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Dates to Remember:

Friday, March 30
 Monday, April 2
 Wednesday, April 4
 Thursday, April 5
 Monday, April 9
 Monday, April 9-Friday, April 13
 Wednesday, April 11
 Friday, April 13
 April 16-20
 Sunday, April 29

After-School Play- 7:00 p.m. **TONIGHT!!**
 PTO Meeting- 6:00 p.m.
 School Council Meeting- 7:30 a.m.
 School Committee – 6:30 p.m.
Kindergarten Registration
 Spring Scholastic Book Fair
 OPEN HOUSE- 7-8 p.m
 Roger Tinknell- All school assembly 1:30 p.m.
 Spring Recess- NO SCHOOL
 Spring Fair



Dear Pelham School Families,

Due to budgetary restraints, we have not been able to support our school library as we have in past years. In order to continue to provide current, updated, and new volumes and other media for our students, we have decided to have an additional Book Fair this year with the proceeds going directly to the Pelham School Library portion of the Pelham Library. If you would like to make an outright donation, that is always welcome and could be sent to the Pelham School office. The school is looking for volunteers to help with the Spring Book Fair to staff the book sale booth after school and on Open House night. Please look for a form that will go home with your student today in which you can indicate your availability to staff the Book Fair, if you are able to do so.

Families in grades K-4 will receive a letter today explaining how your children can access Symphony Math from home. The letter will include information on how to download as well as username and login information. We have this program on trial until the remainder of the year, so your feedback would be very much appreciated. Some students have already begun to use this program at Pelham School, however the students that have **not** begun to use it yet must begin with a very short placement test. In addition to this program, just a reminder that there are multiple online resources your child can access from home. They are listed on our school website under the Students link. For your convenience, here is the link: [Educational Websites](#) There are many fun and engaging sites for your children to explore!

Kindergarten Registration for incoming Pelham kindergarten students begins the week of April 9th. Current school choice families are eligible to apply and have first option at any available school choice slots at the kindergarten level.

Just a reminder to families that wheelies are **not** allowed at school. We have had several requests from students and parents as to whether these can be worn at school. For safety reasons, they cannot be brought onto school grounds. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,
Lisa Desjarlais

Message From After School

The Afterschool Actors will present their first musical **TONIGHT** on the Pelham School stage. The performance, “The TRUE Story of Little Red Riding Hood” will begin promptly at 7 P.M. There is no admission cost and refreshments will be served following the performance. We hope you will be able to attend and support this hardworking group!

Third Grade News **Meg Gallagher**

I want to let you know that every third grader worked so hard on their MCAS tests last week. I could tell that each one was trying their best. I am so proud of their work ethic. Please congratulate them.

The excitement is mounting in our classroom, as the students become very excited about Open House and our State Fair. Children have studied a particular state, learned about its location, landforms, and interesting things to do and places to see. They are composing and typing their reports and designing their covers. We will be assembling our creative maps, and putting the finishing touches on our PowerPoint presentation. Our “fair” will be open from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm on April 11th during Open House for families to view, and each class will visit the fair the following Thursday. Your children are working very hard preparing for these special days.

Our current geography unit is filled with maps, map games, and the terrain of the United States. We are concentrating on New England at the moment. Watch for sections of the US map coming home to study.

In math, we are currently working on a graphing unit. Students have been filling out surveys and creating bar graphs, pictographs, and line plots. I hope they are sharing their work with you at home.

Stephanie Miller, our UMASS graduate student will be conducting her two weeks in charge starting April 2nd. I will be guiding her through this process and working alongside her. She is an excellent teacher, and I am looking forward to the work she will be doing with the children.

Fourth Grade Pelham Press

The salmon have arrived! A fisheries representative stopped by with three hundred pinkish baby fish. We have been reading Leaper, by Robert M. McClung. It tells the story of one lucky salmon that makes it all the way from an egg to a mature adult. Along the way Leaper's journey is fraught with obstacles, human-made and natural. Students have been taking notes and will begin drawing sketches in their science journals with a partner. When they have finished going through the book, they will find a new partner and share their notes. Once students have a good understanding of the material, they will come up with project ideas that display all they have learned.

We are finishing up mushing! The children read several books, including Stone Fox. Little Willy enters himself and his trusty dog Searchlight in a sled race to win money to pay the overdue taxes on his Grandfather's farm. But he is up against Stone Fox, a quiet but determined Native American, and his squad of seasoned Samoyeds. We are using the book to practice complete responses to text-based questions. 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.

Students also read a book called The Greatest Win Ever. This book is a fictional account of one musher's dramatic victory over all the challenges of dog sledding. Interspersed in the story are factual tidbits about Iditarod history, geography, rules, and equipment needed. We have finished writing a whole-class picture book version of the story.

Open House will be here before you know it. Make sure to set aside this time to come and share all your child has been doing in the classroom.

Mr. Shaw

FROM THE PELHAM SCHOOL LIBRARY

Congratulations to Jodi Levine for becoming the new director of the Pelham Public Library. Jodi is very supportive of the children's collection at Pelham and the library has already been awarded a **Books for Children** grant from the Libri Foundation.

Thank you Jodi!

Instructional Technology

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Students in the Kindergarten have been working hard to develop mouse skills. We have also started some basic keyboarding and literacy sites.



Students in Grade 1 continue learning keyboarding and word processing. They are also using Lexia, drawing in TuxPaint, and developing and refining mouse skills and using literacy websites.



Students in Grades 2 and 3 worked hard on Internet Searching basics and will continue by adding some site evaluation skills. We will also start some PowerPoint skills for presentation and animation.



