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Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, June 22

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Thursday, June 23

Mill River Trip-Grades K-5

Grade 6 Graduation- 7 pm

Last day of school!!! **Early Release at 1:20- No After School**



Dear Pelham School Families,

Despite the rainy weather, we were able to have a fun and successful field day. This was Mary Taylor’s very last day here at Pelham School, and she gave it her all, up to the very last minute! Activities were structured around the inside of the building and many parents came to help with the fun. A big thank you to the PTO for providing students with watermelon for lunch, and a popsicle treat for the end of the day. (The Pelham teachers are also appreciative of the shiny new microwave that the PTO purchased for the faculty room.) We are thankful for our generous and supportive parent community.

Summer reading lists will be going home to parents next Wednesday. Each grade level has a range of books that are recommended for that age level, and classroom teachers will notate the appropriate book level that students should choose from. It is important that students choose books that are ‘just right’ for them, which is the key to reading enjoyment and growth. Please encourage your child to read throughout the summer, as it is critical to a child’s maintaining and growing in their reading skills.

The devastation of the tornados several weeks back has left many families in need of help. The Food Bank of Western MA is asking for support: <http://www.foodbankwma.org/news/tornado-response/>

If you would like to support this cause, we will accept donations at Pelham School to bring to the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. The Food Bank is asking for food donations of the following types of products:

- ready-to-eat (non-perishable) meals such as canned ravioli;
- canned tuna fish;
- canned fruit with pop-tops and fruit cups;
- cereal;
- healthy snacks such as granola bars and nuts;
- bread;
- peanut butter and jelly

They are also accepting non-food items such as personal hygiene products, sunblock, bug repellent, and toothpaste.

There will be a box set up in the front lobby for collecting items. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Sincerely,
Lisa Desjarlais

News From First Grade

Chick adoption: Renee O'Brien and Sara Delaney (A Pelham Parent) represent the two adoptive families for our cute little brood this year. Congratulations to both of them and may they enjoy delicious omelets for years to come!

Books: All library books are due back this week so please spend some time searching for any lost titles. Please send them in by Monday the latest. Also, most of our classroom books have been returned, inventoried and shelved but there are a few still missing. Please look for the classroom soft covered books with bright dot stickers on them and return them as soon as possible.

Summer Reading: A first grade reading list was sent home two weeks ago to encourage regular practice during the summer. This is the most important skill to reinforce since proficient readers do better in school. Please take a few minutes every day to read to and listen to your child read during the summer vacation. It will make a significant difference next fall.

I would like to give you a heartfelt "Thank You!" for all of your support and hard work this year. Getting children dressed, fed and out the door can be a challenge unto itself but the additional time spent reading and nurturing your child's curiosity yields dividends into adulthood. It's hard to believe that your children will one day become adults and their childhood moments will add up to the success they will experience later in life.

Have a wonderful summer!
Paul Lipman

Second Grade News

The end of school is approaching quickly. This year has really flown by. This class has been a pleasure to be with and teach. We are in the middle of a very exciting unit on magnets. It seems no matter how many times you use magnets or play with magnets, the fascination and new discoveries never cease. We are discovering new information about magnets as well as using the scientific method to test magnets.

In reading, to go along with Pelham History, we read historical fictions and early American biographies. We have been working on skills, as well, to help us figure out new and bigger words. We also worked on finding the main idea of each chapter to create a mini-book on the book we read. To finish off the year we will be reading and acting out plays.

Our last math unit is on measurement, both English and metric units. We are also reviewing addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers as well as trying to solidify the addition number combinations.

During our writing time, we are working on our editing skills. As the children write stories of their choice, they are learning to go back and edit work not only for capitalization, punctuation, and spelling, but also to add descriptive words and phrases to create a better story.

This class has had a lot of fun together as well as learned a lot this year. Last week we went to visit Mrs. Gallagher's class to try to make that transition a little smoother.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

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.)

Tutor Available for Math Instruction

I have recently graduated from Amherst High School. I excel in mathematics and have experience as a tutor.

Flexible hours

References Available

Also available for housesitting and pet care

Call Micah Botkin-Levy

413-658-4609



From the Art Room: Diane Travis

Dear Pelham Community,

Well, another year has flown by and as we wind down the school year, I wanted to let you know I will not be returning to Pelham next year to teach art. I have been teaching at Crocker Farm & Pelham this year after Mark's Meadow closed and it has been very challenging to teach over 100 children a day at 2 schools.

