

Sincerely, *Lisa Desjarlais*

Quinlan's Quill

The fifth grade is getting into the swing of things. We are learning the routines, the expectations and we are creating a class culture. The beginning of the year is always exciting, and a little overwhelming.

During the first weeks of school we are learning about ourselves. We are discussing different learning strategies, the idea of Effort and explicitly teaching what that means. We talk a lot about Effort in 5th grade and the specific behaviors that help children put effort into their work. These behaviors are time, focus, using effective strategies, using different resources, accepting feedback and commitment. We will have a lesson on each of these behaviors. Finally, during the first few weeks we will be learning about our family's history and traditions.

Also, during this unit we will be writing personal narratives. This will be our first structured writing assignment. Students will work on writing a well-structured paragraph and those that master that will create a 5 paragraph essay.

In math I will be utilizing the math program Go Math! Along with other resources such as Everyday Math, and Scott Foresman. Go Math is a new curriculum for 5th grade but it is the same program that Ms. Light uses in 6th grade. So, this year I am piloting parts of the program that I believe will enhance my already existing program. We will also be doing a lot of Problem Solving. A part of every Friday will be dedicated to problem solving.

In reading, the class is reading Bud not Buddy a wonderful book by Christopher Paul Curtis. In this book, we work on different literary devices such as hook, point of view, simile, metaphor, setting, flashback, characterization, personification, humor, cliffhanger, and conflict. During this book, I am reading the book and students are following along. We are also answering questions and modeling what a thorough answer is in 5th grade. Finally, during this time, Ms. Carlisle is pulling kids to do reading assessments. She will work with each student and evaluate their reading level.

I am looking forward to working with the new 5th grade. We will work hard, learn a lot, and hopefully have a little fun.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Suzanne Quinlan

Sixth Grade News

We've had a busy start to the school year. In addition to various assessments, we've been talking about ourselves as learners and how to stay healthy. We've kept track of what we eat with food logs, have examined food labels, and discussed the need to limit excess salt, fat, and sugar. It was particularly interesting to measure out how many teaspoons of sugar are in a typical can of soda. We'll all have a healthy year if we eat well, get enough sleep, exercise daily, and manage our stress. We have also discussed our learning styles and how to use strategies to help us be successful.

We've started our math curriculum, which is based on Big Ideas Math, written by Ron Larson and Laurie Boswell. Our first unit is Numerical Expressions and Factors. Much of the first chapter is review, including Whole Number Operations, Powers and Exponents, Order of Operations, Prime Factorization, Greatest Common Factor, and Least Common Multiple. The math lessons alternate between discovery activities where student partners explore various concepts, and the lessons which guide us through vocabulary, algorithms, and practice problems. Sixth graders have math homework every weeknight.

Our first Science unit in the Project Based Inquiry Science program is called "Diving In." We will be learning about how scientists work together by solving problems and experimenting with paper. Our first project will be building book supports out of index cards, rubber bands and paper clips. Other science units this year include Geology, Earth in the solar system, science fair, and robotics.

In social studies we use the History Alive! Ancient World text. There are engaging activities with every chapter's lessons, and over the course of the year we'll study Early Hominids, Egypt and Kush, Greece, and Rome. In addition, we study 5 major world religions and use our news magazine, Junior Scholastic, to discuss current events.

I am already impressed by the 6th grade class. They have been focused on class activities and kind to others during our school days. I am grateful to those of you who have already contributed to our class supply of granola bars, dry erase markers and tissues. We never seem to have enough, and you've helped start our year more comfortably. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. I check my email regularly: lightm@arps.org or you can call the school or stop by before 8:30 am or after 3:15 pm to talk.

Margaret Light

Community Notes

AFTER SCHOOL AFTER THOUGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER '17

September dates:

- Aug. 30 – first day of program (kindergarteners start on their 1st full school day)
- Sept. 4 – holiday closure, no program
- Sept 15 – tuition for October due
- Sept. 20 – early dismissal at 1:20 P.M., Gap Care provided

NEW this year:

Save paper – avoid late fees! Starting in October, you can opt for an **email alert** that will remind you that your bill is due. Then simply pay your regular amount and you are all set. At any time you can check your balance by emailing me or by requesting a hard copy of your bill. Simply email me (clwarepel@comcast.net) with the subject heading "TUITION BILL ADDRESS" so I have the proper email for sending the alert.

Is your child not attending afterschool on one of their regular days? All you need to do is contact me (by email, text, or a note to the school), and your child will be sent to the gym for **parent pick-up**.

If no notification is given, PLEASE come to the cafeteria for dismissal purposes. We can't start the program until all students are accounted for and, with about 50 kids a day, it slows us down if any student leaves without a plan.

We are happy to welcome **Geri Eilert** to our team of counselors. She is a freshman at UMass and will be working 2 days a week.

"OLD" this year:

Your kids can plan on keeping safe and having fun with Ashley, Chris, Jacqui, Jasmine, Kelsey G., Kelsey N., Rachel, and Sam! And, of course, the real "old-timer" – Lennie!

