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Dates to Remember:

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| Monday, June 4 | PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.- Johnny’s Tavern (Note change of time & venue!) |
| Wednesday, June 6 | School Council Meeting- 7:30 a.m. |
| Wed. June 6-Fri. June 8 | Nature’s Classroom Trip-Grade 6 |
| Thursday, June 7 | School Committee Meeting- 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, June 10 | After School Picnic- Mill River- 4:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, June 14 | Bomba Performance- 10:45- Parents welcome!; Grades 1& 4 Field Trip- Fish Lift |
| Friday, June 15 | Grade 1 Field Trip- Look Park |
| Monday, June 18 | Mill River Trip- Grades K-5- Only sunbutter lunches are available that day |
| Tuesday, June 19 | Grade 6 Musical- daytime performance, TBD., 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, June 21 | Grade 6 Graduation- 7:00 p.m., LAST DAY OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM |
| Friday, June 22 | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Early Release at 1:20 |



Dear Pelham School Families,

I would like to express the heartfelt thanks from all of the staff at Pelham School for the wonderful breakfast and luncheon that were served to us on Wednesday for the Teacher Appreciation day. The breakfast was a really nice change from the usual custom of snacks at lunchtime, and it was very much appreciated. The luncheon in the Community Room felt elegant, the food was delicious., and the desserts were just amazing! It was really nice to sit together and take our time to eat together in a leisurely lunch, such a radically different type of lunch than we're accustomed to. A huge thank you to all the parents who cooked, organized, and took such good care of the Pelham School staff. We are truly fortunate to have such a supportive and caring parent community!!

The chorus, band, and orchestra gave two wonderful performances on Wednesday during the day for staff and students, and then again for parents in the evening. The orchestra and band both played several songs, then joined together to play “A Bug’s Life”, for the final song, which quite delightful. It is uncommon that these two musical groups have been able to combine their instruments at this level to play as one, but with Bob Castellano’s expertise, the music was adapted to include all the instruments. The choral group performed three songs that focused on the positives in life, a welcome and appropriate reminder for all of us. Additionally, the All-School Orchestra Tour visited this Pelham School this morning to give a stellar performance for the school. This orchestra is organized and directed by Laurie Rabut and includes students from Pelham, Amherst, Leverett, and Shutesbury. Music and the arts are highly valued in this school community and the events of this week exemplified the excellence in teaching and the dedication of the students, parents, and most of all the teachers who are so committed to our music program. A special thank you to Laurie Rabut, Robert Castellano, and Emily Samuels for their musical contributions to the school this week.

Today was field day, and the day was a huge success! This was the first Field Day event planned by Jen Zabek, our new PE teacher, and she presented an amazing array of games and activities that were novel, fun, and exciting for our students. There was an acknowledgement ceremony at the end of the day and students were treated to a popsicle treat, thanks to the generosity of our PTO. The weather couldn’t have been any better, and it was the perfect way to end the week.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Lisa Desjarlais



News from the Music Class

5/29/12

Students in **Kindergarten** are learning to visualize music by placing and changing positions of polly-spots (musical note heads for Mi Sol and La sounds) on the three staff musical lines on the floor and singing them as they walk through. Students notated the songs "Rain, Rain Go Away" and "La-Sol-Mi Bird" this way. We discussed how music can describe characters and movements of animals and did motions to the "Un-hatched Chicks" and "Bydlo" segments of Modest Mussorgsky's "Pictures of an Exhibition" and the "Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens.

First grade students used the tone bells to play the corresponding pitch to accompany the song "Solomon Cy," and the percussion instruments for the rhyme, "Mix a Pancake." They sang the lovely Puerto Rican song, "La Paloma" about the dove cage and played the Rhythm Bingo game that reinforces the ability to hear and decode learned rhythms.

Second grade students accompanied their singing of the song, "Vamos a la Mar" from Panama and the Hopi "Corn Grinding Song" on the percussion instruments. They sang the "Garden Song" and played the "Rhythm Bingo" game using the rhythms they learned this year. **Second and third grade** students used the "Rockin' Rhythms" program to read and play rhythms they studied lately, along with the drums recorded on the CD to accompany the activity. **Second, third and fourth grade** students performed a pattern with rhythm sticks to a song by the local group "Viva Quetzal."

