

Dates to Remember:

Friday, January 27
Wednesday, February 1
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Thursday, February 2
Friday, February 3
Monday, February 6
Wednesday, February 8
Friday, February 10

No School- Elementary Teacher Workday
Band, Orchestra, and Chorus Performance- 9:15 a.m, 7 p.m-**t-shirt day!**
Savings Makes Sense- before school
School Committee 6:30 p.m.- Community Room
Report Cards to be sent home
PTO Meeting- 6:00 p.m.
Savings Makes Sense-before school
VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE-6:30-9:30



Dear Pelham School Families,

We have received a lot of positive feedback on the parking lot plan that was put into place at the beginning of the year and have noted a much safer traffic flow in the morning. Thank you to all of you for observing the traffic flow guidelines and in helping to keep the parking lot a safer place. I'd like to remind drivers that children should be exited on the passenger side of the vehicle in the drop off lane. We have noticed several cars with children opening the car doors and exiting the car on the driver side, directly into the other traffic lane. This is not only very dangerous, but causes some traffic flow issues. In addition, staff have observed drivers on cell phones in the parking lot as they are driving. This additional distraction compromises the safety of everyone at a very busy time of the day. Please refrain from using your cell phone during drop off and pick up times of the day. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to abide by these requests. Our primary concern is safety for all!

Band, Orchestra, and Chorus students should come in the building first thing this coming Wednesday morning at 8:30 to prepare for the concert, which begins promptly at 9:15. **We ask that parents help them to remember to be on time**, and to be bring their instruments and music. Band and Orchestra are expected to wear black and white outfits for their evening performance, but if students could bring their Pelham t-shirts to wear, that would be great! **I am asking all staff and students not performing to wear their t-shirts as well.** As always, families and community members are invited to all-school assemblies.

Your student may have come home in the past couple of weeks to share that they have been doing MAP testing in the computer lab. As you may recall, last year the Amherst and Pelham Schools identified and adopted a universal screening tool called Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP) by Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). The MAP assessment is administered three times a year to inform instruction and monitor your child's growth over time: in October, at mid-year, and again at the end of the school year. The MAP tests help to determine instructional levels in reading and mathematics. The assessment, which is aligned with strands from the Massachusetts Frameworks, identifies which basic skills and concepts your child understands, skills she or he is developing, and skills that may be academically challenging. Teachers will be able to use this data to identify skills and concepts that may require intervention and/or enhancement. All classroom teachers now have an identified Enhancement block during their daily schedules in which students receive additional intervention services based on the areas of challenge that have been identified, or have opportunities to extend and enrich their learning. If you are interested in hearing more about your child's progress or have concerns, please note that teachers are able to meet with parents at any time during the school year. Please contact me with any questions about the MAP testing at desjarlais@arps.org.

Sincerely, *Lisa Desjarlais*

Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten was so happy with the beautiful snowfall last Thursday night. We have been waiting a long time for this snow! We had decorated our classroom as a winter wonderland the week before, hoping that it would help bring us some snow to play in. Please stop by and see our bulletin board. All of the characters in the book "Snowballs", by Lois Ehlert, are displayed in life-like forms. It was a great group project that incorporated creativity, co-operation, and artistic ability. All of our snowflakes and icicles in our classroom reflect the snowy beauty outside.

We are finishing our math unit on measurement and counting. We have been measuring all kinds of things, from our neighbor's shoe to things in our classroom. Remembering to use our base-line is important, as we are finding out how it doesn't work if we forget. We are beginning to count together two sets of things, beginning the concept of addition.

Two children are already publishing their first book. We started writing in story journals after our holiday break. Everyone is very excited about finishing their stories, conferencing with Mrs. Jacque, having their story typed by Mrs. Glucksman, illustrated by the author, and then shared in author's circle with everyone.

Our science unit about 'wood' has started. We are all scientists, looking at the life and physical science of trees. Our thinking processes will include comparing, communicating, and observing. The actual science experiments are really exciting!

Deb Jacque

From the Guidance Office

Dear Pelham Families,

During this Pelham Press, I would like to let you know about a new behavioral program that we are introducing to the school this year. It is called PBIS or Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. It is currently being introduced into all of the elementary schools in the district. The idea of this system is to be a behavioral prevention and intervention program for all the students in the school. It is a system to monitor behavior and encourage appropriate behaviors. We have done a self assessment with all of the staff and now are beginning to work on school-wide expectations. We will develop classroom behavioral support systems and keep data in an information system. As you might expect, reducing problem behaviors results in more successful academic time. This is not a packaged curriculum. It is a prevention oriented way to support the success of all students. We will promote a positive school culture by rewarding social skills, teach targeted skills and integrate clearer rewards and consequences. We will identify the core values we wish to see in the school and make our expectations visible throughout the school. These core values are shown through an acronym. Crocker Farm uses the acronym CARE . The values are caring, accountability, respect and empathy. We are in the midst of finding our acronym, after we have polled the school for the important core values we want to present.

