



# Pelham Press

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**Dates to Remember:**

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| Friday, October 28   | Genevieve's Fundraiser Ends          |
| Monday, October 31   | Halloween Party 5:30-7:30            |
| Tuesday, November 1  | Early Release- Conferences- 1:20     |
| Thursday, November 3 | School Committee Meeting             |
| Saturday, November 6 | Daylight Savings- Turn clock back    |
| Tuesday, November 8  | Grade 6 Field Trip- Fine Arts Center |
| Friday, November 11  | Veteran's Day- NO SCHOOL             |



Dear Pelham School Families,

We were all treated to a view of the colder days to come this morning with the arrival of snow and icy walks. It feels as if we have just left summer and are now launching much too quickly into colder weather. Please remind your children to dress warmly and remember to dig out the winter wear from last season. Students must have on snow boots to venture in the snow during recess times, and when the snow becomes deeper, snow pants are a must.

The entire school enjoyed our first all school assembly this past Wednesday, led by Emily Samuels, our new music and movement teacher. Emily works with teachers in their classroom on integrating classroom curriculum through music and movement. The 'Sharing' began with grades 5 & 6 performing the songs that they had been learning in chorus, followed up by first grade students singing a song about caterpillars that they had learned in their butterfly unit. Fourth grade students performed a poem chant they had learned accompanied by instruments and the whole school learned a Halloween chant with movements that we played with as a whole school. It was a wonderful opportunities for students to share their learning and come together as a school community!

During the spring of last year, parents received information about a new screening tool that Pelham School had adopted called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). This assessment will be administered three times a year to students in grades 1-6, and grade K in the spring only. This basic skills test identifies which basic skills and concepts your child understands in reading and mathematics as well as identifying areas which may be more challenging. Parents were informed last spring that they would receive information as to how their student performed in the fall of this year. This information will be shared either in parent conferences or will be sent home to you. As some students just completed make-up testing today, the Student Goal Setting sheets were not available yet for discussion with your child's teacher if you have met already. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the school.

I am looking for several parent volunteers for a small school improvement project. We have two areas outside our gym containing multiple potted plants. The two areas are in much need of some TLC to spruce up the plants and lay down a new layer of rocks. We have all of the materials, but need some extra hands willing and able to do this work. If you are interested, please contact me at [desjarlais@arps.org](mailto:desjarlais@arps.org).

Sincerely,  
*Lisa Desjarlais*

**\*\*\*\*\*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.**

### **Third Grade News**

Meg Gallagher

We had a wonderful field trip to Harvard Forest. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the day so enjoyable. Our weather was perfect for our hike, and everyone seemed to learn much about the forest and how it changes because of creatures, people, time, and weather.

I am very happy with the dedication third graders are putting into their studies. In Reading, we are currently ensconced in a realistic fiction unit where groups of children are reading novels together as well as independently. Each student is focusing on a main character. They are developing a profile of the character and supporting their opinions with evidence from the text. They will also be comparing and contrasting their main characters across novels.

Students have just completed their personal narrative writing piece. Their assignment was to write about a time that had some emotional impact. After brainstorming ideas, children drew four pictures that told the story. These then become the organizer for their four paragraph story. We are looking forward to sharing them with each other.

We are coming to a close in our second addition, subtraction, and the number system math unit. We have been reading, modeling, writing, comparing, and ordering whole numbers into the hundred thousands place. We have learned and/or practiced various strategies to solve three digit addition and subtraction word problems. We have also reviewed telling time, and practiced figuring out elapsed time. It would be very helpful at home to have your child tell time on an analog clock at least once a day. You can also ask questions about what time it would be in 30 minutes or 20 minutes. The more your child practices this, the more automatic it will become.

Our weather has come to a close. We have studied air temperature, moisture, wind speed and direction, cloud types, and precipitation. We have used a number of weather instruments to collect data about our daily weather. Our work has also involved differentiating between weather and climate, reading weather maps, and describing how the water cycle works.

I appreciate the time you are giving to checking over homework and signing the reading log when 20 minutes or more of reading has been done. It's great to see so many children reading beyond the 20 minute minimum. Students are developing some strong study skills in this class!

