



# Pelham Press

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***Dates to Remember:***

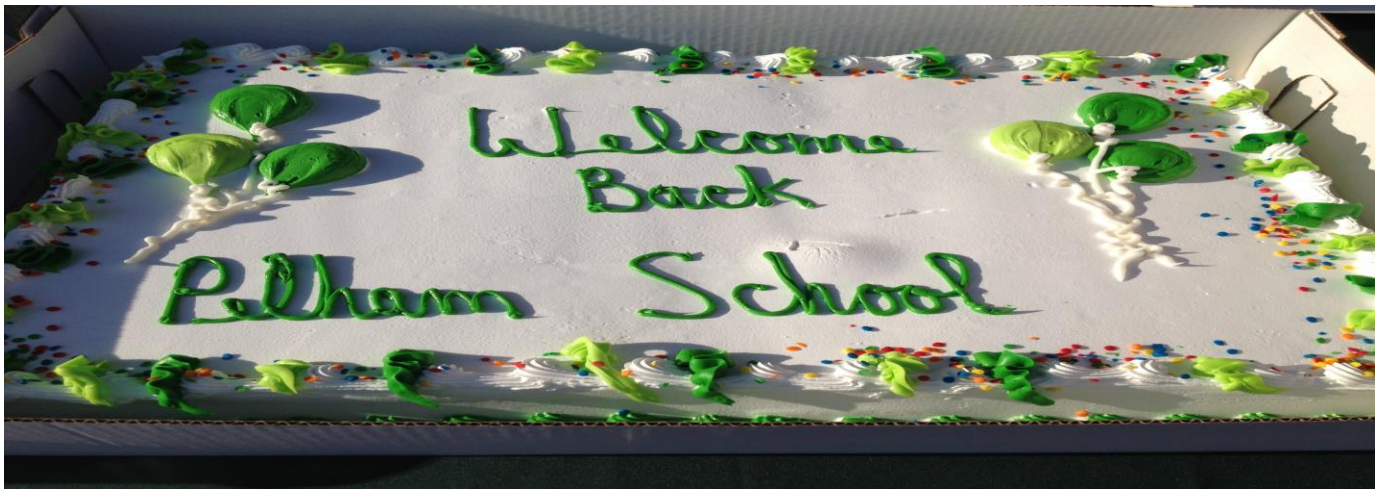
- Tuesday, 9/9- PTO Meeting- 6:00 p.m.
- Monday-Friday, 9/22-26- Book Fair Week
- Tuesday, 9/23- Curriculum Night- 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Monday, 10/6- Dental Van & Picture Day
- Tuesday, 10/7- Fine Arts Field Trip-Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6



Dear Pelham School Families,

Welcome back! The first days of school are going very well. The students and teachers are busy in classrooms getting to know each other, learning new routines, and quickly settling down to get another school year underway. It was great to see so many excited and happy faces the first day. The Pelham “Back to School” picnic proved to be a good transition into our first day, and it was a pleasure to see so many families enjoying the evening. We welcome our new students and families into our school community.

***Displayed below is the delicious cake provided by the PTO for our Back to School picnic!***



We have had many new staff members join our Pelham Community this year. We extend a warm welcome to Tom Fanning, as our new technology teacher. Tom will teach technology to grades K-6 on Mondays. He has taught for many years at the ARMS and is very much looking forward to working with our students this year.

Please feel free to contact me at 362-1101 or at [desjarlaisl@arps.org](mailto:desjarlaisl@arps.org) with any questions or concerns. Your partnership with us in your child’s education is crucial for a successful and positive learning experience and I am looking forward to an exciting year here as your principal Have a great school year!

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,  
*Lisa Desjarlais*

### ***The Pelham Press is going electronic !***

In an effort to reduce copying costs and improve the efficiency of the delivery of the Pelham Press, we will be going electronic by the second week of October. Only families that do not have an email address will receive a hard copy of the newsletter. A form is attached to return to the school so you can share your email information and be included on the mailing list. **If you have already returned the form at the beginning of the year, you do not need to send another one in.** This information will not be shared elsewhere. The Pelham Press will also be uploaded onto our website. If anyone has notices or fliers to include in the Pelham Press, I am requesting that they forward them to me in an electronic format.

