

Thursday, June 2

Monday, June 6

June 8-10

Wednesday, June 15th

Friday, June 17

Wednesday, June 22

Wednesday, June 22

Thursday, June 23

Used clothing drive fundraiser

Spring Fair- 12:00-4:00

School Committee- 5:30 pm

No School- Memorial Day holiday

School Committee-6:00 pm

Band, Orchestra & Chorus Concert 1:30 & 7:30 pm

PTO Meeting- 6:30 pm

Nature's Classroom Trip-Grade 6

Look Park chorus trip- 9:00-1:00

Field Day

Mill River Trip-Grades K-5

Grade 6 Graduation- 7 pm

Last day of school!!!



Dear Pelham School Families,

Clothing, gently used toys, and bed linens may continue to be dropped off over the weekend at the front door of the school. Please ensure that they are well-bagged in case of rain, as the items donated for the used-clothing drive fundraiser will not be picked until Sunday at 2:00 pm. Thank you to all of you who have found some items that you could donate to this worthy cause. The clothing will be distributed to areas designated to be in need in this country, and 10% of the proceeds will go to support the Amherst Survival Center.

Despite the rainy weather, the Spring Fair still had a good turnout. The Bounce House ended up being a very soggy bounce house, but the wet and dripping students were not complaining! As tradition holds, Mr. Lipman was quite adept at organizing the Cake Walk and there was a delicious assortment of cakes and cupcakes that were brought in by Pelham School staff and families. The PTO reports that approximately \$650 was earned from the electronic recycling event last Saturday and close to \$750 was raised at the Spring Fair. This excludes profits from basket raffle, which are looking good! A big thank you to all the families that worked to make these events a success.

On final note, as of June 1st, there will be no more charging of meals by students. Students will not go hungry, but they will not be able to receive the hot meal and will receive a sunbutter sandwich cold meal instead. Please double check with Janet if you have questions on your student's lunch account balance, as these accounts need to be brought up to date as soon as possible.

Have a great and (hopefully) dry weekend!

Sincerely,

Lisa Desjarlais

**Superintendent Maria Geryk,
District Administration and Principals
Cordially Invite
PGO, School Council and Adult Volunteers
to attend a**

Recognition Celebration

**Monday, May 23
4pm-5pm**

**Professional & Development Center
Amherst Regional Middle School
170 Chestnut Street, Amherst
Please RSVP to stenderk@arps.org
413-362-1825**

**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>	

Second Grade News

May seems to be flying by. We have moved out of the desert and back home to study communities--past and present. During our study of people in the desert, the children did group reports about an aspect in the life of the Hopi tribe. I was very pleased with the cooperation and quality of the group reports. We also read some Native American folktales during our study.

In our community unit, one of the big ideas being taught is that communities change. As we continue to study about communities, we will compare Pelham today with Pelham past. To highlight this, we will take a tour of Pelham *tomorrow* and go to some of the historic sights as well as look at Pelham today. Working in groups is a big part of what makes a good community, so as the children learn different aspects of this unit they will work in groups and travel from station to station during their study. Also during this unit we will work on mapping skills by looking at the different towns represented by our classmates, finding our street and locating where our home is. And finally during this unit we will study time lines and create our own personal time line.

In math, we have just finished our unit over fractions and have begun to work on solidifying our strategies for adding 2 and 3 digit numbers. *Many students do not have the addition facts learned for rapid recall. Please continue to work on this at home.*

Our writing skills have moved from writing poetry and nonfiction reports back to creating small moment stories. This month we will focus in on how to make our writing have more suspense by using various strategies.

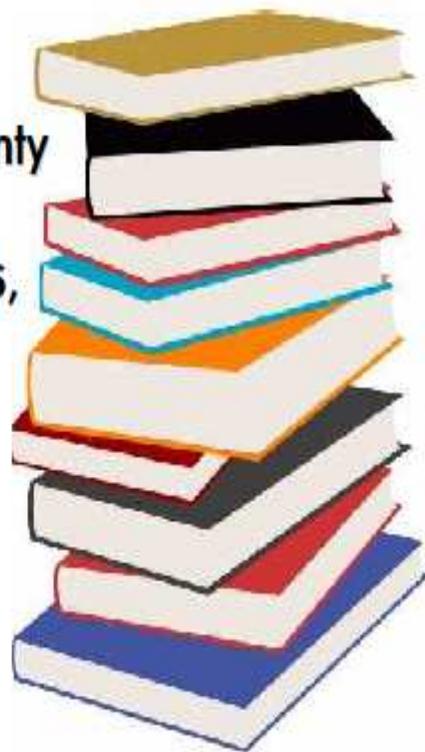
Used Book Drive

to benefit **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County**

To donate **Children's & Young Adult Books**,
drop them off at your child's school!

