



# Pelham Press

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**Dates to Remember:**

Thursday, June 23

Thursday, July 14

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

**School Committee Meeting- Community Room**



Dear Pelham School Families,

My first year as principal of Pelham Elementary School has truly been a wonderful experience thanks to our students, our hard working and dedicated staff, and our supportive parents. These are some of the reasons why Pelham School is such a great place for teachers to teach and students to learn. I am eternally grateful for the generous support that our parents gave not only to me, but to our school as well. Even in a difficult economic year, we were able to provide new maps and globes for classrooms, artist-in residence programs, and support our teachers and library thanks to the generous donations of our parents and the hard work of our PTO.

Last evening we had a very nice celebratory event in which our sixth grade students graduated from Pelham School. We wish them success as they enter a new and exciting phase of their lives and look forward to hearing about their accomplishments in the future.

As you come into the school by the main office, please take a moment to notice the lovely new benches that were made for Pelham School by Smith Vocational High School students under the direction of Pelham School parent, Larry Sawula. We try to utilize every possible space in the building, and students often like to use that front entrance area to read and work. With our new benches, it makes it a more comfortable and attractive working area. The craftsmanship of the benches is of high quality and they are extremely sturdy and well made. We are most appreciative to Larry Sawula and his students for this great addition to our school.

Summer reading lists went home to families yesterday. Each grade level has a range of books that are recommended for that age level, and classroom teachers has noted the appropriate book level that students should choose from. The Pelham Library has a summer reading program, "One World, Many Stories" that will be held on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Information about this program was sent home with students this week. It is important that students choose books that are 'just right' for them, which is the key to reading enjoyment and growth.

We had a wonderful final assembly today, and began a new tradition of a Time Capsule. Students wrote about a favorite memory this year, and presented them at the assembly to be stored until a future date at which they will be able to read their collection of memories and other special events that took place during their years at Pelham School. In addition, all students were presented with a new book, carefully selected by their teacher, to keep and read over the summer. Please encourage your child to read throughout the summer, as it is critical to a child's maintaining and growing in their reading skills.

Finally, I want to thank you, parents, for entrusting your child's educational development to us. It is truly an honor and a privilege. I wish everyone a safe, healthy, restful, and happy summer!!

Sincerely,

*Lisa Desjarlais*

# 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