Dear Parents of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class,

My name is Sara LaFrance and I am very excited to be joining your classroom community! I will be working with Mrs. Quinlan as a student teacher for the next few months. I am currently a Graduate student at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where I am working towards receiving my Master's degree and licensure in Elementary Education. An important part of this program is interning in a classroom, and I feel very lucky to be a part of this one! I will be attending school every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for full days. My final day will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I recently completed my undergraduate degree at UMass Amherst earlier this year with a focus in psychology and elementary education. I hope to use a combination of previous knowledge and experience and my current educational classes to help students learn in new ways and have fun! With guidance from Mrs. Quinlan and the support of my graduate program, I feel confident that I will be able to add something special to our classroom.

My first day in the classroom was great; your children have already created a warm and welcoming environment. I am excited for us to learn and grow together. I know my time with them will be wonderful and I look forward to our months ahead!

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Quinlan should you have any questions or concerns.

Warm Regards,  
Sara LaFrance

### **Notes from Nurse Katy**

Please look for paperwork coming home early next week . You will find 2 forms to fill out. One is for 2nd- 6th graders who would like to have a weekly fluoride swish at school that is done on Fridays throughout the school year. This program will start October 3rd. The second form is for the Smiles Dental Program that will be coming to Pelham on Oct 6th . Please see the section in the Press on the Smile Program for more information. These permission slips should come back by Friday, Sept 19th if you would like your child to participate. You will also see a paper with information for when to keep your child home from school . This will be a good reference to post on your bulletin board or refrigerator at home. Lastly, thank you for returning the Student Emergency forms . If you haven't sent it in and need another one please contact Janet at 362 1102. Feel free to call me with any questions at 362 -1103.

Katy Guisti RN

## Physical Education News

Welcome back! My name is Sue Scott and I am the new PE teacher. I am very excited to join the Pelham School Community. I've been teaching Elementary PE for nineteen years. In addition to working in Pelham, I currently teach at the Bernardston Elementary, Warwick Community, and Deerfield Elementary School.

While participating in PE at the elementary level I feel that it is important for children to learn new skills and develop gross motor movements by participating in a cooperative environment. Students will often hear me say during class "kindness counts... manners matter."

I'll be teaching on Tuesdays in Pelham. Please help your child to remember to wear sneakers...it will help with safety during PE. As the weather gets cooler, it will be helpful to have children wear layers as we will be outside as long as the weather allows.

Please feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions or email me at [scottsa@arps.org](mailto:scottsa@arps.org) if you have any questions. You can find my email link on the Pelham School website as well. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Sue Scott



**Please note that Pelham School is a fragrance free zone. We have several staff members who are allergic to fragrances. Please refrain from using perfumes or heavily scented lotions or detergents.**

## PTO Update

### 2014-2015 School Year Information

#### **Next meeting/Election**

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 in the staff lounge. We will be voting on officers. Please let Lisa Desjarlais know if you would like to run in the election for officers. Child care will be provided. Please RSVP to Jessica Hanson at [hanson9@charter.net](mailto:hanson9@charter.net) so we have enough food.

#### **Amazon.com**

If you are going to buy anything from Amazon.com, don't forget to go to [www.pelhamelementarypto.blogspot.com](http://www.pelhamelementarypto.blogspot.com) first. Our school has raised hundreds of dollars by doing this, and it works all year round.

#### **Box tops**

Did you know that many of the products you buy can actually earn money for our school? [Click here](#) for a complete list of items! Save those box top labels!