## Fourth Grade Pelham Press

We have been very busy in fourth grade. In math, we have been studying number sense. More specifically we have been looking at place value and larger numbers. Students are working on comparing numbers using “greater than” and “less than” symbols, and organizing groups of numbers from least to greatest (and *vice versa*.) We are also revisiting money. Students have been calculating combinations of quarters, dimes and nickels. As a final math project, students will browse various book order forms and try to generate a list of selections that will get them close to 100 dollars without going over. They then check each other’s arithmetic for accuracy.

In writing, students have become very aware of how important capital letters, end punctuation, and sentence fluency are when presenting a finished piece of writing. Throughout the process of writing, children have been taking time to use spelling references to ensure they turn in the best work possible. We have completed a variety of writing activities where complete sentences and thorough, thoughtful answers are needed.

As we wrap up our Native American unit we will begin to explore the cultural exchange that took place as Europeans began arriving in the New World. Each culture has its own way of life, but the intersection of these two groups of people created a new way of life that exists to this day. Students are reading a variety of books that give them information about both lifestyles. We will all be reading People of the Breaking Day, a book that provides a comprehensive overview of the Wampanoag's life in historic times. From games and recreation to leadership and political structures, this book has it all. It is a wonderful documentation of early American life.

We continue to probe into the magnificent world of geography. Understanding legends, keys, and symbols is central to comprehending what maps are telling us about our world. Students have studied special maps that enable them to look at desert, plains, coastal, and mountain regions. I was impressed by how much knowledge they brought with them from the earlier grades. We will practice identifying the shape of each state and the characteristics of each region in the United States. As an extension activity, students will begin memorizing capitals.

*Tony Shaw*

# **Community Notes**

## **Childcare for Early Release Days**

***Due to high interest, the Child Care for Early Release days is filled. I am sorry for any inconvenience. Lennie Ware***

The Pelham Historical Society's walk around the Shaw-Keyes Farm on South Valley Road, scheduled for Saturday, October 29, has been postponed to Spring, 2012. For information, check [PelhamHS.org](http://PelhamHS.org) or call Bruce Klotz at 253-1601.

## **UNICEF**

There will be UNICEF collection boxes inside the front office if parents would like to stop in and pick them up, or please send in a note with your student and we will send them home with them. UNICEF collections helps to improve the lives of others through providing food, medicine, education, and more. There will be additional collection boxes outside the gym at the Halloween party for your convenience. Thank you in advance to all those who participate in this worthy cause.



# Poinsettia and Wreath Sale Pelham School

Please support this fundraiser for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip.

Include cash or check (payable to Pelham School) and return your order to the school office or town library.

**ORDER NOW:  
Deadline for orders is  
Friday, November 4th**



pick-up

Mark your calendar! Orders will be delivered to the school and available for at 3 pm, Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have questions please call Laura Carson @ 256-6919.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 6" red poinsettias @ \$12 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 6" pink poinsettias @ \$12 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 6" white poinsettias @ \$12 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 8" red poinsettias @ \$20 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 8" pink poinsettias @ \$20 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 8" white poinsettias @ \$20 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 12" frame (standard size) evergreen wreath @ \$12 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 18" frame evergreen wreath @ \$18 each

\_\_\_\_\_ red bow for 12" wreath @ \$4 each

\_\_\_\_\_ red bow for 18" wreath @ \$6 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed (checks payable to Pelham School)

**Our Fall Fundraiser**  
**GENEVIEVES**  
**GIFT WRAP AND THINGS**

**Started Friday October 21st and Ends Friday October 28th.**

Our organization depends on the proceeds from this fundraiser to support programs for our children. Please Help In Any Way You Can!

Be safe! Show brochures to people you know.

Payment is due at time of order.

1. Remit ONE CHECK for TOTAL AMOUNT payable to:  
Pelham PTO  
DO NOT ADD SALES TAX.  
Print student's name & phone # on check.

2. Fill out Order Form and keep pink copy. You will need your copy to deliver items to customers.

Family and friends can order online with shipment to home @ [www.genevieves.com](http://www.genevieves.com)

Use our account number: A1423

Free UPS shipment on orders of \$80 or more. Internet sales tax laws apply to all online orders.

For you to receive e-mail notification of any online orders, click the "parents" link to sign up each student BEFORE you tell family to order online.

