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Dates to Remember:

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| Friday, May 18 | Latino Achievement Awards- 6:30 p.m. ARMS |
| Monday, May 28 | No School –Memorial Day |
| Wednesday, May 30 | Band, Orchestra, and Chorus concert 7pm (Please note date change) |
| Friday, June 1 | Field Day- all grades |
| Wed. June 6-Fri. June 8 | Nature's Classroom Trip-Grade 6 |
| Thursday, June 14 | Bomba Performance- 10:45- Parents welcome!;Grade 1 Field Trip- Fish Lift |
| Friday, June 15 | Grade 1 Field Trip- Look Park |
| Monday, June 18 | Mill River Trip- Grades K-5 |
| Wednesday, June 20 | Grade 6 Musical- 7p.m. |
| Thursday, June 21 | Grade 6 Graduation- LAST DAY OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM |
| Friday, June 22 | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- Early Release at 1:20, last day of After School |



Dear Pelham School Families,

The Lasagna Dinner last Friday evening was a great success! The fundraiser for the sixth grade classroom's trip to Nature's Classroom raised approximately \$850. A special thank you goes to Debbie McClean for organizing this annual event, as well as all the families that donated the different menu items for the dinner. It was quite entertaining to be waited on by the fifth and sixth grade students who served as the waitstaff. They were amazingly attentive in providing phenomenal service!

The Pelham Town Meeting met on Saturday, May 5th and approved a number of articles to support the Pelham School. The school budget passed, and the town also voted to support the purchase of updated emergency lighting, improved security systems, an energy improvement upgrade, and a much needed chimney extension. An emergency generator was also approved to be purchased, which will allow the Pelham School and the Pelham emergency services building to be powered in the case of an emergency situation, with plans to utilize the school as a warming center as needed. The Pelham School is very appreciative for the support it receives from the community!!

Have a wonderful Mother's Day!!

Sincerely,

Lisa Desjarlais

May 7-22				
Math-grades 3-6				
Sci/Tech./Eng. grade 5				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Grade 5 Science 9:00-11:00	8 Grade 5 Science 9:00-11:00	9	10 Grade 4 Math 9:00-11:00	11 Grade 4 Math 9:00-11:00
14 Grade 5 Math 9:00-11:00	15 Grade 3 Math 9:45-11:45 Grade 5 Math 9:00-11:00	16 Grade 6 Math 9:45-11:45	17 Grade 3 Math 9:45-11:45 Grade 6 Math 9:45-11:45	18 <i>Makeups as needed</i>

Winding Up or Winding Down in Third Grade

Meg Gallagher

This is almost mid-May and some might think we would be winding down towards summer. Not so in Third Grade! Our days are full and students are learning new and exciting things.

In math we have been working on Patterns. We are describing and extending a number sequence with a constant increment (e.g., 3, 6, 9 or 2, 5,8,...). We are determining the element of an ABC pattern associated with a particular counting number and identifying numbers that are multiples of 3, or 1 less or 1 more than a multiple of 3. It's some pretty tough stuff!

We have also been working steadily in Math preparing for the MCAS. Third grade will test on Tuesday and Thursday, May15th and 17th.

Students recently finished some great entertaining novels in reading groups. We worked on fluency, and I am so impressed with the gains children have made this year. This week I have tested children on the syllabication rules I've taught them to help decode words, and everyone is aware of the rules and many are using them consistently.

In writing, we are finishing pieces that related to our third See Hear Feel Film unit. We had a very nice compliment from someone who said our students' writing is wonderful! I agree!

Next week we begin an eagerly anticipated Language Arts Unit that revolves around whales. Through the study of whales, students will reinforce their skills in reading for factual information and expository writing. By embedding this work into the study of whales, we utilize children's natural curiosity about whales and oceans. Studying about these mammoth beings, allows us to study about ourselves also and our relationship to nature.

Next week we will begin a health unit about the human eye. We'll look at the function and operation of the eyes, develop respect for the complex function of the eyes, investigate how all our senses are involved in what we see, learn about eyesight problems and common solutions, and identify ways our bodies protect our eyes.

