



Pelham Press



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Dates to Remember:

- 4/16/14 **Open House** - 6:30-7:30- Pre-K- grade 6
- 4/17/14 **High School Dance Troupe** 9:30 a.m.- Families are welcome!
- 4/18/14 **Good Friday- NO SCHOOL**
- 4/21-4/25 **Spring Recess- NO SCHOOL**



Dear Pelham School Families,

Today we practiced our first Shelter-in-Place safety drill with students present. The drill went very well and the staff and students did an excellent job in following the outlined safety procedures. We thank our Pelham Police chief Gary Thomann and school district safety administrator David Slovin for their support during this drill.

Our Spring Open House night is on Wednesday, April 11 from 6:30-7:30. This is a special evening each year in which students are invited to come with their parents to visit their classrooms and share their learning with their parents. Each classroom presentation is different and reflects the various units students study from grades pre-K – 6. We will start promptly at 6:30 PM and end at 7:30 PM to allow students to get home at a reasonable hour. Whitsons, our school food service company, is expected to be present to answer any questions you might have about the school luncheons and to take in feedback to improve their program. **Students are expected to remain with their parents throughout the evening.** We hope to see you all there!

Many of our families have linked their Big Y cards to Pelham School via the Big Y Education Express program. We recently earned a total of 349,000 points and were able to purchase a new CD/MP3/radio boombox, 14 playground balls, a rotating tower fan, and a high-capacity stapler, along with some other items. The teachers will surely appreciate having a fan that works well while eating lunch in the warm weather, and the students are already enjoying their new playground balls. Thank you everyone for joining up to support our school!!

I am delighted to announce that Nettie Harrington-Pangallo, our preschool teacher, has been identified as a recipient for the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award. Teachers are selected based on staff input and must meet specific criteria such as excellence in teaching practices and in reaching above and beyond. Nettie has proven to be an amazing teacher in this new preschool program and we are so fortunate to have her here.

Literacy Night on April 2nd was a lovely event with an informal pizza supper sponsored by the PTO followed by a fun performance of Ms. Rumphius, by Caravan Puppets. Parents had the opportunity to visit with teachers to learn how to support their students at home while their children engaged in literacy activities with Mt. Holyoke College students. We appreciate the support of Sarah Frenette in helping to plan and organize this event, and in bringing her college students to run the student centered activities.

Grades 4-6 have been engaged in a friendly competition to see who could read the most books for the Massachusetts Children’s Book Award contest sponsored by Salem State College. Sixth grade was the class to win the pizza party for having read a whopping 76 books, followed by 64 books in grade 5, and fourth grade with a total of 39 books. We are very proud of these students for their participation in this program. Keep on reading!

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely, *Lisa Desjarlais*



WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL

As Spring arrives, we are still combating: the flu, colds, strep throat and various other illnesses. Please use the following guidelines to help you determine when to keep your child home from school.

Your child must be free of a fever for 24 hours before he/she may return to school. Please check your child's temperature in the morning before giving Tylenol (acetaminophen) or Motrin (ibuprofen). Children should not come to school if they would have a fever without medication.

If your child has had diarrhea or vomiting he/she must be free of all diarrhea and vomiting for 24 hours before he/she returns to school.

If your child is not well enough to sit in class for a full school day and be productive please keep him/her home.

Children who are diagnosed with strep throat must be on antibiotics for a full 24 hours and fever free before they return.

Replacing your child's toothbrush after 24 hours of antibiotics will reduce the risk of reinfection.

If your child has a cough which is frequent and persistent and would interfere with his/her learning please keep him/her home.

Please remind your children to wash their hands frequently. This helps to reduce the incidence of illness.