**Did You Know?**

Last year your support funded:

- **Field Trips scholarships**
- **Curriculum Enrichment Programs**
- **Educational Resources for the classrooms**
- **Fun events for the families**

**BONUS PRIZE!**



★ **Sell 6 items or more - earn FREE PASS to  
Coco Key Water Resort in Waterbury, CT.** ★

**FAMILY RAFFLE PRIZE!**

Sell \$100 or more\*\* to qualify! Lucky family is awarded a FREE Overnight Room for 4 with 4 water park passes.  
(\*Total sales per household must reach \$100 to qualify.)

Questions? Diana Zahradnik at [castlerockmorgans@verizon.net](mailto:castlerockmorgans@verizon.net)

**The Pelham PTO Thanks You for Your Continuous Support!**

## **2011 A.B.C. WALK – A BIG SUCCESS!!**

*The students (and some staff) at the Pelham After School Program did a lot of walking this month – all to benefit Amherst’s A Better Chance House. About 70 students logged **532 miles** (equal to 2,660 laps around the playground) and received pledges of \$530.*

*Congratulations to our top walker, Ahanu Youngblood. Ahanu has been the highest walker for 3 years and this year he went 29.4 miles which surpassed last year’s personal best of 25 miles.*

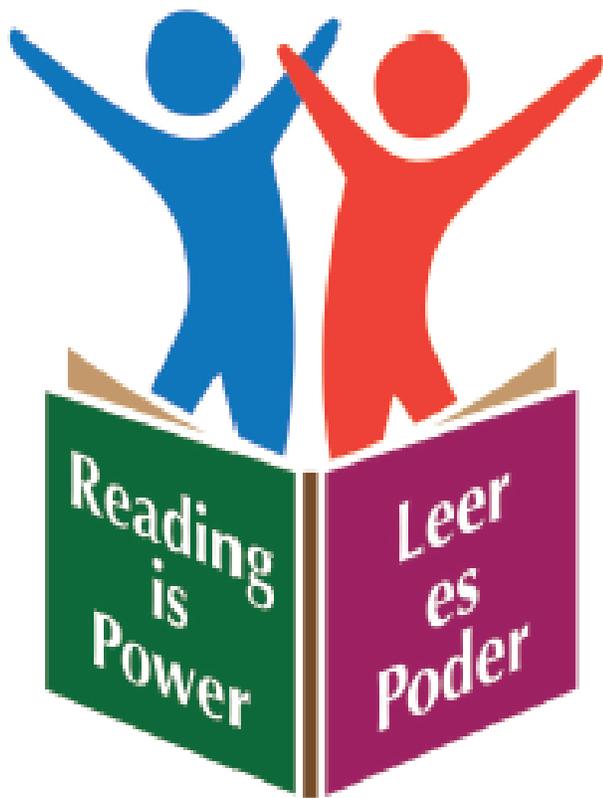
*Our goal was \$500, which we made – but last year we reached \$600 with some last minute pledges. Anyone who has pledged should pay Lennie either in cash or with a check made out to the “ABC House”. **ANY ONE WHO STILL WISHES TO CONTRIBUTE IS ENCOURAGED TO DO SO.** Thanks to all our supporters! Lennie Ware*

### TOP WALKERS (NAME FOLLOWED BY MILEAGE):

AHANU YOUNGBLOOD 29.4; BRADEN LANGLOIS 22.2 ;  
RAINA LANGLOIS 19.9 ; SOFIA MAROULIS 19.9;  
JAXSON SMITH 18.8; ELLA MATTOCKS 14.1;  
GABY WILLIAMS 14; SAMMI HALL-WILLS 13.3;  
AURELIA DELANEY 13.2; MAYA WEILERSTEIN 11.8;  
IAN MONTGOMERY-GEHRT 11.95; ERIK JOHNSON 11.5;  
RENEE O’BRIEN 11.2; JASON TIERNEY 11;  
MAISIE MATTOCKS 10.8; AVERY GWYTHYR 10.1;  
TAYLOR HANSON 10; EMILY MAY 9.6;  
CHARLIE MAY 9.4; MERRICK STROMGREN 9.4;  
SASHA LAMBERT 9.2; MOLLY PARKER 9.2 MILES.

Welcome! Bienvenidos! Bienvenue! Dobro pozalovat'!

