



# Pelham Press

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## Dates to Remember:

Monday, September 6  
 Tuesday, September 7  
 Monday, September 13  
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 Friday, September 24  
 Wednesday, September 29

Labor Day—No School  
 First Full Day for Kindergarten  
 Pelham Parent Council/PTO, 7:00 PM  
 Principal Open Office Hour, 5 – 6 PM  
 Ice Cream Social  
 Fall Curriculum Night



Dear Pelham School Families,

Welcome back! The first day of school went wonderfully , despite the warm temperatures. The students and teachers were busy in classrooms getting to know each other, learning new routines, and quickly settling down to get another school year underway. Kindergarten students joined us for an orientation session, and came for the morning today together as a whole class for the first time. It was great to see so many excited and happy faces the first day. The Pelham “Back to School” picnic proved to be a good transition into our first day, and it was a pleasure to see so many families enjoying the evening.

I have scheduled time on Monday, September 13 for my first Open Office Hour of the new school year. A few Mondays a month, I will try to set aside time to meet informally with parents. You do not need an appointment; just stop by if you would like to talk about any questions or concerns you may have. If these times are not convenient for you, please call the school office to schedule an appointment, and I would be happy to meet with you.

Please note that the school day officially begins at 8:40 AM, and school is dismissed at 3:05 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and dismissed at 1:20 PM every Wednesday. Any child that arrives after 8:40 will be considered tardy, and must be signed in by a parent at the office. If you will be picking up your child before dismissal time, please send in a note so the teacher will be able to plan accordingly. Any child being dismissed early must be signed out at the office by an adult. Please call the school office (253-3595) to report your child’s absence, or if you are delayed for parent pick up.

I am looking forward to an exciting first year here as your new principal, as well as getting to know all of my students and their families. Your partnership with us in your child’s education is crucial for a successful and positive learning experience. Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

*Lisa Desjarlais*

### **Pelham School Phone Book**

Each year the Pelham Parent Council distributes a phone book for Pelham students. Please call the school office (253-3595) by September 18 if you do not want your name or number included in this phone book. If your name, address, or phone number was incorrect in last year's phone book, please let us know. Also, let us know if you would like a second copy of the phone book. Please see the attached form "Pelham Elementary School Community Event Contact Information" form to provide additional information, and return it with your child to the school office.

### **REMINDER: PELHAM SCHOOL IS A FRAGRANCE FREE ZONE**

**We have several staff members who are allergic to fragrances.  
Please refrain from using perfumes or heavily scented lotions or detergents.**

**Pelham Website:** The Pelham School website is newly revised, and is up and running. Please check it out!! You will be able to find the yearly calendar and the Pelham Press on line. You can find it at:  
<http://pe.arps.org>

### ***The Pelham Press is going electronic !***

In an effort to reduce copying costs and improve the efficiency of the delivery of the Pelham Press, we will be going electronic by the first week of October. Only families that do not have an email address will receive a hard copy of the newsletter. A form is attached to return to the school so you can share your email information and be included on the mailing list. This information will not be shared elsewhere. The Pelham Press will also be uploaded onto our newly revised website. If anyone has notices or fliers to include in the Pelham Press, I am requesting that they forward them to me in an electronic format.

## **An invitation to Pelham Parents**

**A Pelham PTO Meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 13  
7pm – 9pm  
Pelham Library, Community Room**

***The PTO's mission is to help parents and the community to understand and support the mission of the school; to encourage participation in the life of the school; to create a sense of community amongst parents, children, teachers and the town; to create happy memories for our children.***

### **We welcome new members at any time!**

Please contact Ruth Carolan, PTO President, with any questions.

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