Students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 worked hard on Internet Searching basics and will move to more advanced skills including site evaluation, citations, and country codes. These skills are being used for class projects. Next we will use PowerPoint to create presentations as well as some animation.



Instructional Technology



Website: www.strategy2design.com/es
And

<https://pelhamelementarytech.wikispaces.com>

Please review with your child(ren) the Pelham School Handbook rules for Internet and network use.

Massachusetts Instructional Technology Standards:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in the use of computers and applications as well as an understanding of concepts underlying hardware, software, and connectivity.
2. Demonstrate responsible use of technology and understand the ethics and safety issues when using electronic media.
3. Demonstrate ability to use technology for research, problem-solving, and communication. Students locate, evaluate, collect, and process information from a variety of electronic sources. Students use telecommunications and other media to interact or collaborate with peers, experts, and other audiences.

National Educational Technology K-12 Standards for Students

1. Creativity and Innovation
2. Communication and Collaboration
3. Research and Information Fluency
4. Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, & Decision Making
5. Digital Citizenship
6. Technology Operations and Concepts

BOOK FAIR Luau

It's a Reading Celebration!

HELP STAFF PELHAM'S SPRING BOOK FAIR

April 9th – 13th

In the last few years the book budget for fiction and non-fiction books has been cut and we've had to find alternative ways to keep the children's collection current, growing and appealing. All proceeds from the fair will go to the school library for the purchase of children's books. We are looking for volunteers to help us set up and run the fair. If you can spare a couple of hours please contact either Lisa Desjarlais or Rosalba Booth at the school or fill out the form below and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Do you have 2-3 hours to volunteer immediately after school ?

We need help:

- Unpacking and setting up
- Staffing the cashier's table
- Helping kids fill out their wish list forms
- Packing up

It's a great excuse to hang out with books and kids, AND it helps raise money for the Pelham School Library.

The Pelham Book Fair is sponsored by the Pelham PTO and all proceeds go to the Pelham School Library.



Any questions? Feel free to contact
Rosalba Baroni-Booth, Pelham School Librarian at rbaronibooth@gmail.com or Lisa
Desjarlais , Principal at desjarlaisl@arps.org

The times we need help are:

- Thursday 4/5/12- set up- 3:00-5:00
- Friday 4/5/12- 3:30-5:30
- Monday-Friday, 4/9-4/13- 3:30-5:30
- Wednesday, 4/11 6:30-8:30

_____ I can help on the following date (s): _____ time: _____

Name (please print)

Phone number

Please return to your child's teacher or the school office.

IF IT LOOKS LIKE A CAMP, AND FEELS LIKE A CAMP....

Do you need summer care? I will be having 1 week of all day care this summer. Familiar faces staff this popular camp like session, scheduled for June 25 – June 29. The cost is \$185 for each week with a sibling discount. State vouchers are accepted and scholarships are available for eligible families. This fun program, held at the Pelham School, will run from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.(with early and late care negotiable). Space is limited, so see Lennie Ware to sign up or for more information. Call 265-3766 or email clwarepel@comcast.net.

(This program is not limited to current after school families.)

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	\$4.00
Adult	\$3.25
Milk/Chocolate Milk	\$4.00
100% Juice	\$5.00

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

SEMI-SNACKS CONTAIN

Fat-7g or less - Sat Fat-2g or less
Sodium-360mg or less - Sugar-15g or less

WE OFFER BREAKFAST DAILY

Don't forget to stop by the café 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 Tritley 413-302-1839**.



Murray's celebrates Spring with his "rooti tutti fruity" menu ideas. Here are some of his favorite fruit recipes. Why not give them a try: blueberries over rice pudding and a banana yogurt and graham cracker crumb parfait.

Pelham Elementary School

APRIL 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5	6
Mozzarella Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Steamed Carrots	Macaroni & Cheese Green Peas Whole Wheat Dinner Roll	Chicken Nuggets Steamed Rice Corn Raisins	Take Me Out To The Ball Game Beef Hot Dog on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Fries Side Salad	Cheese Pizza Fresh Garden Salad Fresh Banana
9	10	11	12	13
Hamburger or Veggie Burger on a Whole Wheat Bun Corn	Beef Nachos w/ Cheese & Salsa Brown Rice Fresh Veggie Sticks	Macaroni & Beef Bake Peas Whole Wheat Bread Vanilla Pudding w/ Sliced Banana	Chicken Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Fries	Cheese Pizza Fresh Carrot & Celery Sticks w/ Ranch Dip
16	17	18	19	20
Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess
23	24	25	26	27
Chicken &/or Cheese Quesadilla Salsa Steamed Rice Corn	BRUNCH FOR LUNCH French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage(P) Applesauce Baked Tator Tots	Chicken Nuggets Steamed Rice Peas Raisins	Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fresh Orange	Murray's Frutti Tutti Spring Cheese Pizza Fresh Garden Salad Banana, Yogurt and Graham Cracker parfait
30	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>CELEBRATE EARTH DAY IT IS THE 22nd!</p>  <p>BANANAS are the fruit of the month.</p>  </div>			
Beef Nachos w/ Cheese & Salsa Brown Rice Green Salad				

Greenleaf Cuisine

WE PURCHASE LOCALLY!
100% 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

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

Have Allergies to Gluten, Casein or Soy?
Check out NuLife Foods! They offer great tasting, GFCF/FD Foods that help people with food sensitivities to be free. Certain items are available right in your cafeteria! www.NuLifeFoods.com