Bern-vindo! Hoan nghênh! Soo Dhawow!



**FREE:**

- Kids Books
- Children's Museum
- Merry-Go-Round Rides
- StoryWalk™

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

**Free Event!** Come for a family day of fun and learning!

**Time:** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Children's Museum at Holyoke  
444 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

**Contact:** For more information, please contact [holyokefamilyliteracy@gmail.com](mailto:holyokefamilyliteracy@gmail.com),  
or call: (413)-552-2913

**Hosted by:**

Children's Museum at Holyoke in partnership with the Massachusetts Family Literacy Consortium

**Partners:**

HeadStart: Holyoke, Chicopee and Springfield • Holyoke Public Schools • Greater Holyoke  
Coordinated Family and Community Engagement • Holyoke Community College •  
Northampton Public Schools • Pathways to Family Success • Children's Museum at Holyoke

Pelham School



# HALLOWEEN PARTY

MONDAY  
OCTOBER 31, 2011  
5:30 - 7:30 PM  
IN THE SCHOOL



\$1 per slice



CIDER

Apple  
Cider



APPLES



GIFT BAGS

GAMES  
PRIZES  
TRICK OR TREATING

# GOT DRUGS?

Do you or your relatives have a medicine cabinet full of old medications?  
Help Get Rid of them **SAFELY.**



## FREE COLLECTION DAY

For Safe Disposal • No Questions Asked

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011 • 10:00AM-2:00PM**

### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COLLECTION SITES

Northampton - Smith Vocational  
80 Locust St.  
Amherst - Wildwood Elementary School  
Belchertown - Town Commons  
Cummington - Cummington Safety Complex  
Easthampton - Easthampton Safety Complex  
Granby - Granby High School  
Hadley - Hadley Safety Complex  
Hatfield - Town Hall  
Huntington - Transfer Station  
Southampton - Town Hall  
South Hadley - Police Station  
Ware - Ware High School  
Westhampton - Westhampton Police/Fire Station  
Williamsburg - Anne Dunphy School  
Worthington - Town Hall

### FRANKLIN COUNTY COLLECTION SITES

Greenfield - Greenfield High School  
Ashfield - Town Hall  
Buckland - Police Station  
Deerfield - Town Offices  
Erving - Police Station  
Montague - Montague Safety Complex  
Northfield - Town Hall  
Orange - Armory  
Shelburne - Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School

### WORCESTER COUNTY COLLECTION SITE

Athol - Athol High School

### ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

NO NEEDLES - NO SYRINGES - NO LANCETS  
NO THERMOMETERS - NO IV BAGS - NO CHEMO DRUGS - NO LIQUIDS OF ANY TYPE

Sponsored by: The Drug Enforcement Administration, Hampshire/Franklin TRIAD, District Attorney David E. Sullivan, Hampshire County Sheriff Robert J. Garvey, Franklin County Sheriff Christopher Donelan, Local Police Departments, Department of Public Health, MA Councils on Aging, Smith Vocational High School, Daily Hampshire Gazette and other community partners.

For more information go to [northwesternnda.org](http://northwesternnda.org) or [dea.gov](http://dea.gov)

**DID YOU KNOW...**

All products sourced by Whitsons contain Zero Trans Fats. •The majority of the food sourced by Whitsons contain; No HFCS & No Artificial Flavors, Colors or Sweeteners, and we continue to work on this initiative. • All milk and chicken products are hormone and antibiotic free. •Meats, condiments and cheeses are all lean or low fat. • All entrees contain between 500-900 mg of sodium. • We offer whole grain pastas, rice and bread products.

**LUNCH PRICES**

Reimbursable Lunch Price \$2.50  
 Reduced Lunch Price \$ .40  
 Adult \$3.25  
 Milk/Chocolate Milk \$ .40  
 100% Juice \$ .50

**PREPAID LUNCHESES AVAILABLE**

10 Lunches=\$25.00 20 Lunches=\$50.00  
 30 Lunches=\$75.00 40 Lunches=\$100.00

**LUNCH INCLUDES**

Skim Milk, 1% Milk or Low Fat Chocolate Milk / 100% Juice/ Vegetable Choice/ Fruit Choice