LICE INFO

There have been a few classes that have had multiple cases of lice this year. Our protocol is to check the entire class, siblings and other close contacts, should an active case be found at school. If there is an active case of live lice noted, the student will go home. The family will have to treat the student at home and I will check them upon arrival to school. We have our custodians take extra care in the classroom, by bagging up articles that may have lice, such as bean bag chairs, and stuffed animals and thoroughly vacuum carpets in the class. Teachers and staff in the class help out by giving reminders for students to not share hats, or touch heads together. I also share information as students are being checked. When there is an active case in the class a letter will go home to you. It really is a team effort. Please help out by having your children with long hair pull it back into an elastic. Lice do not jump or fly, but can crawl from head to head. A helpful website for information is www.headlice.org.

Please keep this sheet for future reference and call 362-1103 with any questions or concerns.

I am need of some clothing to share when there is a spill in the lunch room or a fall in the mud. If you have any stretchy athletic pants, legging or shorts you could donate I would really appreciate it.

Thank you,

Katy Guisti, School Nurse

Kindergarten News

Pelham K is so glad that the season of Spring is finally here! Our 'Signs of Spring' sketch books are being filled with tree buds, crocuses, and other signs of nature that remind us of Spring. It is so nice to be able to sit outside and do this. We have also done some still-life sketching of pansies inside the classroom. The techniques of shading, using light and dark touches, using lines that flow, and drawing what we are observing; all come from the ideas that the artist Jim Arnosky tells us about in his book, "Sketching Outdoors in Spring".

We have been very busy making structures out of solid shape things that the children have brought into school. These 3-dimensional structures include things like; cookie jar, bird house, zoo maize, tree, crown, house, etc... They will be painted this week. I hope you can come to Open House next week to see them on display!

The children have just finished their own stories, focusing on the beginning, middle, and end of the story. They also decided on how many characters there would be. I was amazed and proud of how many different ideas were chosen. We are focusing on the structure of our sentences, using finger spacers, capitols at the beginning, and periods at the end. Snap, or high frequency words are being spelled with the dictionary spelling. We are working very hard!

The skills of guided reading are growing every day. We are now looking at individual words and how each letter or letter groups help us figure out what the words are. Talking about the meaning of words also helps us figure out what a word is. We are doing a lot of tapping and breaking down of letters within words.

Happy Spring,

Debbie Jacque

Fourth Grade Pelham Press

Thank you to those who attended Literacy Night. If you missed it, we passed out some materials and information which are still available. I hope to see you at Open House. In math, we continue to review key skills such as multiplication. We are now discovering how to apply different operations in solving more complex questions. For example, some questions require several operations, while other questions have many other questions embedded. We are also practicing how to show and explain our work. They have become quite skilled in this area, providing expansive descriptions of how they arrived at the answer.

We continue to hone our writing skills by practicing writing complete sentences and organized paragraphs. Students have completed many exercises concerning punctuation and capitalization and are creating pieces of writing that incorporate these elements. We have completed many writing prompts. They will be sharing these with you during our Open House. They will also be sharing their reports and shorter writing assignments as well. The children enjoy writing stories of their choice and PowerPoint presentations. Don't be surprised if you see a few of these.

I look forward to presenting our final science unit on rocks and minerals. Children will be introduced to the different ways rocks are formed. There are plenty of hands on activities that will help "solidify" these concepts. In addition, we will learn the different ways rocks and minerals can be classified based on their characteristics. They will do several tests in order to organize different samples into groups. We will also be collecting our own samples out on the playground and analyzing them.

Tony Shaw

Community Notes

The Family Fun Night planning committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make our first Pelham Family Fun Night a success. As anyone who attended the night would attest, the parents and community members' tireless enthusiasm running the activities made the night a fun one for all. The FFN committee would like to offer a special thanks to Hampshire Gymnastics, The Common School, Dave Ranen, DJ Patrick Hunter, The Pelham PTO, Lisa Desjarlais, The Pelham School staff, and Lennie Ware for their donations of materials, time, and sharing of space. We are looking forward to making this event an annual Pelham family fun tradition

PTO Update

Spring Fair

Mark your calendars. The Spring Fair will be held on Sunday, May 4 from noon to 4. There will be a cake walk, bounce house, games, food and lots of fun! More details will follow in an email, including info about how to volunteer through signupgenius. We will need lots of donations of cupcakes, cakes and food. Last year we made more than \$1000 on this event which was used for supplies for teachers, snacks during MCAS, and to pay for events like the ice cream social and Halloween Happenings.