So as you can see, May is chock full of work and excitement!

Fourth Grade

Thank you everyone for coming to our Open House. I know it really meant something to the students. They were proud of all they had accomplished.

We have been doing a good deal of geography, with more in store. Students have been identifying regions of the United States and learning about their characteristic attributes. Using special maps, students indicate major physical and human made features throughout our country. They also learn about climates and places where typical human activities like farming and ranching occur.

During the last part of the school year, I like to include a few more project-oriented activities. It is an opportunity for children to get together and present their creations to the class. Students have already made wonderful salmon posters, books and diagrams. We are beginning our second round of science investigations into rocks/minerals and plants/trees. Children will be introduced to the different ways rocks are formed. There are plenty of hands on activities that will help "solidify" (sorry) 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.

As you may know, we will be testing this week in the fourth grade. We have two sessions of mathematics, and they are on Thursday and Friday. Each session is typically a few hours. I will be supplying a few healthy snacks.

It is never too late to check in regarding your child's progress. As the year winds down, I can help think of ways to maintain and enhance their learning over the summer. While it may not be the first thing on student's minds, there are simple activities that will keep them ready for the next school year.

Thank You,
Mr. Shaw



Head Lice Alert

As many parents already know, Pelham School has been exposed to an outbreak of head lice. Just the knowledge of this outbreak makes many people start to worry and itch. The truth is that it is not as easy to get head lice as many people believe.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, head lice are spread by **direct contact** with the hair of a person infested with head lice. Head lice move by crawling and cannot hop or fly. Head lice can spread by contact with infested clothing, but this is uncommon. Head lice need to stay very close to the scalp to feed and can only survive one to two days away from the scalp.

Female head lice lay eggs called nits that adhere strongly to the hair shaft. In order to stay alive the nit must be $\frac{1}{4}$ inch or closer to the scalp as they require body temperature (98 degrees) to survive. Nits that are past $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of the hair shaft are either dead or have already hatched.

Head lice do not carry any disease, but cause much anxiety, annoyance, itching and possible loss of sleep. A rash from excessive scratching may also develop. For these reasons, we ask that parents or guardians of children with known infestation to please call Pelham School and notify the nurse. All Pelham students who have come in contact with the student(s) will be checked for head lice, and a letter with instructions will be sent home to inform parents/guardians of the exposure. **IF HEAD LICE OR ACTIVE NITS ARE FOUND ON YOUR CHILD, YOU WILL RECEIVE A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE.** If you do not receive a call from the nurse, please just continue to check your child's hair for the next week.

If you have further concerns, please call Paula Russell (Nurse Paula) at 362-1103.

Instructional Technology

Gaby Richard-Harrington
harringtong@arps.org
413 362-1100

May and June 2012



Students in the Kindergarten are extending their mouse and keyboarding skills as they learn their letters and numbers.



Students in Grade 1 continue learning keyboarding and word processing. They are also using Lexia, drawing in TuxPaint, and developing and refining mouse skills. Students will spend some time creating a memory book for Mr. Lipman.



Students in Grades 2 are learning some PowerPoint skills for presentation and animation. They will also spend some time working on a memory book for Mrs. Corey.



Students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 are working hard on multimedia projects either in Scratch or in PowerPoint. Look for more information on a "media festival" in the last days of school.



Instructional Technology



Website: www.strategy2design.com/es
and
<https://pelhamelementarytech.wikispaces.com>

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

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

Community News

Come join Boy Scout Troop 500 Amherst to see how Scouting is evolving as it moves into its 2nd century. We are having an Open House for prospective scouts and their families Tuesday, May 22 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the South Congregational Church, 1066 Southeast Street, Amherst. Troop 500 has a 50+ year history in Amherst working with school-age boys (grades 6-12). Troop activities are organized and run by the boys, including weekly meetings, monthly campouts, and projects in the community. Our Scouts learn practical outdoor skills and develop leadership skills while having a lot of fun. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Peter Crowley at (413) 348-8052.

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

Looking for childcare the last week of July?
Want your child to be a part of a creative and active summer?

