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Dates to Remember:

- 12/14- Early Release 1:20- **No Preschool After Care**
- 12/23- Early Release 1:20-**NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**
- 12/26-1/2- Holiday Break- School Reopens January 3rd.



Dear Pelham Families,

Pelham School has an annual tradition of reaching out to Pelham School families in need and supporting them to purchase gifts or warm clothing items for their children for the holiday season. **If you are willing and able to donate, please send cash or a gift card from Target or another nearby store into the office in an envelope marked for this purpose by Monday, December 19.** Please contact me at desjarlais@arps.org if you'd like to send in a donation via check. We do have several families who could really benefit from some help at this time of year. We appreciate all the efforts of staff, parents, and community members in making a difference in our students' lives.

George Graiff, our longtime custodian, is retiring on December 31st. George has been incredibly committed to the school community and will be very much missed. Ann Maziarz, our front office secretary, is also leaving in mid-January in her family's move to sunny Florida. We will miss Ann as well and wish her the best in her new home. I am delighted to announce that Georgia Malcolm will be joining our team as Ann's replacement. Georgia has worked at Crocker Farm and is currently working at the Wildwood School in the office. She will be joining us permanently in early January.

If you have any gently used snow pants, boots, mittens, or gloves, please send them into the office. Students are often looking for outerwear at this time of the year and we have some extra items that we keep in the office for them to "borrow". Students must have snow pants and boots if they are allowed to play on the 'snow mountain' or in the snow. A change of clothes to keep in cubbies is advisable in addition to some dry shoes to keep at school.

For delays and cancelations in inclement weather, families can check local television stations such as WWLP and WGGB. Families can also check the ARPS website www.arps.org or call the school cancellation line at (413)362-1898. Pelham School will offer Before School care when there are school delays, beginning at 9:15. Students must already be pre-registered for Before School. Please call the school or check into the office for more information if you'd like to register your child for this program.

Enjoy the snow day! *Lisa Desjarlais*

Fourth Grade Pelham Press

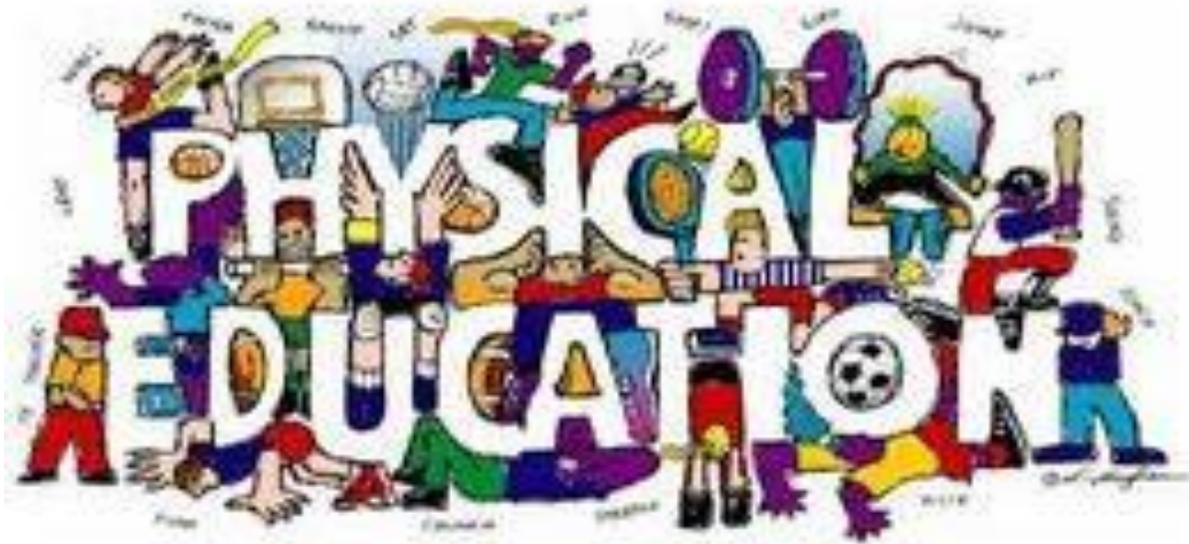
We are now moving into the study of fractions. We are learning how regions can be divided into different fractional components such as halves, thirds, and quarters. We have even divided grids into different fractional amounts. We have also been learning about mixed numbers and improper fractions. These are values that are more than one whole. We have made fraction cards to help us practice the new concepts and play a card game with them. Each card has a drawing of a fraction, an improper fraction, or a mixed number and is labeled. It makes it easy to do fractional comparisons and equivalences.

Students have begun writing their own long compositions. After practicing prewriting techniques, they responded to a story idea. They made a four frame picture booklet to map out their stories. Many students are finishing up their first drafts. Some have gone on to typing their drafts and revising and proofreading. It will be fun when they are all done and ready to be shared.

We are expecting eggs in the classroom in on December 13th. This year it's brook trout! We've been raising fish in the classroom for the past few years. As a favor, I am asking if families could help out with the water. Trout are somewhat fussy about the purity of the water in which they live. That's why they are a good indicator for healthy rivers and streams. If you are able, we need about 25 gallons of spring water to fill the tank. Poland Spring or other brand would be great. The fish will thank you for it! If you have well-water with reliable purity I would love to chat with you as trout need a lot of water changes.

We continue to stress the importance of understanding and completing homework. Some activities you can do with your child include checking their work each night and making sure they have everything ready to turn in at the end of the week. One way to be involved is to keep track of your child's reading. You may want to read with him or her on a regular basis to guide them in understanding what they have read. Finally, quiz your child on their vocabulary and spelling words on Thursday, so they will be warmed up for Friday morning.