Bertucci's

We will have another fundraiser on May 19. If you present the coupon or mention Pelham School, Bertucci's donates part of the proceeds to the Pelham PTO. This applies to take out or dine in. A flyer will go home in May.

Fund Raising Calendars

The Pelham School community raised more than \$2000 by selling the calendars! Congratulations to Finn Jansen in first grade for selling \$220 worth of tickets! Thank you to everyone who sold and/or bought tickets or solicited businesses for donations!

Family Fun Night

What a blast! It was great to see so many people out having fun at Pelham School! Many thanks to all who helped coordinate the event ahead of time, work the day of Family Fun Night, and clean up after.

Textile and Electronics Recycling

We put a lot of stuff in that pod! Our school will get money and nobody had to buy anything! Many thanks to all who helped with this project! The Electronics Recycling brought in more than \$400. Thank you to Erin Lawler for getting it organized. Thank you to Steve Lawler, Nat Woodruff and Lee Halasz for running it on Saturday. We are planning to do this again in the fall, so hang on to your electronics.

PTO website

If you haven't tried it out yet, go to www.pelhamelementarypto.blogspot.com. You can see all of the winners of the raffle. You can also click on the Amazon logo and buy what you were going to buy anyway and our school gets money.

Box tops

We get money for box tops. Please keep sending them in, but there will be no competition.

Next meeting

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00. Free pizza and child care will be provided. Please RSVP to Jessica Hanson at hanson9@charter.net so we order enough food.

Many Thanks to all of the Community Partners that helped Pelham School raise \$2,100 for the PTO by donating to the PTO Calendar Raffle!

All Things Cooperative Local Market

Amherst Chinese

Amherst Cinema

Amherst Dog Wash

Amherst Pilates

Auto Express

Bueno Y Sano

Casmir Kocot Salon

Cinemark

Cowls Lumber

Dean's Beans

Elements Hot Tub

Eric Carl Museum

Florence Bank

Greenfield Savings Bank

Hampshire Athletic Club

A.J. Hastings

Laughing Dog Bikes

Loose Goose Cafe

Many Hands Farm

M&M Links

Monkey Business

Mullins Center

Raos

Sheer Bliss Salon

Subway

Wheatberry Bakery

Yoga with Nadya

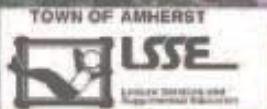
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Avoid the hassle of parking and enjoy a relaxing ride to
Manhattan on our Luxury Coach Bus.
You may spend the day as you please.
Don't pass up this wonderful opportunity!

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH
DEPARTS 7 AM
AMHERST HIGH SCHOOL PARKING
RETURNS BETWEEN 9 AND 10 PM

PRICE: \$49

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For more information please call Amherst Leisure Services at 413-259-3065 or go to www.lsse.org
(Not a school-sponsored event)



LSSE



April Vacation Camp

Tues.-Fri. Apr. 22-25
8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
K-6th Grade
Crocker Farm School
\$205

Contact
LSSE for
financial
aid!

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LSSE's Vacation Camp is the perfect place for your child to spend the week. Come join our caring and experienced staff for a week of super fun activities and spectacular field trips. For more information, go to LSSE.org or contact LSSE@amherstma.gov.

