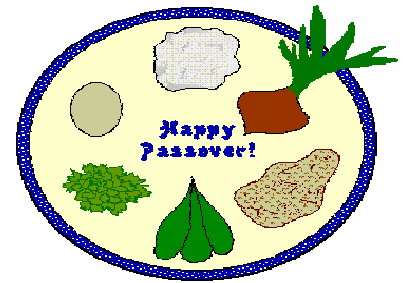




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Dates to Remember:

Monday, April 9
Monday, April 9-Friday, April 13
Wednesday, April 11
Thursday, April 12
Friday, April 13
April 16-20
Sunday, April 29

Kindergarten Registration
Spring Scholastic Book Fair
OPEN HOUSE- 7-8 p.m
School Committee – Pre-School Vote
Roger Tinknell- All school assembly 1:30 p.m.- **PARENTS WELCOME**
Spring Recess- NO SCHOOL
Spring Fair



Dear Pelham School Families,

The Pelham School Committee is strongly considering opening a preschool program at Pelham Elementary School for the Fall of 2012. To inform their decision, we are seeking input about the potential to reach full enrollment (19 students) as early as next fall. Here are the major details about the program under consideration:

- The program will most likely run for 6 hours per day.
- The cost is likely to be \$6 per hour (\$36 per day).
- Students ages 2.9 to 5 can be enrolled.
- It is likely that both before school and after-school daycare options will also be available at Pelham School for parents who need it.
- Enrollment in Pelham preschool will **not** ensure a non-Pelham resident student a school choice slot at Pelham School.

If you, a family member, or friend might be interested in enrolling a child in a Pelham preschool program beginning in September 2012, please email Debbie Westmoreland (westmorelandd@arps.org) or Lisa Desjarlais (desjarlais@arps.org) with your interest by the end of the day on Wednesday, April 11.

The School Committee plans to vote on this issue next Thursday, April 12 and this data will help inform their decision.

On April 11th, we will have our **Spring Open House**, for all grades. This is a special time we schedule each year for students to share their work with their parents. Each classroom presentation is different and reflects the various units students study from grades K – 6. We will start promptly at 7:00 PM and end promptly at 8:00 PM to allow students to get home at a reasonable hour, and the Book Fair will be open that evening for parents to visit. **Students are expected to remain with their parents throughout the evening.** We hope to see you all there!

The After School Program put on a wonderful performance last Friday evening, and I requested that they perform again, but this time before their classmates. Many students were nervous and excited to perform for their peers and teachers, but they did an outstanding job. We are proud to have a program on site that incorporates theater arts to build upon children’s oral presentation skills, expression, and creativity in a fun and educational venue. Kudos to all the students and the After School staff for this event!

A big thank you to the Frenette family for repainting our basketball backboards! They are refreshed with new rims and nets and ready to be enjoyed by the Pelham School students.

Sincerely,
Lisa Desjarlais