Third grade students sang the Japanese song "Haru no hi Urano" and practiced the sixteenth notes used in the music. They created their own music of 4-8 measures of rhythm and performed them individually in small groups first, then as a class song, non stop in a rondo form. They watched two short movies about the music of the Middle East and Africa and tried out some ethnic instruments.

Fourth and fifth grade students studied the second and third movements of Mozart's serenade "Eine Kleine Nacht Music" and performed movements using scarves to show their understanding of the form. The **fourth grade** class also listened to the 12 variations by Mozart on the theme of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." The same students had fun creating motion patterns to the song "Way Down Yonder in the School Yard" and watched the video "Music is Style," about the different eras in European music.

Fifth grade students discovered the meaning of the word "concerto" by listening to bits of music in the style. They also listened to Beethoven's "Für Elise," "Moonlight Sonata" and "Symphony #5" and we discussed the creative elements and form in the music. To compare the style of music written in the classical and romantic era, we listened to Brahms "Hungarian Dance #5" and sang the song it uses.

Students in **sixth grade** are working hard on learning songs for their upcoming show. We only had time to listen to Beethoven's "Fifth" beside that. **Fifth and sixth grade** students watched a DVD by the great trumpeter and music educator Wynton Marsallis, "Listening for Clues" about musical form.

Sincerely,

Ms. Z.

Attention Animal Lovers

My Junior Girl Scout troop (Troop 20478) is working on a community service project. We have chosen to help Dakin Animal Shelter. In talking to them at the shelter, my troop has learned that they are in need of canned kitten and cat food at this time. They also graciously always accept monetary donations.

Starting this Friday, May 25th until Wednesday, June 13th, I will have a box in the front foyer of the school to collect donations. If you have a monetary donation, you can send it in to the office and I will collect them from there.

Thank you so much for your help in helping us to make a difference in the lives of some very special animals. The shelter has also informed us that there is one other way to help. They are always looking for people to adopt an animal from the shelter. If you have room for a furry friend in your life, please contact Dakin directly.

Thank you for considering helping,

Bridgette Hasbrouck (5th Grade)

Community News

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Micah Botkin-Levy

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Pelham After School End-of-the-Year Picnic

Our annual picnic will be held at the Mill River Pavilion on June 10th from 4:30 – 6:30. We will be grilling and having a pot luck meal. All families and friends are invited, but please R.S.V.P. to Lennie. The event will be held rain or shine, and folks are welcome to come earlier or stay later. Please note that parents are responsible for their children: no staffing will be provided. **SEE YOU THERE!**

News from the PTO

Our final PTO meeting of the year will be at Johnny's Tavern in Amherst at 7:00 on Monday, June 4th. We will not be providing childcare for this meeting. The goal of the meeting is to begin planning for the 2012-2013 academic year.

PELHAM SCHOOL PTO MINUTES MAY 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Kristin Mattocks at 6:00 p.m. Childcare was available as well as pizza for meeting participants and their children.

In attendance

Kristin Mattocks (PTO president), Elise Stromgren (PTO Secretary), Diana Zahradnik (PTO Treasurer), Lisa Desjarlais (Pelham Principal), Margaret Light (6th Grade teacher/Pelham staff representative), Whitney Battle-Baptiste, Lisa Candito, Ruth Carolan, Jessica Hanson, Barry Parker, Larry Smith, and Leanne Hunt.