“ If a child doesn’t know how to read, we teach.”
“ If a child doesn’t know how to swim, we teach.”
“ If a child doesn’t know how to multiply, we teach.”
“ If a child doesn’t know how to drive, we teach.”
“ If a child doesn’t know how to behave, we
.....teach ?.....Punish ?”

This is a quote that we learned during our PBIS training. It clarifies why we need these important behavioral structures.

I will keep you informed about the progress we are having integrating PBIS into our school.

Until then,
Enjoy your long weekend !!
Deb King
School Counselor



Dear Parents,

Several Pelham School Teachers have formed a bowling team (The Pelham Penguins), which, once a year, raises money for Big Brothers Big Sister of Hampshire County. This annual event, The Bowl-A-Thon, takes place this year on Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4. It includes dozens of teams that raise almost \$60,000 to support mentoring for children in Hampshire County, many of whom attend school in the Amherst-Pelham District.

Please think about forming a team or sponsoring our team of Pelham School teachers in this effort to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County. Sponsorship checks can be made out to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County and sent to the Pelham School office by February 28.

Thank You,
"The Pelham Penguins"

Lisa Desjarlais, Meg Gallagher, Leanne Hasbouck, Bridgette Hasbrouck, Deb King, Paul Lipman, Paula Russel, Janet Scott, and Lennie Ware

Pelham Public Library News

There are lots of wonderful programs coming up at the Library in the next few weeks. All events are FREE.
Please come and join us!

Upcoming concerts: The October Storm Jazz Quintet will perform at our monthly Tea on Saturday, January 28 at 12:00 Noon.

Chess Club will be held on Wednesday afternoons, January 18-February 15 from 2-3 pm. There is a 12 person limit. Call or drop by to sign up. Questions? Contact Andy Morris Friedman at morrisfri@aol.com

Learn to Knit with Annie Foley! This parent-child group will meet on Monday evenings, January 23-February 13 from 5:30-6:30. Attendance is limited. Please call or drop by to register. Materials will be available for purchase at the first class.

Have a little one at home? **Music for Little Ones** with Wendy Plummer resumes Monday, January 23 at 10:30. Children's Story Hour continues weekly on Fridays at 10:30.

Interested in volunteering? We can always use an extra set of hands around the Library. Teens and older children are welcome, too!

We wish you all wonderful things in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Jodi Levine, Interim Director, and the staff of the Pelham Library



SAVE THE DATE:

Valentine's Dance Party and Silent Auction.

The Pelham PTO invites you and your family to join us for a fun-filled night of dancing in celebration of Valentine's Day!

Friday February 10th, 2011

6:30 - 9:30

Pelham Elementary School Gymnasium

Our theme this year is:

The 80's

Come dressed to enjoy an evening of dancing in your best
80's attire*

(optional, of course)

DJ/Dancing/Music for All Ages

Special Requests/Annual Limbo Contest

New this year: Silent Auction

Contact: kristin.mattocks@va.gov to donate silent auction items

Pizza by the Slice/Baked Goods

Juice/Water/Coffee

For more information contact:

Tracy Farnham @ 256-4143/531-7641/tqfarnham@gmail.com

Please contact me at the above number if you can contribute baked goods or other items to the silent auction.

Please Note:
This is not a drop-off event.
All children must be supervised by a
designated adult.

See the next page for 80's themed attire ideas

Not sure what to wear to an 80's themed dance party? This is your guide! The key to achieving the 80s look, regardless of the specific costume/outfit you choose, is excess. It was, after all, the decade of excess - the me decade, the greed decade. So don't skimp--go for it. Add the extra layer of blush or blue eyeliner, go for another spray with the Aqua Net, and pile on another couple of bracelets. Moderation is for other decades - there are no points for class, subtly or understatement. The 80's look is about color, volume, and abundance. No matter what you choose, do it with flourish and abandonment. Choose from the 80's costume party ideas below or use them as inspiration and develop your own. And remember nothing says 80s like good 80s hair—the bigger the better!

Here are some ideas from movies and TV shows from that time:

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| Madonna | Karate Kid |
| The Preppy | Michael Jackson |
| Punk Rock Girl | Boy George |
| Flashdance | Breakdancer |
| Punky Brewster | Axl Rose |
| Mall Rat | Devo (great as a group costume too!) |
| Blondie / Debbie Harry | Flock of Seagulls |
| Hey Mickey | Wham! |
| Pretty in Pink | Miami Vice |
| Prom Queens | Preppie/Yuppie/Val Dude |
| Joan Jett | Brat Pack Movies |
| Simply Irresistible (Robert Palmer Video Girl) | Ferris Bueller's Day Off |
| Where's the Beef? (Wendy's Commercial | Danny Noonan (Caddyshack) |
| Lady) | Lane Meyer (Better Off Dead) |
| The Golden Girls | Vince Neil of Mötley Crüe |
| Milli Vanilli | Ronald Reagan |
| B.A. Baracas (A Team) | Marty McFly (Back to the Future) |
| Rubik's Cube | Bluto (Animal House) |
| Smurfs | Stiles (Teen Wolf) |