Kinga Binga's Clubhouse

Back by popular demand!

Come join Kinga this summer for fun in the sun!

Highly experienced in art and theater, child services, and group programming.
CPR and First Aid Certified.

Monday July 23-27 from 8:30am-5:00pm

Ages 5-11

\$200/per child, \$185 for second child

(Scholarship for discounted price on an as needed basis)

Spaces limited to 20 children

One action-packed week of exciting activities, games, and performances!

- Cooking and homemade summer snacks!
- Nature walks & exploration!
- Water and relay games!
- Creative art projects!
- Dancing!
- Photography and filmmaking!
- Showcase at the end of the week!

Clubhouse is located 2 miles from Pelham Elementary School

Please contact **Kinga McCraven** to register via:

Email: Kinga.McCraven@gmail.com

Phone: 413-687-3382

not school sponsored

Used Book Drive

to benefit CHD/Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County



To donate new or gently used Children's Books, drop them off at your child's school!
BOOKS WILL BE COLLECTED UNTIL JUNE 21

KIDS BOOKS ONLY PLEASE!
NO MAGAZINES, TEXTBOOKS, VIDEOS, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, OR YOUTH ADULT BOOKS



For more information contact
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County
Phone: (413) 259-3345
Email: bbbshc@chd.org

The **Used Book Sale** is only one of many activities at the
Amherst Crafts on the Common
Saturday, July 14th
9AM—5PM
Amherst Town Common

This is not a school sponsored activity.



News from the Pelham Library

How wonderful to have so many eager new volunteers in the Library! Pelham School students Hanna Hartman, Lauren Oh, Willem Goff, Lily Plotkin, Nora Klotz, Sammi Wils-Hall, Cady Case and Saebra Delaney have all been joining us after school to help out with those many tasks that keep the library functioning smoothly and looking great--watering plants, shelving books, organizing the stacks, helping with mailings and generally tidying up the place. If your child would like to help out, too, be sure to let us know. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated! In the coming weeks we will be distributing a patron use survey. This is part of our long range planning process and helps us to serve the community better. Please take a few minutes to fill it out so we can plan our programming and purchasing to suit your needs and desires. Thank you in advance!

Of course, new books and DVDs are arriving weekly so if you haven't been by in a while please stop in and see what's new. While you're here be sure to check our Lost & Found table, too. We've accumulated quite the collection of mittens, sweatshirts, water bottles, toys, etc. and would love to see them reunited with their owners.

See you at the library!

Jodi

Say “Happy Mother’s Day” with Heart and Meaning!

*When you support a mother, you uplift her family.
When you uplift her family, you strengthen their community.
When you strengthen their community, you change the world.*

You may be familiar with the work of [MotherWoman](#), regional organization that helps mothers through direct support, professional trainings, coalition building and family policy. In honor of **Mother’s Day**, MotherWoman is offering you an opportunity to make a gift that will make a Mother you know proud and is also a gift to many more mothers and families in your community at the same time.

This is how you can do that. Watch the [‘Moms are Worth a Million!’ video](#). Be moved. Be inspired! (Prepare to cry). Make a meaningful Mother’s Day gift. Then share this video with all of the Moms you love!

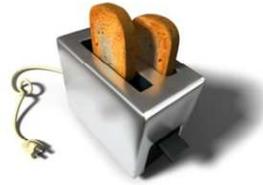
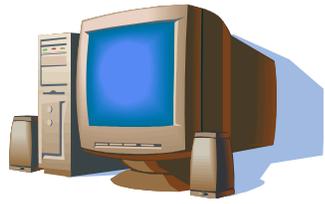


WWW.IndieGOGO.com/MAWAM

We want for EVERY mother what these 4 women had – a Support Group where they can feel safe to speak the truth without being judged, where they can build community and support one another as they navigate the realities of motherhood.

www.MotherWoman.org

Levine, Director, and the staff of the Pelham Library



**DO YOU HAVE ELECTRONICS OR APPLIANCES YOU NO LONGER USE?
BRING THEM TO THE PELHAM PTO
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FUNDRAISER!**