Basket Raffle Winners

Kindergarten Gardening Basket – Jim Hanson	1 st Grade Art Basket – Stromgren Family
2 nd Grade Health Basket – FranLisa Reydak Rowell	3 rd Grade Coffee and Chocolate Basket – Jerry Hayes
4 th Grade Arts & Crafts Basket – FranLisa Reydak Rowell	5 th Grade Pizza and Ice Cream – Diana Zahradnik
6 th Grade Wine Basket – Amy Wilczak	

Spring Fair Recap – April 29, 2012 (Ruth)

\$1,361.00 deposited from ticket sales; we paid \$300 for bounce house and grill (thank you Diana for the bargaining you did to get a \$200 discount), Leanne reports that we made \$678 total for the Basket Raffle, \$362 at the Fair, the rest from tickets sold at Lasagna Dinner, Town Meeting and at the Library on Sunday. Ruth says this was a great team effort, everyone rallied together and pitched in and made for a successful fair. The UMass volunteers were very helpful, they were great with the children, seemed to have a good time and asked for work to when they complete a task – just fantastic. We need to remember to schedule the fair each year when UMass is in session. The climbing wall was not missed (and we typically pay about \$300 for the wall). Suggestion from a parent (with small animals) that we have a petting zoo next year. Also, getting the word out about the Cake Walk early is necessary and getting volunteers to bake from each grade; this worked out well this year but harder to keep track of by individual classrooms. Leanne suggests that we reach out for more donations next year to save costs on large items like the hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls, etc.

Pelham School Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Wednesday May 30 (Lisa Candito/Kristin)

Lisa suggests that we get a volunteer from each classroom to provide one thing for the pre-luncheon, healthy-ish snacks (1 class gets fruit, 1 class gets muffins, 1 class cheese, etc). Lunch itself will be catered, and volunteers (1 from each class again) will provide a desert. Lisa will sign up for the Community Room at the Library.

Electronic Recycling – Saturday June 2 (Elise)

CRT Recycling has been scheduled for June 2. Elise will be distributing flyers at this weekend's Pelham Recycling day, check about posting the notice on the town website and on Craig's list, etc.

Storage Shed Recap – Staining "Party" Sunday June 3 (Diana).

Supplies and games from the Spring Fair have been stored in the new shed! Shed needs to be stained. Diana will provide supplies for staining the shed and look for volunteers to help. Diana says that someone should be the keeper of the shed key and there should be a key to the shed in the school office. No volunteers yet to be keeper of the shed key.

Review of Past Year's Events (Diana)

Diana provided a list of deposits and payments made from the PTO fund from this past year. Lisa had a question about the line item regarding the Scholastic fundraiser. Lisa explains that the PTO should not be involved in either the deposit or the payment to Scholastic; Lisa (the school) should make the deposit so that the scholarships to students who need them may be made. PTO agrees to fund the scholarships this year.

PTO Moving Forward

Ruth shared some general and specific ideas to get the word out about the PTO and what it contributes to the school community. Lisa and Ruth discussed doing a PTO survey to parents and getting some feedback about what parents think.

Next PTO Meeting

Monday, June 4, 2012 6:00 p.m. Johnny's Tavern Boltwood Walk, Amherst

MEETING ENDED AT 7:35 p.m.

Submitted 5/7/12 Elise Stromgren, PTO Secretary

FALL PROGRAMS



Nature Discovery Prehistoric Preschool

with Colleen Kelley
Ages 3-5

This season we will travel back in time to the days of the dinosaurs. Children will learn about dinosaurs through stories, songs, movement and crafts. We will compare different dinosaurs, dig for bones, and learn about the plants they munched on. Come have a dinomite time!



Fridays, Sept.28, Oct. 5,12,26,
Nov. 2,9,16,30, Dec. 7,14
Morning session: 9:30am-11:30 am
Afternoon session: 1pm-3pm.
Members: \$175./Non-members: \$195.
Pre-registration required

Nature Play Afterschool Program

with Katie Koerten
Ages 6-9, Grades 1-3

Enjoy afternoons full of outdoor adventures this fall! Each Wednesday after school we will play outside and explore the forest, farm and wetlands of the Larch Hill conservation area, letting our imaginations guide us. Using trees, ponds and streams as our playground we will make projects, play games, and make new friends. This program runs continuously throughout the school year with a fall, winter and spring session. Program limited to 10 participants.