Join the Nutrition Safari this month with their exercise "touchdown" plan. They are eating top energy boosting foods like: oatmeal, lentils, bananas, lean beef, almonds and yogurt in order to perform their best.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 2 HAPPY NEW YEAR NO SCHOOL | 3 Hot Dog on a Whole Wheat Bun Steamed Carrots Applesauce | 4 Fish Sandwich on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Fries Strawberry Cup | 5 Crispy Beef or Bean Tacos Green Beans Fresh Fruit | 6 Cheese Pizza Fresh Veggie Sticks w/ Dip |
| 9 Cheeseburger, or Veggie Burger on a Bun 3 Bean Salad | 10 Chicken Nuggets Steamed Rice Corn Cobettes | 11 Macaroni and Beef Bake Fresh Cauliflower w/ Ranch Dip Cinnamon Apples | 12 Toasted Cheese Sandwich w/ Tomato Soup Fresh Fruit | 13 Cheese Pizza Fresh Garden Salad |
| 16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY NO SCHOOL | 17 Chicken Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Fresh Cauliflower w/ Dip Fresh Orange | 18 Homemade Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Peas Whole Wheat Dinner Roll | 19 Beef Nachos with Cheese, Salsa, Brown Rice Corn | 20 Cheese Pizza Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Dressing |
| 23 Pasta with Meatsauce or Plain Fresh Garden Salad Garlic Bread | 24 Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla Corn Steamed Rice | 25 BRUNCH FOR LUNCH French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage (P) Applesauce Baked Tator Tots | 26 Cheese Pizza Fresh Garden Salad | 27 TEACHER WORKSHOP DAY NO SCHOOL PRE K- 6 |
| 30 Mozzarella Sticks w/ Sauce Steamed Carrots Mixed Fruit Cup | 31 SUPERBOWL PARTY Hamburger Sliders Salsa/Chips Carrots w/ Ranch Dip Pudding Parfaits |  <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR! The veggie of the month is CAULIFLOWER.</p> | | |

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Reimbursable Lunch Price \$2.50
Reduced Lunch Price \$1.40
Adult \$3.25
Milk/Chocolate Milk \$1.40
100% Juice \$1.50

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

RENDIBLE SNACKS CONTAIN
Fat-7g or less - Sat Fat-2g or less
Sodium-350mg 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-\$1.30, 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 Tretley 413-302-1839.**

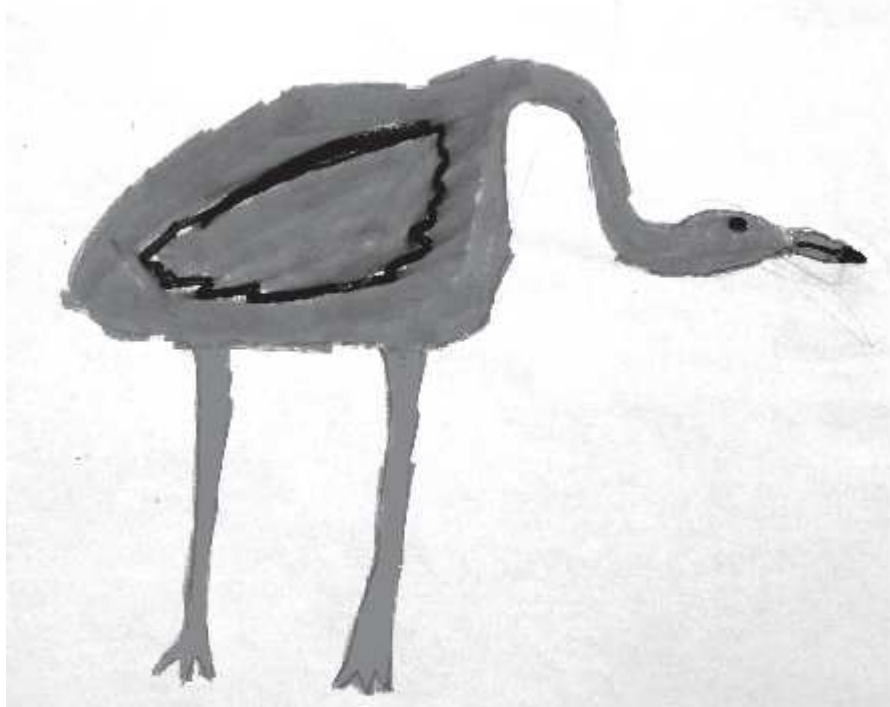
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