

Second Grade News

September has seemed to fly by. In class we are learning when to use outdoor voices, 1 inch voices, and when to work or listen without talking. These are skills that will help us to keep on track and make learning fun for everyone.

Reading: We started the year by reviewing the short vowel sound patterns. It is tricky for many to hear the correct sound as well as read the words using the correct sound. We have also spent the first month thinking about ourselves as readers, being able to find books that are just right for us, and building stamina to read for longer periods of time. I have also been able to listen to everyone read to determine their strengths and what next steps. I will begin reading groups next week.

Math: We have started up some new classroom routines which use the clock, number lines, and the hundreds chart. Our main focus has been to develop strategies for accurately counting a set of objects by ones and in groups and to develop an understanding of the sequence of numbers to 100. We have also spent time learning to recognize different coins and their values.

This year the children will memorize the addition facts so that they can use them fluently. Next week I will send home the first set of addition facts to learn. Please help your child learn these by practicing every night for 5 minutes.

Writing: To go along with our friendship unit, we wrote picture books about being good friends. Also we are learning that a sentence must have a subject and the action of the subject. We are doing different lessons to help strengthen our recognition of subjects and actions by learning about nouns and verbs.

Science: We are using bubbles to learn about scientific investigation. The children have experimented with bubbles and wrote their observations. Then, we compiled what we observed and created questions and hypothesis. Next, we will set up experiments to test our hypothesis. At the end of our investigations we will write up our experiments.

As of right now, if weather permits, our Bubbles Extravaganza will be on October 7th. Any parents, grandparents who would like to come and help man a station are welcome!!! Please contact me as soon as you can.

Finally, I would like to invite everyone to Curriculum Night, October 5th. I look forward to talking with you and getting to know you better.

Ms. Corey

*******REMINDER: 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.**

PELHAM HARVEST POTLUCK, ICE CREAM SOCIAL and BOOK FAIR
Friday, September 30th

Please join the Pelham PTO for our inaugural Harvest Potluck dinner! Please bring a main dish or appetizer to share with other families. This will be a great opportunity to meet other Pelham families and share a meal together. You'll also be able to pick up some new books at the book fair! We'll provide the ice cream and toppings for the ice cream social afterwards!

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Pelham School



PELHAM PTO MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD (6:00 PM) IN TEACHER'S CONFERENCE ROOM AT PELHAM SCHOOL: Parents! Please plan to attend our upcoming PTO meeting on Monday evening. We will provide childcare for your children as well as pizza, so no need to worry about feeding your kids OR finding a babysitter! At this meeting, we will be planning for the upcoming Halloween party, and will also be discussing and viewing NEW Pelham t-shirts and sweatshirts for our kids! These are BIG decisions, and we would very much like your help in making these decisions and planning these events for our children. As promised, the meetings will last NO MORE THAN ONE HOUR, so c'mon on down...we'd love to have you there! PLEASE RSVP regarding how many children you plan to bring to the meeting for pizza planning purposes. kristinmattocks@yahoo.com

School Council Candidates- School Council Interest Letters



Name: Jennifer Culbreth

Child's Name: Annabel Culbreth-Loomis

Phone Number: 207-951-91146

Email address: JACulbreth1@mac.com

My name is Jennifer Culbreth and my daughter, Annabel Culbreth-Loomis, is a new student at Pelham Elementary School in Mrs. Jacque's kindergarten class. We live in Pelham and just moved to the area this summer from Maine. I have been at home with Annabel since she was born except for half a year that I taught first grade in Maine. Before Annabel was born I was an elementary teacher in New York State, where I mostly taught 3rd and 4th grade and looped with my students every other year. I also taught as an adjunct instructor for an elementary social studies methods course at St. John Fisher College in New York. I have a M.S. in Elementary Education from Syracuse University and a B.A. in English from Tulane University.

I am very interested in serving on the Pelham Elementary School Council. I served on a very similar council as a teacher in New York and I am enthusiastic about the possibility of now serving as a parent. I am especially interested in literacy learning and instruction at the elementary level and I am also a big proponent of all kinds of experiential and hands-on learning. I look forward to the opportunity to work with Ms. Desjarlais and the School Council to help Pelham Elementary School set and achieve future educational goals.

Thanks so much for the consideration.

Name: Lisa Candito

Dear Pelham School Council,

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a member of the Pelham School Council. I have been a certified elementary teacher in CT and MA for over twelve years. During my teaching career as well as in my current job with The Collaborative for Educational Services, I have worked extensively with curriculum, school improvement plans, MCAS, data analysis and budgets.

More importantly than my work experiences is my love for children and their educational future. I believe that everyone can make a difference in the lives of today's youth. This position on the Pelham School Council would not only allow me to help my own kindergarten student but it would give me the opportunity to help enrich the entire Pelham School community.