**AVAILABLE DAILY**

Whole Grain Bagel w/Butter or Low Fat Cream Cheese /

Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich / Above Lunches include: Vegetable choice, Fruit choice, Low Fat Milk & Low Fat Mozzarella Cheese

**SENSIBLE SNACKS CONTAIN**

Fat=7g or less - Sat Fat=2g or less  
 Sodium=300mg or less - Sugar=15g or less

**WE OFFER BREAKFAST DAILY**

Don't forget to stop by the cafe for breakfast  
 Breakfast-\$5.00, Reduced Breakfast-\$3.00, Adult-\$1.00  
 Cereal, fruit, juice and milk available daily

Monday- Warm Muffin

Tuesday- French Toast Sticks

Wednesday- Wheat Bagel w/ Cream Cheese

Thursday- Pancakes

Friday- Ham, Egg, Cheese Sandwich

V=vegetarian • =healthier choice • P=pork

• If you have a food allergy, please speak to your Food Service 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, contact your food service director **Rebecca Tritelley 413-362-1839.**



Hardy loves his breakfast in the morning. He celebrates breakfast with his famous whole grain breakfast bonanza this month. Join him by making half of your grains whole. Try whole grain pancakes; they're Hardy's favorite!

**Pelham Elementary Schools**

**NOVEMBER 2011**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>1</b> (V) Mozzarella Sticks Side Of Pasta w/ Marinara Sauce Seasoned Corn	<b>2</b> Macaroni & Beef Bake Steamed Carrots Whole Wheat Bread	<b>3</b> Baked Potato Bar Taco Meat Cheese Salsa Whole Wheat Bread	<b>4</b> (V) Cheese Pizza Fresh Carrot/Celery Sticks
<b>7</b> Cheeseburger or (V) Veggie Burger on a Whole Wheat Bun Squash	<b>8</b> Soft Shell Beef/ (V) Bean Taco w/ Seasoned Meat, Cheese, Salsa & Sour Cream Cucumber Coins	<b>9</b> (V) Whole Wheat Macaroni & Cheese Green Peas Whole Wheat Dinner Roll	<b>10</b> (V) Cheese Pizza Romaine Garden Salad w/ Fresh Veggies Fresh Apple	<b>11</b> VETERAN'S DAY NO SCHOOL
<b>14</b> Chicken Nuggets w/ Dipping Sauce Green Peas Whole Wheat Bread	<b>15</b> (V) Whole Wheat Pasta & Meatballs Fresh Green Romaine Salad	<b>16</b> Hotdog on a Whole Wheat Roll Corn Fresh Apple	<b>17</b> Turkey Dinner Turkey/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas/Squash Cranberry Sauce Pumpkin Oatmeal Cookie	<b>18</b> (V) Cheese Pizza Fresh Carrot/Celery Sticks
<b>21</b> Chicken Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Fries Squash	<b>22</b> (V) Toasted Cheese Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread Tomato Soup Fresh Apple	<b>23</b> Brunch for Lunch (V) Whole Wheat French Toast Sticks Pork Sausage Patty Cinnamon Applesauce Potato Rounds	<b>24</b> HAPPY THANKSGIVING	<b>25</b> NO SCHOOL
<b>28</b> Chicken Nuggets w/ Dipping Sauce Green Peas Whole Wheat Bread	<b>29</b> Hamburger or (V) Veggie Burger on a Whole Wheat Bun Green Beans	<b>30</b> Baked Chicken Tossed Green Romaine Salad Fresh Zucchini Bread Fresh Apple	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b> The veggie of the month is SQUASH.	



**WE PURCHASE LOCALLY!**  
 Produce is purchased through regional suppliers when seasonally available. Visit our website to see all that we are doing to help save the environment! [www.Whitsons.com](http://www.Whitsons.com)



**Visit Our Virtual Cafeteria!**  
 Take a tour of our virtual cafe! Drag and drop meal components onto your tray and see nutritional information including, allergens, nutrition facts, etc. [www.Whitsons.com/Nutrition](http://www.Whitsons.com/Nutrition)

**Have Allergies to Gluten, Casein or Soy?**  
 Check out NuLife Foods! They offer great tasting, GFCSF foods that help people with food sensitivities to be free. Items are available right in your cafeteria! [www.NuLifeFoods.com](http://www.NuLifeFoods.com)