Pelham is a wonderful school & it was not an easy decision to let go of it. You have a special community that has always made me feel welcome, supported and appreciated. It has been a pleasure to teach your students and be a part of this great school community.

I hope everyone has a great summer & don't forget to do some art!

Best Wishes to All!

Diane Travis

Superintendent Updates- June

Locked Doors/Cameras

For some time now, the district has been moving towards locking all front doors of the schools in our continual effort to analyze and improve our school safety procedures. Two weeks ago, we implemented the locked door plan at Fort River and Amherst Regional Middle School. The process for entering the schools is simple: At the front doors visitors will see a bell with a camera. When the bell is rung, the office personnel will buzz the visitor in, and all visitors must report directly to the main office to sign in and obtain a visitor's sticker. We anticipate smoothly implementing this new routine at these two schools and plan to expand the system to the other district schools in the 2011-2012 school year.

Faculty-Staff Recognition Event

All Pelham School Committee members are cordially invited to attend the annual Faculty-Staff Recognition Night beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9th in the Middle School cafeteria. This event honors winners of the districts' clerical/media awards, employees who have reached milestone years of service, and retirees. It will be a fun, low-key night that gives us the opportunity to honor and recognize members of our outstanding administrative, teaching, and support staffs. ***This year's honorees include Mary Taylor who is retiring from Pelham School.***

Mathematics Professional Development

We are delighted to announce the following professional development opportunities in mathematics:

1. "Building Computational Fluency," July 18-22, in Northampton, is a five-day workshop facilitated by TERC and focused on the development of computation and number in the curriculum, including: structural foundations, strategies, and activities to support computational fluency.

Computational fluency is one of the three elements of a balanced approach to mathematics education that also includes conceptual understanding and problem solving. This summer's workshop will provide teachers with a framework for supporting the development of computational fluency using activities and supplements to the *Investigations* curriculum.

At this time, a team of 12 elementary teachers (all volunteers), will be representing Amherst, many of whom have received limited professional development in mathematics, and through a teacher survey, requested support from the district. Seats are still available.

2. Amherst-Pelham teachers have been invited to participate in a two-year research project, "Evaluating DMI" ("Developing Mathematical Ideas"), to begin in Fall 2011. DMI is a K-8 mathematics teacher professional development program in which teachers deepen their understanding of key mathematical ideas, explore students' thinking about big mathematical ideas, and discuss teaching that supports students to develop deeper and richer mathematical ideas.

The research project includes eight 3-hour seminars that model the mathematical classroom environment teachers will create in schools. Teachers will receive professional development at no cost to them or to our district, and every teacher will receive a \$1700 stipend for their participation over two years.

This incredible opportunity partners Amherst-Pelham teachers with teachers from Boston, Burlington, Concord, Danvers, Fitchburg, Hudson, Longmeadow, Northampton, Springfield, Wellesley, and Westwood. Seminars will be held in Springfield.

Latino Achievement Night Celebration

On Friday, May 20, the District held our Fifth Latino Achievement Night during which we recognized 140 students in five categories: 1) academic achievement, 2) effort, 3) progress, 4) leadership, and 5) community spirit. I am pleased that the many district personnel in attendance were joined by School Committee members and representatives from many community organizations including the Human Rights Commission, the DA's Office, the Center for New Americans, LSSE, Big Brother's/Big Sisters, Jones Library and others. This was an important and contributing factor to the great success of the evening, and we appreciate the community's support as we honored these students.

Volunteer Recognition Celebration

On May 22, the District hosted a recognition ceremony from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Professional Development Center at ARMS in honor of the many volunteers in our schools. We were thrilled for the opportunity to thank those who attended, which included PGO members, School Council members, School Committee members and parent and community volunteers. The work of volunteers is invaluable to the overall educational experience of our children and is greatly appreciated. In the words of Marian Wright Edelman: "Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time."

REMINDERS:

Backpacks Project

In keeping with our commitment to equity of opportunity, the districts are once again initiating the Backpacks Project which was implemented so successfully for the first time this school year. The Backpacks Project provides free access to backpacks filled with appropriate, grade-level supplies to families who qualify for the subsidized nutrition program (Free/Reduced lunch/breakfast). Our goal is to help ease the financial burden the beginning of the school year can mean for families struggling financially. Donations will be collected during the months of May, June and July and can be dropped off at Central Office. Our goal is to collect enough supplies to provide 200 back packs for elementary students and 200 for middle and high school students. Marta Guevara is overseeing this project and can be contacted at quevaram@arps.org or 413-362-1859. For those who wish to contribute, the following supplies are needed for elementary students:

Assignment books
Backpacks
Colored pencils
Contraction paper
Crayons

Drawing Paper
English dictionary (regular
and picture)
Erasers
Folders

Glue sticks
Markers
Pencils (#2)
Pencil sharpener
Ruler

WELCOME TO YOUR OWN OCEAN

Stay safe this summer!