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Annual **POWOW**

Saturday
April 19

Curry Hicks Cage **2014**

MC Marvin Burnett
Drums Urban Thunder, Eastern Sons, and Rez Dogs
Storyteller Larry "Spotted Crow" Mann
Eastern Social Songs Daryl Wixon

Vendor Setup 8^{AM}
Doors Open 10^{AM} - 6^{PM}
Dancer Registration 9 - 11^{AM}
Grand Entry 12^{PM}

Free Admission
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413-577-0970



Josephine White Eagle Cultural Center
in Chadbourne Hall B-3 (Central Residential Area)

Center for Student Development
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Welcome to our SAFARI CAFE @ Amherst/Pelham Elementary Schools

This **APRIL** 2014

We Purchase Lowfat & Other-Guten Free Foods! If you have a food allergy please speak to the manager, chef, cook or server.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1. Mozzarella Sticks Steamed Broccoli Carrot Sticks Peach Cup Apple	2. Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Cinnamon Applesauce Carrot Sticks Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Banana	3. Soft Beef Taco Spinach Salad Corn Strawberry Cup Black Bean Salad	4. WG Pizza Wedge Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Applesauce Banana Steamed Green Beans
7. Chicken Tenders Black Beans Oven Baked Fries Diced Peas Apple	8. Meatball Sandwich Cream of Tomato Soup Diced Peas Sweet Potato Fries Apple One Dinner Roll Peas	9. Homemade Mac & Cheese Steamed Green Beans Blueberries Carrot Sticks Banana	10. Crispy Chicken Sandwich Vegetarian Beans Strawberry Cup Apple Carrot Sticks Romaine & Cherry Tomato Salad Jillian's Garden Vegetables LOAD UP ON VEGGIES	11. WG Pizza Wedge Spinach Salad Banana Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit
14. Popcorn Chicken Mixed Fruit Carrot Sticks Apple Slices Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Dinner Roll	15. Mozzarella Sticks Golden Baked Potato Wedges Broccoli Florets Orange Peach Cup Carrot Sticks	16. Hot Dog on a Bun Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Baby Carrots & Celery Peach Cup Banana TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!	17. WG Pizza Wedge Vegetarian Beans Veggie Dippers Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Apple Slices	18.
21. SPRING BREAK	22.	23.	24.	25.
28. Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Steamed Carrots Strawberry Cup Apple	29. Nachos & Cheese Red Beans & Rice Pineapple Cup Banana Applesauce Carrot Sticks	30. Macaroni Beef & Tomato Casserole Steamed Green Beans Apple Peach Cup Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Carrot Sticks	Lunch Prices Reimb. Lunch \$2.75 Reduced Lunch \$0.40 Milk / Choc Milk \$0.30 100% Juice \$0.50	VEGGIE OF THE MONTH Broccoli 

Did you know that our menus are healthy, nutritious and flavorful made from wholesome ingredients? We have very high ingredient standards and strict procedures in place to make sure of it! We also purchase locally when seasonally available. Check us out on www.k12nh.com or scan our QR code to see all that we are doing at your school to keep you-kids healthy!



AVAILABLE DAILY
Whole Grain Bagel w/ Toppings/ Sunflower Butter & Jelly Sandwich / Variety of Sandwiches/ Salad

WE OFFER BREAKFAST DAILY
Don't forget to stop by the cafe for breakfast

Monday - Assorted Muffins
Tuesday - French Toast Sticks
Wednesday - Assorted Bagels
Thursday - Assorted Cold Cereal
Friday - Hot Breakfast Sandwich

ALL LUNCHES INCLUDE
Vegetable choice, Fruit Choice and Low Fat Milk Choice

PREPAID LUNCHES AVAILABLE

10 Lunches	\$27.50	20 Lunches	\$50.00
30 Lunches	\$82.50	40 Lunches	\$110.00

SENSIBLE SNACKS CONTAIN
Fat=7g or less
Sodium=300mg or less
Sat Fat=2g or less
Sugar=15g or less

KEY: ● Vegetarian ● Pork ● Healthier Choice

*Consuming raw or under cooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food-borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.
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