**SATURDAY JUNE 2, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
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

BE GREEN * RECYCLE



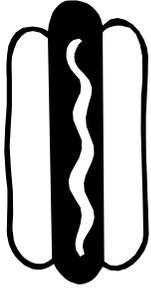
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<http://www.crrr.org/>

SPONSORED BY THE PELHAM SCHOOL PTO

SCHOOL EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS SPONSORED BY OR FUNDED BY THE PTO INCLUDE: * GLOBES AND WORLD MAPS FOR CLASSROOMS * TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION * NEW CURTAINS FOR THE STAGE * STUDENT SNACKS DURING MCAS EXAMS * ANTI-BULLYING T-SHIRTS * ICE CREAM SOCIAL * HALLOWEEN PARTY * VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE * SPRING FAIR *

THE PELHAM PTO THANKS YOU FOR THE SUPPORT THAT MAKES THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE



The PTO would like to thank EVERYONE for pitching in for concessions at the Spring Fair. It was a true team effort. Some people cooked food, others purchased food at stores and donated it, people helped set up and/or clean up, UMass students helped during food sales, parents counted money, and many bought the food we were selling.

Thank you all

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:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday |
| <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)

We offer a 10% sibling discount and financial aid is available.

The only checks now due are the deposits for new students of \$50 per child.*
This one time deposit may be credited towards the child's last month of tuition.

Checks payable to: **Pelham After School Program.*

Mail to: Lennie Ware @ 11 Boyden Rd, Pelham, MA 01002

Phone 265-3766 email: clwarepel@comcast.net

SLOT CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT. MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVE IT !

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 _____

Jillian celebrates National Salad month. It's her favorite time of year to come up with new veggie recipes. Here are some tips on how to serve your veggies: grilled veggie kebobs, veggies with low fat dip, veggie soups and baked potatoes with broccoli and cheese.

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 \$1.40
 Adult \$3.25
 Milk/Chocolate Milk \$1.40
 100% Juice \$1.50

PREPAID LUNCHES 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 / 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

SENSIBLE 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 cafe for breakfast.
 Breakfast-\$1.50, Reduced Breakfast-\$1.00, 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 Threlky 413-362-1830**.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Chicken Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Fries	2 Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Whole Wheat Bread	3 CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION Soft Chicken Taco Fresh Salsa Baked Chips	4 Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks & Dip Fruit Choice
7 Beef Nachos Cheese & Salsa Rice Corn	8 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Whole Wheat Dinner Roll	9 Spaghetti & Meatballs Tossed Green Salad Garlic Bread	10 Fish Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Tator Tots	11 Cheese Pizza Tossed Green Salad Fruit Choice
14 Macaroni & Beef Bake Steamed Carrots Whole Wheat Bread	15 Hot Dog on a Whole Wheat Roll Baked Fries Applesauce	16 <u>Jillian's Veggie Tips</u> Baked Potato Taco Meat Broccoli Cheese Whole Wheat Dinner	17 Hamburger, Cheese-burger or Veggie Burger on a Bun Green Peas	18 Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks & Dip Fruit Choice
21 <u>Brunch For Lunch</u> French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup Cinnamon Apples Baked Tator Tots	22 Toasted Cheese Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread Tomato Soup	23 Beef or Bean Tacos w/ Salsa, Cheese & Shredded Lettuce Fresh Veggie Sticks	24 Chicken Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Steamed Broccoli Baked Fries	25 Cheese Pizza Tossed Green Salad Fruit Choice
28 MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	29 Mozzarella Sticks w/ a Side of Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Whole Wheat Bread	30 Shepherd's Pie w/ Mashed Potatoes & Corn Whole Wheat Bread	31 Chicken Nuggets Corn Tator Tots Whole Wheat Dinner Roll	The Veggie of the month is BROCCOLINI



WE PURCHASE LOCALLY!
 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 cafe! Drag and drop real menu items 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, GFCO/CFR Foods that help people with food sensitivities to be free. Certain items are available right in your cafeteria! www.NuLifeFoods.com

