



# Pelham Press

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## Dates to Remember:

Friday, December 24-January 2  
Monday, January 3  
Thursday, January 6  
Wednesday, January 12

Holiday Recess  
PTO 7 pm Community Room  
School Committee 6 pm Community Room  
Pelham School Visioning Committee Meeting  
Pelham School Faculty Room, 6:30 pm




Dear Pelham School Families,

Deb Jacque in Kindergarten gave this writing prompt to her students:

*My gift of giving for you.....*

They illustrated their ideas and here is how some of her students responded:

My gift of giving for you....I  Mom  
*I am vacuuming the rug.*  
Nate

My gift of giving for you...Mom  
*I am cleaning up my room.*  
Taylor

My gift of giving for you.....Daddy  
*I am feeding the dog.*  
Max

My gift of giving for you.....Mom  
*I am cleaning the attic.*  
Charlie

My gift of giving for you.....Papa  
*I will listen to you.*  
Miles

At this time of year with everyone's busy schedule and the frenzy of preparation for the holidays, I hope that you will be able to set aside the time to find joy in family activities. Children remember and cherish the special holiday family traditions that are important to your family. These memories sustain and remain with us throughout our lives.

Thank you to all the families who sent in treats for the Pelham School staff. They were delicious! May your New Year be blessed with good health, happiness, and joy. Find some time to rest, refresh and and make your own fun.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Desjarlais*

# Community Notes

**THE AMHERST SURVIVAL CENTER (ASC) WILL BE CONDUCTING A FOOD DRIVE JANUARY 17-28 AT ALL AMHERST PUBLIC SCHOOLS!**

Please have your child (or parent or caregiver) drop off donated food in the large box which will be clearly marked and placed in the lobby of each school.

The collection dates are Monday, January 17 - Friday, January 28, 2011.

All the food that is collected will be given through the ASC Food Pantry to families in our area who have food needs.

**We ask that:**

- **students at the elementary schools donate rice, pasta, or dry beans**
- **students at ARMS donate peanut butter, jelly, jam and honey**
- **students at ARHS donate canned goods.**

We deeply appreciate your contributions and your caring about others in our community!

For further information, contact ASC at 413-549-3968 x204 or Cynthia Brubaker at 253-6679.

*The Amherst Survival Center: Helping Neighbors in Need  
food - health care - clothing - community*



**Amherst Survival Center**

*Surviving Hardship and Making a Difference*



Dear Pelham School Community,

Please join us for the first Pelham PTO meeting of the year on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm in the Community Room of the Pelham Library.

The agenda for the meeting is outlined below. Please feel free to contact me if you have a topic to add to the agenda.

Refreshments will be served. Thank you.

Regards,  
Ruth Carolan  
[rdcarolan@charter.net](mailto:rdcarolan@charter.net)

### PTO Agenda – Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Welcome

- Introductions

#### Updates

- Principal's report – Lisa
- Treasurer's report – Barry
- School Committee Report – Kathy

#### Old Business

- Donated \$550.00 to Deb King to provide for Pelham families in need – Lisa
- Purchased class maps/globes for classes K-3 – Lisa
- Provided \$49.99 checks to teachers - Barry
- Holiday teachers' gift lists – Paul (any changes for next year?)

#### Ongoing Business

- Update on purchasing new curtains for stage – Lisa
- Update on 6<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising reorganization – Ruth/Lisa
- Dean Beans - Amy
- New fundraiser for May – recycled clothing to Fashion Republic - Ruth
- Possible purchase of school storage shed – Diana

#### New Business

- Movie Night - Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> (need to select the movie)
- School Dance, February – Tracy
- Teacher's appreciation luncheon in March – Amy
- Variety Show in March? – Tracy/Leni
- Select date for next PTO meeting in February



Do you drink coffee???  
 Have you tried Dean's Beans??  
 It's locally roasted, fair trade,  
 organic, kosher and tastes  
 great!

More importantly, your purchase helps fund the  
 staff appreciation lunch in March.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Unit Price	x	Quantity	= Total
Sumatra FR (dark) Whole Bean	\$9.00			
Sumatra FR (dark) Ground	\$9.00			
Moka Sumatra (medium) Whole Bean	\$9.00			
Moka Sumatra (medium) Ground	\$9.00			
Decaf Peruvian (dark) Whole Bean	\$10.00			
Decaf Peruvian (dark) Ground	\$10.00			
Decaf Liberation (medium) Whole Bean	\$10.00			
Decaf Liberation (medium) Ground	\$10.00			
Hot Chocolate, 12 ounce	\$4.50			
Java Drops, Milk Chocolate	\$8.50			
Java Drops, Dark chocolate	\$8.50			
 Pelham Coffee Mug	\$10.00			
2 Pelham Coffee Mugs	\$15.00			
<b>Grand Total</b>				

\*All coffee and Java Drops are 16 ounce bags. Decaf is Swiss Water Process.

All orders are due at the last day of the month (except December)  
 and usually arrive within 2 weeks.

Please make checks payable to: **Pelham Elementary PTO**

Please return this form to the school. Thank You!!

Any questions: Amy Wasserman 253-4664, amy@cutnpaced.com