Experienced Child Care Provider Available week days. *Elana Victor* [1-413-253-8828](tel:1-413-253-8828) 15 years experience and references. A 13 year resident of Pelham

Support Pelham's School Library, visit the



FALL 2017 BOOK FAIR!

Books
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Tuesday–Thursday, September 19–21
Pelham School Gymnasium

✓ *After School*

Tuesday, 9/19, 3:10–4:30

Wednesday, 9/20, 1:20–3:30

Thursday, 9/21, 3:10–5:30



✓ *Curriculum Night*

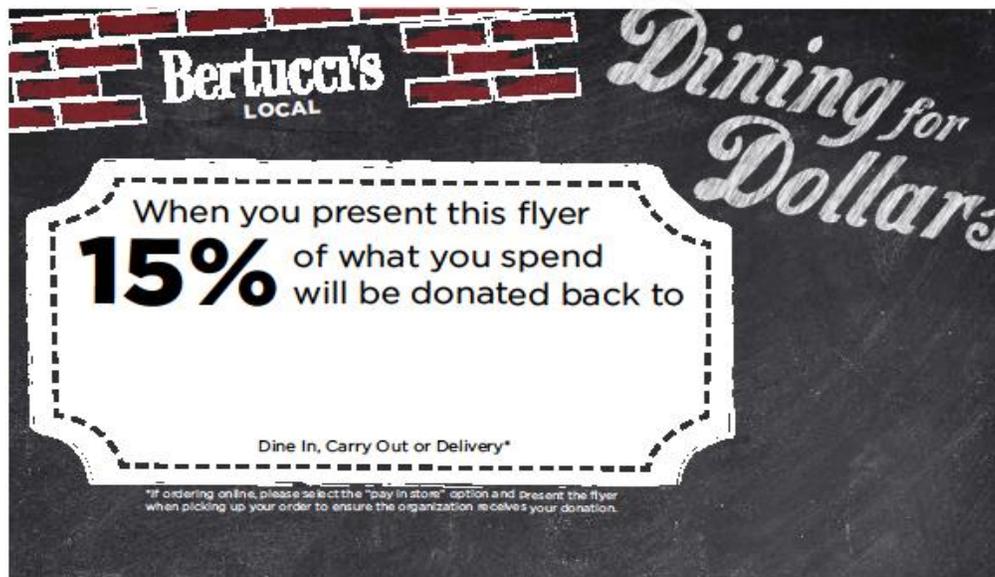
Tuesday, 9/19, 6:30–7:30



Need more time? Go online! Take advantage of free shipping and an expanded selection by visiting <http://scholastic.com/fair> from September 13th - 26th.



Can you help? To volunteer* please contact Maia Porter at mporter7@gmail.com
*The After School Program offers childcare to volunteers



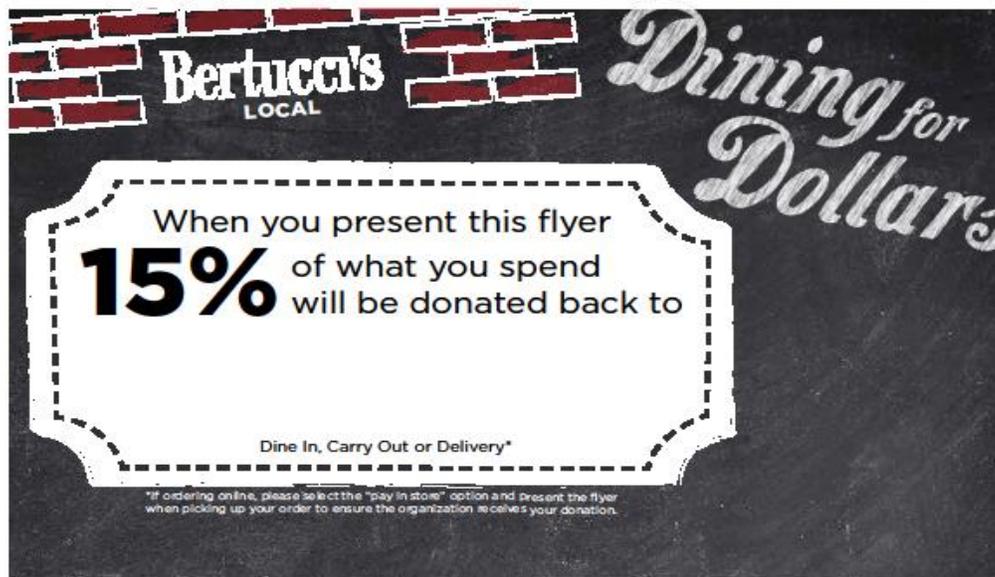
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NEW SWIMMER TRY-OUTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH @ 11AM

MUST PRE-REGISTER AT WWW.ATST.ORG (SELECT CONTACT US)



Calling all future Katie Ledeckys and Caeleb Dressels!!! We are preparing for the upcoming winter season and looking for new swimmers ages 5-18! The Amherst Tritons Swim Team (ATST) is a non profit, competitive swim team dedicated to building the love of the sport or swimming while gaining fitness and confidence. We offer tiered, ability based practices after school in our fall/winter season (September-January) and a spring/summer season (April-July). Our coaches are certified through US swimming and provide a terrific atmosphere for youth swimming since 1972. Interested families must pre-register by visiting www.atst.org and selecting the "contact us" button on the webpage. We hope to see you at the pool!

MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR A TRY-OUT SPOT AT WWW.ATST.ORG (SELECT CONTACT US)



WE RECOMMEND SWIMMERS BE ABLE TO:
SWIM TWO LENGTHS OF THE POOL, HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF FOUR MAJOR STROKES (FREESTYLE, BREASTSTROKE, BUTTERFLY AND BACKSTROKE), AND BE ABLE TO DIVE HEADFIRST FROM THE SIDE OF THE POOL.

New swimmers who pass this initial evaluation are added to the team on a space available basis. Completing the try-out does not guarantee a spot on the team. This is not a school sponsored event.



Announcing the Singing Giraffe Music Class for kids ages 4-8 years old who just love to sing. We'll learn great songs, explore accompaniment and movement and concepts of all kinds.

Tuesdays, Sept. 12th through October 31st, 3:45-4:45 PM

Located at Immanuel Lutheran Church,
867 N Pleasant St Amherst, MA 01002

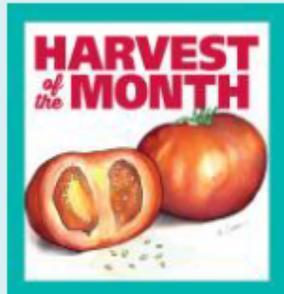
Directed by Dorothy Cresswell

Nationally Board Certified

Producer of the Curious Giraffe Show

Contact Dorothy at dcresswell321@gmail.com or call [413-668-4189](tel:413-668-4189)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		30	31	1
		Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Carrot & Celery Sticks With Dip Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Bartlett Pear Assorted Fruits	Beef Tacos Shredded Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa, Sour Cream Rice & Beans Hand Fruit Assorted Fruits	Cheesy Pepperoni Pizza Slice Romaine Salad with Grape Tomatoes Sliced Peaches Assorted Fruits
4	5	6	7	8
No School LABOR DAY	Burger Bar Special With Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato Slices Carrot Sticks Boston Baked Beans Corn Niblets Assorted Fruits	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Celery Sticks with Dip Cape Cod Chips Peach Assorted Fruits	Deluxe Chicken Sandwich With Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Casserole Petit Banana Assorted Fruits	Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Garden Salad with Grape Tomatoes & Chick Peas Apple Slices Assorted Fruits
11	12	13	14	15
Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Sweet Corn Pineapple Cup Assorted Fruits	Mac & Cheese Glazed Carrots Green Pepper Strips with Dip Watermelon Assorted Fruits	Local Chili With Ground Beef Tostito's Chips Homemade Combread Sesame Green Beans Pear Assorted Fruits	Pasta & Chicken Meatballs Served with Marinara Sauce Seasoned Summer Squash Blueberries on a Cloud Assorted Fruits	Cheesy Pizza Slice Garden Salad with Chick Peas Graham Cracker Snacks Assorted Fruits
18	19	20	21	22
Chicken Scampi with Spaghetti Cucumber Wedges with Dip Garlic Texas Toast Applesauce Assorted Fruits	Loaded Beef Nachos Shredded Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Salsa, Sour Cream, Black Beans Brown Rice Berries with Whipped Topping Assorted Fruits	Shepherd's Pie Served with Sweet Corn and Mashed Potatoes WW Bread Pepper Strips Fresh Orange Slices Assorted Fruits	Turkey Bacon Wrap Cheese, Lettuce, and Tomato Slice Seasoned Veggie Medley Watermelon Assorted Fruits	Cheesy Pizza Slice Garden Salad with Grape Tomatoes & Cucumbers Assorted Fruits
25	26	27	28	29
WW Fluffy Pancakes Turkey Sausage Patty Tater Tots Green Grapes Assorted Fruits	Chicken Fajita With Onions and Green Peppers Black Beans Brown Rice Apple Slices Assorted Fruits	Local Baked Potato Bar Potato, Black Beans, Shredded Cheese, Broccoli, Sour Cream Whole Wheat Garlic Knot Peach, Assorted Fruits	Meatball Parmesan Hero Green Beans Carrot Sticks with Ranch Dip Petit Banana Assorted Fruits	Cheesy Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad with Grape Tomatoes & Cucumbers Fresh Fruit Salad Assorted Fruits



**September Harvest of the Month:
TOMATOES**

Most tomatoes you find at the grocery store are red in color, but tomatoes can also come in many other colors such as green, yellow, orange, pink, black, brown, white, and purple. You may even find some at your local farmers' market!

Local Vendor of the Month



Joe Czajkowski Farm
Hadley, MA

Choose Local on the menu

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Menus may contain allergens
Menus subject to change

View menus online at
<http://www.ams.org/>

*Lunch costs \$2.75 per meal.