****KIDS BOOKS ONLY PLEASE****
NO MAGAZINES,
TEXTBOOKS,
ENCYCLOPEDIAS, OR
ADULT BOOKS

**BOOKS WILL BE
COLLECTED UNTIL
JUNE 17TH, 2011**



For more information contact
**Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Hampshire County**
Phone: (413) 259-3345
Email: bbbshc@chd.org



The **Used Book Sale** is only
one of many activities at the
31st Annual Amherst Crafts on the Common
Saturday July 9th, 2011
9 AM - 5 PM
Amherst Town Common

This is not a school sponsored activity.

what will **YOU** do this **SUMMER?**

SUMMER CAMP INFO NIGHT!

DAY AND OVERNIGHT CAMP

Monday, May 23, 6-7:30pm

**Greenfield Community
College Downtown Meeting
Space – 270 Main St.
1st Floor Meeting Space**

RSVP: 800-462-9100

**Camp Lewis Perkins, South Hadley
Camp Bonnie Brae, East Otis
Camp Green Eyrie, Harvard**

**All girls and families are
welcome—swing by and
bring a friend!**



This is not a school sponsored event.



WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?



It's Your Story  **Tell it!**



Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

Join girls from across central and western Massachusetts as you explore the "It's Your Story- Tell It!" leadership journey.
HEAR...CREATE...AND SHARE STORIES!

This event is specifically for girls who are not currently Girl Scouts.

Girls entering grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 are invited to a fabulous Girl Scout experience!

Ever wonder if Girl Scouting is right for you?

Join us for this one-time event to sample Girl Scout activities.

Two options are available:

Session I - Saturday, June 25 (9am - 3pm)

or

Session II - Tuesday, June 28 (9am - 3pm)

Both options will be offered at the First Congregational Church located at 43 Silver Street in Greenfield.

Cost: \$20 (includes membership fee and event costs)

This is not a school sponsored event.

Complete the form below and mail to:

Girl Scouts of Central and Western MA

81 Gold Star Blvd. Worcester, MA 01606-2813

Or sign up online at: gscwm.org/event_registration_form.shtml

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address (street, city, state, zip): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Adult Contact: _____

Payment Information (circle one): cash check credit card (complete info below)

Credit Card# _____ Name on Card _____ Exp Date _____

Questions? Contact Christina Coursey at 413-727-7129 or ccoursey@gscwm.org

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.

THE PELHAM PTO WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO BAKED AND VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AT THE FOOD TABLE DURING THE SPRING FAIR!!!

AND AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING GENEROUS DONORS, WHO HELPED MAKE OUR SPRING FAIR SUCH A (YUMMY) SUCCESS:



THANK YOU!!!

Fall Enrollment for Pelham After School

The After School Program is now accepting childcare requests for fall 2011. The program follows the school calendar, and runs daily from school dismissal time until 5:30 P.M. The cost is \$40 per month for each daily slot, but Wednesday counts as a double slot. Full time care is \$240 a month. There are sibling discounts, as well as scholarship opportunities. We also accept state vouchers. Please contact Lennie Ware

(265-3766) or Janet Scott for a form.

IF IT LOOKS LIKE A CAMP, AND FEELS LIKE A CAMP....

Do you need summer care? I will be having 2 weeks of all day care this summer. These camp like sessions, scheduled for June 27 – July 1 and August 22- 26, are staffed by familiar faces and have been very popular in the past. The cost is \$185 for each week with a sibling discount. State vouchers are accepted and some scholarships are available for eligible families. This fun program, held at the Pelham School, will run from 8:30 to 4:30 (with early and late care negotiable). See Lennie Ware to sign up or call 265-3766.

(This program is not limited to current after school families.)