Fall Session: Wednesdays, September 5 – December 19,
1:30-5 p.m.
Members: \$528 per session/Non-members: \$560 per session
Pre-registration required



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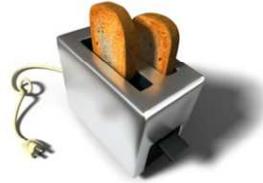
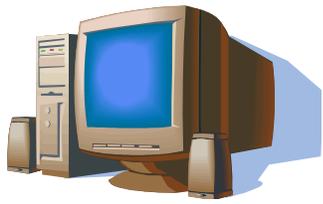
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DATES: Weekly July 2nd - July 27th

TIMES: 9am - 3pm

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PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
45 AMHERST ROAD, PELHAM**

Items to bring and the fee you pay for each:

TVs	\$20.00
Refrigerators, air conditioners, stoves, microwaves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, dehumidifiers	\$10.00
Laptops, monitors, CPUs, printers, copiers, fax machines, office phones, DVD players, VCRs, stereos, radios	\$ 5.00
Toasters, blenders, food processors, coffee makers, electric griddles/woks, waffle irons, mixers	\$ 5.00
Computer accessories/small electronics; keyboard, mouse, cables, remote controls, MP3 player, walkman, chargers/power cords*	each \$ 2.00
*SPECIAL! Fill a shoe box with assorted computer accessories or small electronics	\$ 5.00
Cellular phones, printer cartridges	FREE!

Please contact Elise Stromgren (stromgrens@comcast.net or 413.256.3475) with questions

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Request for Pelham After School Care for '12-'13

Parent's name: _____

Summer mailing address: _____

Summer phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Child's name and grade (in Sept.): _____

Sibling name and grade (in Sept.): _____

Desired slots:

Desired slots for sibling:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday (counts as 2 slots) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday (counts as 2 slots) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday |

Tuition is \$40 per slot per month.

Full time care is \$240 per month (Wed. counts as a double slot)

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Phone 265-3766 email: clwarepel@comcast.net

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You will receive enrollment confirmation within 2 weeks of request. Enrollment packets will be received by mid-August and are due back BEFORE your child begins attending.

THANK YOU & WE'LL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

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date rec'd _____ deposit rec'd _____ confirmation sent _____

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● 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**.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<p><i>ENJOY YOUR SUMMER VACATION!</i></p> <p><i>THE FRUIT OF THE MONTH IS NECTARINES.</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>● Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks & Dip Fruit Choice</p>
<p>4</p> <p>● Chicken Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Fries</p>	<p>5</p> <p>● Beef Nachos Cheese & Salsa Rice Corn</p>	<p>6</p> <p>● SUMMER PARTY Hamburger or Veggie Burger on a Bun Pasta Salad Watermelon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>● Toasted Cheese Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread Tomato Soup</p>	<p>8</p> <p>● Cheese Pizza Tossed Green Salad Fresh Nectarine</p>
<p>11</p> <p>● Chicken Nuggets Baked Fries Whole Wheat Dinner Roll</p>	<p>12</p> <p>● Meatball Grinder Tossed Green Salad Garlic Bread Fresh Nectarine</p>	<p>13</p> <p>● Brunch For Lunch French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup Cinnamon Apples Baked Tator Tots</p>	<p>14</p> <p>● Chicken Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Fries</p>	<p>15</p> <p>● Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks & Dip Fresh Nectarine</p>
<p>18</p> <p>● Mozzarella Sticks w/ a Side of Marinara Sauce Green Beans Whole Wheat Bread</p>	<p>19</p> <p>● Macaroni & Beef Bake Steamed Carrots Whole Wheat Bread Fresh Nectarine</p>	<p>20</p> <p>● Hot Dog on a Whole Wheat Roll Baked Fries Applesauce</p>	<p>21</p> <p>● Chicken Nuggets Tator Tots Whole Wheat Dinner Roll</p>	<p>22</p> <p>● Cheese Pizza Tossed Green Salad Fruit Choice</p>
<p>25</p> <p>ENJOY</p>	<p>26</p> <p>YOUR</p>	<p>27</p> <p>SUMMER!!!</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

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