The snow is here. To play in the snow, children need boots, snow pants, jacket, and gloves. Please make sure your child has these items! If not, we may be able to help.



So far in our physical education class we've been learning quite a bit. Grades 4, 5, and 6 have been focusing on their ability to strategize and communicate with one another in team games and activities that require mental patience as well as physical ability! I am ecstatic that the students have such a willingness to think before they act and they have really come a long way since day one! Grades K, 1, 2, and 3 have been working on some basic skills to start the year such as hand-eye coordination. We've also taken some simple games such as tag and incorporated other skills into the game such as underhand rolling, underhand tossing, and even catching! I am looking forward to my upcoming time with the students of Pelham, we have come a long way and still have much further to go!

-Nathan Gaetano, PE Teacher

Community Notes

I am helping out Craig's doors; a homeless shelter in Amherst, by collecting items they need for the people who stay there. If you have these things lying around your house, instead of letting them get in the way and eventually throwing them away and letting them sit in a land fill, please consider bringing them to our drop box by the main office. Especially during these cold nights and the holiday season there are people at Craig's Door who need these items and appreciate your generosity. Their wish-list is below

Thank you- Caetlin Lawler 4th grade

Wish List:

Disinfectant Wipes
Coffee -Regular/Decalf
ear plugs
Melatonin
Stamps
Printer Paper
Bus passes
Ibuprofen
NyQuil

Ink:

Brother LC75 BK
LC75Y, LC75C, LC75M
Toner Cartridge HP CF283X - Black

Toiletries

Disposable Twin Blade Shaving
Razors
Shaving Cream
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Floss
Mouth Wash
Combs/brushes
Deodorant

Clothing

Socks (tube socks and all sizes of warm socks)
Men's and Women's Underwear (All Sizes)
Warm hats
coats
boots - Mens/womens
gloves

AFTERSCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL THOUGHTS FOR DEC. 2016

Dates to remember:

Dec.14 – Early release day. Gap care is offered to students starting at 1:20 P.M.

Preregister by contacting Lennie clwarepel@comcast.net

Dec. 23 – Early release day, no afterschool program

November highlights:

November was a good month. We were able to go outside just about every day, although the darkness shortened it somewhat. We used a fruit press to make our own yummy cider, made cranberry relish as a nod to an old Thanksgiving tradition, and also tried our hands on making garnishes, such as radish roses.

Some of the month's projects were creating a secret handshake, building a group mosaic with hundreds of tiny tiles, and making origami animals. Students also tried some retro toys such as a Velcro ball toss game, Nerf shooters, and Stuff Your Face (where you have to manipulate a clown's arms to pick up a colored ball and drop it down his tongue before your opponent does).

And lastly:

Thanks to those of you that supported our Wreath & Holiday Plant Sale. We made almost \$300 in profit, which will go towards our scholarship fund. Last year we were able to provide \$9,400 in tuition assistance, which helped about 1/5 of our students.

Donations to the program of cash, snacks, or art supplies are always welcome. Perhaps this giving season you would like to consider making a tax-deductible, end-of-the year contribution to our popular, yet struggling, not-for-profit organization! Any gift, any size, would be greatly appreciated. Thanks and Happy Holidays!

Welcome to our Lunch Cafe

Amherst/Pelham Elementary Schools

December 2016

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Produce of the Month

Pears



We proudly support clean, organic, local and sustainable agriculture.

<p>5</p> <p>Mozzarella Sticks Golden Baked Potato Wedges Carrot Sticks Spinach & Tomato Salad Fresh Orange WW Dinner Roll</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pasta with Chicken Meatballs & Sauce Steamed Green Beans Garden Salad Fresh Apple Pineapple Cup Carrot Sticks</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Mac & Cheese Steamed Carrots Spinach Salad Sweet Red Pepper Strips Strawberry Cup Bartlett Pear</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Hamburger with Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Puffs Corn Garbanzo Beans Fresh Orange Sliced Peaches</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Veggie Dippers Broccoli Florets Mixed Fruit Fresh Apple</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Oven Baked Fries Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Veggie Dippers Applesauce Banana</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Macaroni Beef & Tomato Casserole Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Carrot Sticks Steamed Broccoli Peach Cup Fresh Orange</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Tater Tots Vegetarian Baked Beans Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Diced Pears Empire Apple</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Roast Turkey Breast with Gravy Mashed Potatoes Homemade Stuffing Peas Pineapple Cup Bartlett Pear</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;">gingerbread cookie</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Dip Fresh Green Grapes Applesauce</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Meatball Parmesan Hero Green Beans Fresh Orange Peach Cup Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Dip</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich Oven Baked Fries Apple Slices Diced Pears Celery Sticks w/ Ranch Dip Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Dip</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Loaded Beef Nachos Red Beans & Rice Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Pear Apple Slices</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Pre Cupped Applesauce Pineapple Cup Celery Sticks w/ Ranch Dip Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Dip</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Slice Garden Salad Strawberry Cup Banana</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

HOLIDAY BREAK

Our menus are healthy, nutritious and flavorful, made from wholesome ingredients. We proudly serve steamed & frozen, free chicken, raised on family farms from all across the country. We're



partnered with Tyson Foods, Inc. to bring you quality meals that you'll love.



Scan the QR code for more info.

Available Daily
Whole Grain Bagel w/ 8 oz yogurt and string cheese
Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread
Garden Salad with Cheese (2oz) and Whole Wheat Dinner Rolls (2ea)
Ham & Cheese Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread

All Lunches Include
Vegetable and fruit choice of 1% white milk, fat free white milk, and fat free choc milk.

Full lunch price - \$2.75
Reduced lunch - \$0.40
Choice of milk - \$0.50

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this menu, please contact Rebecca at 413-362-1839.