Box top labels can be turned in anytime to a classroom teacher or in the collection jar outside office. Crystal will be mailing them in October 25 so we get a check, so please get them in soon. If you would like to help count endless stacks of box tops, please contact Crystal Wolaver at [cwolaver@gmail.com](mailto:cwolaver@gmail.com)

### 2013-2014 School Year Wrap Up

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The spring 2014 book fair was very popular, again. Many thanks to Emily Marriott for organizing this project and to the volunteers who helped set up, clean up, and sell books. Students have plenty of books to read this summer!

#### **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**

The 2014 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon was a great success. Many thanks to Amy Wasserman for coordinating this event, and all of the other volunteers who helped supervise students, donate food, set up, clean up, give a speech, or help with the gifts.

#### **Bertucci's**

We raised \$241.61 at the fundraiser on May 19. Many thanks to Suzanne LaRochelle for coordinating this event and to all who participated!

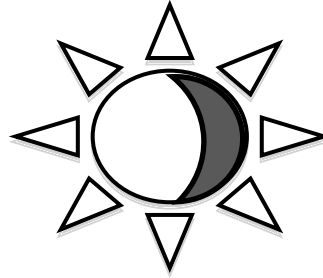
#### **Box Tops for Education**

Did you know that many of the products you buy can actually earn money for our school? [Click here](#) for a complete list of items! Save those box top labels!

Box top labels can be turned in anytime to classroom or in collection jar outside office. More details to follow on a Fall collection date.

If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Lisa Candito at [lmcandito@gmail.com](mailto:lmcandito@gmail.com) , or Jessica Hanson at [hanson9@charter.net](mailto:hanson9@charter.net), or Sage Scott at [sagescott2008@gmail.com](mailto:sagescott2008@gmail.com) , or Amie Weddleton at [amie.weddleton@gmail.com](mailto:amie.weddleton@gmail.com) .

**Smile Programs**  
...the mobile dentists



Hello, my name is Juan Burns program coordinator for ARPS Family Center. The ARPS Family Center is partnering with The Mobile Dentist to provide dental care to our district families of Amherst. Smile Programs...the mobile dentists are innovative, on-site, school based, dental outreach providers. Their mission is to bring state of the art, dental care to those students in need in the most comfortable and effective way possible.

Many children sadly find themselves without easy and affordable access to necessary dental care. Smile Programs...the mobile dentists utilize locally licensed dentists and hygienists, employing the latest technology in portable equipment, to provide all services directly at your school. Our imaginative program sets up conveniently a classroom, auditorium, gym or other suitable locale and transforms it into a fully functional “dental office” for the day. At all times, the staff and students are minimally inconvenienced by our highly efficient delivery model.

If there are any questions that need to be addressed please contact Juan Burns by phone or e-mail: 413-362-1875 [BurnsJ@ARPS.ORG](mailto:BurnsJ@ARPS.ORG).

**AMHERST DISTRICT SCHEDULING UPDATE:**

Wildwood Elementary	Monday and Tuesday September 29 and 30, 2014
Crocker Farm Elementary	Wednesday October 1, 2014
Fort River Elementary School	Thursday and Friday October 2 and 3, 2014
Pelham Elementary	Monday October 6, 2014
Amherst Regional High School	Tuesday October 7, 2014 paired together
South East Alternative High School	Tuesday October 7, 2014 paired together
Amherst Regional Middle School	Tuesday October 7, 2014 Paired together

## Pelham Press Email Form

The Pelham Press newsletter comes out bi- weekly, and we strongly encourage parents to access this newsletter electronically. Please write down the email address(es) that you would like the newsletter to be delivered to. It can also be accessed through our Pelham School website at: <http://pe.arps.org/>

Your email address will not be shared for any other purposes. If you do not have an email address, your family will receive a hard copy of the Pelham Press. If for some reason, you have difficulty accessing the electronic newsletter, please let the school know, so that we can get you the information.

Please return this form to your child's teacher, or drop off in the Pelham School office.

Thank you!

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*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

*Student(s) Name:* \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

*Email address(es):* \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ **\*\*Please check here if you are willing to share the email address with PTO.**