Pools are being opened, the sun is shining and it's warm outside. Summer is finally here and now we can really enjoy our time outside. Don't forget to stay safe this summer, never swim without adult supervision and make sure to use sun block even on cloudy days. Enjoy!!

Pelham Elementary
June 2011

LUNCH PRICES
 Type A Lunch Price \$2.50
 Reduced Lunch Price \$1.40
 Milk/Chocolate Milk \$.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 INCLUDES
 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
 Rebecca Trietley 413-382-1839"*

WE PURCHASE LOCAL!
 Produce is purchased through regional suppliers when seasonably available. Visit www.Whitsons.com to see all that we are doing to help save the environment!

V =VEGETARIAN SELECTION
=HEALTHIER CHOICE
P =PORK PRODUCT

WE OFFER BREAKFAST DAILY
 Don't forget to stop by the cafe for breakfast (cereal, fruit, juice & milk available daily)

Monday- Warm Muffin
 Tuesday- French Toast Sticks
 Wednesday- Wheat Bagel, Cream Cheese Pancakes
 Thursday- Ham, Egg, Cheese Sandwich
 Friday- Breakfast-\$.50
 Reduced Breakfast-\$.30
 Adult-\$1.00

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Baked Chicken Nuggets w/ Dipping Sauce Corn/Rice Whole Wheat Bread	2 Crispy Nacho Chips Seasoned Meat or (V) Beans Cheese Sauce Steamed Rice Salsa	3 (V) Whole Wheat Classic Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks With Low Fat Dip
6 Soft Shell Beef or Bean Tacos w/Cheese, Salsa Steamed Rice Vegetable	7 Macaroni & Cheese Vegetable Choice Whole Wheat Bread	8 Hot Dog on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Beans Fresh Grapes	9 Deli Day Lean Deli Meat, Lettuce, Tomato on Whole Wheat Bread w/ Vegetable Choice Fresh Grapes	10 (V) Whole Wheat Classic Cheese Pizza Tossed Side Salad With L. Fat Dressing
13 Cheesy Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Dipping Sauce Hot Vegetable	14 (V) Spaghetti (With Meatballs or Plain) Hot Vegetable Garlic Bread	15 Manager's Choice Assorted Entree, Vegetable, Fruit & Bread	16 Soft Chicken Taco w/ Salsa & Cheese Steamed Rice Vegetable	17 (V) Whole Wheat Classic Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks With Low Fat Dip
20 Baked Chicken Nuggets w/ Dipping Sauce Vegetable/Rice Whole Wheat Bread	21 Manager's Choice Assorted Entree, Vegetable, Fruit & Bread	22 SAFARI DAY Hamburger or (V) Veggie Burger on a Whole Wheat Bun Tossed Salad, Macaroni Salad, Watermelon	23 (V) Whole Wheat Classic Cheese Pizza Tossed Side Salad With L. Fat Dressing	24 
27	28	29	30	

DID YOU KNOW? Most products sourced by Whitsons have 0 Trans Fats - Milk & Chicken Products are hormone & antibiotic free - All dressings & ketchup are all natural, with no artificial ingredients & no HFCS (High Fructose Corn Syrup) - All condiments are low fat - Teriyaki sauce & soy sauce are low sodium - Sliced bread, hamburger buns & hot dog buns are 100% w. grain & contain no HFCS - Breads, tortilla wraps, taco shells, nacho chips, panini bread, all natural frozen yogurt, teriyaki sauce, soy sauce & all condiments are free of any partially hydrogenated oils & HFCS - Yogurt is 100% all natural & contains no artificial ingredients - Breakfast items have no trans fats, HFCS or artificial colors - Pancakes & waffles are w. grain & contain no artificial colors or flavors - All pasta is Barilla w. grain - All rice is brown - Pizza crust at secondary level is whole grain; elementary level is whole wheat - Tuna is dolphin safe & packed in water - Canned fruits are packed in natural juice only, no syrup - Fresh fruits & fresh frozen veg. will be used when gov. commodity not available - All cheese is low fat - Donuts & breakfast pastries have no trans fats, artificial colors or flavors - Fish sticks have whole grain breading - Flavored milk contains no HFCS