Sincerely,
Lisa Candito

Name: Trevor A. Baptiste Ph.D.

Dear Pelham Community:

My name is Trevor Baptiste Ph.D. My family moved to Pelham in 2009 and plan to raise all three of my children here.

I have a vested long term interest in the Pelham school as well as the youth that are educated here. It is my firm contention that our school can meet all our goals and any challenges we may face as a community.

I currently serve on the science curriculum committee for the Amherst region. I am seeking to have a greater impact locally by working with Principal Desjarlais and adding my talent, and enthusiasm to the Pelham School committee.

I hope to be a part of guiding Pelham to even higher heights.

For your consideration

Trevor A. Baptiste Ph.D.

CHICKEN\STEAK BBQ

to benefit the Angel Fund

“The Masonic Angel Fund™ was established in 1998 and provides modest assistance to children in need who do not fit the criteria for the usual social-service programs. Such assistance might be to provide a pair of glasses, a coat, shoes, field trip fees or minor health services. Applications for assistance will be fulfilled via confidential requests from local elementary school principals and school nurses.”

(Source: http://www.masonicinfo.com/masonic_angels.htm)

Your dinner donation will benefit local children.

PUBLIC WELCOME



Saturday, October 1, 2011

4:00 p.m. – Closing

Shutesbury Athletic Club

282 Wendell Road

Shutesbury Ma.

Chicken or Steak

Salad, baked potato and sides.

LIVE MUSIC BY NEXUS AND FULL CASH BAR

Chicken \$10 Steak \$15

Sponsored by the Pacific Lodge of Masons

99 Main Street, Amherst, Massachusetts

(413) 256-6867

FOR TICKETS CALL 413 367 9210

Community Notes

HARVEST SUPPER AT HISTORIC TOWN HALL IN PELHAM

The Pelham Historical Society will hold its traditional New England boiled dinner and pie auction on Saturday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the historic Town Hall on the corner of Amherst Road and Route 202. State Representative Steve Kulik will be the auctioneer. As space is limited, reservations should be made soon with Elva Anderson at 253-3970 or Doris Holden at 253-5993. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under ten.



Come join Boy Scout Troop 500 Amherst to see how Scouting is evolving as it enters its 2nd century. We are having an Open House for prospective scouts and their families Tuesday, October 4 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) 253-0964.



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ART Works! ETTA Studio & Gallery

534 MAIN ST.- AMHERST, MA

To Register: 413-230-3272

OR email: etta.arts@yahoo.com

Fall Classes Begin Oct. 1st!

<http://www.yippeeskippy.com/etta-arts-studio/>

*** After School- Multi-Media Arts Exploration-** clay, painting, drawing, collage, jewelry making, theater improv. and mask-making-
3:30-5:30 Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri., plus Wed.- 2:00-5:30

Fees: \$20 each - M/T/Th/Fri.; \$30 for Wed. OR \$110/wk.

***Home School Classes- Every day from 10:00-3:00.** Choose a time frame and design your own area of study- Art for ART's sake or Integrating the ARTs into your subject area! **(Classes available for the parent/teachers on Integration of the Arts into your curriculum!)**

Fees: \$30/day OR \$140/week: Special prices for 6 week session- 1 day per week: \$160 (or for group- please ask for special rates.)

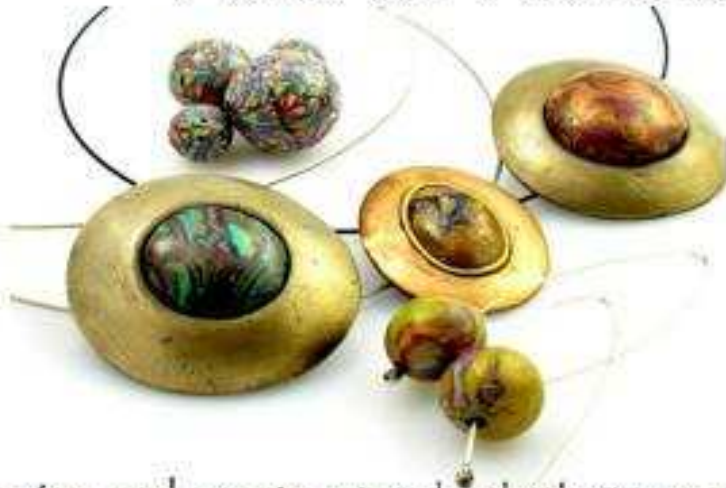
Call: 413-256-1205. Or email: ezzellfloranina@gmail.com

ALL New! Become a member of ART Works! ETTA - Empowerment Through The Arts!

Book Studio time! Hold events, meetings in the Gallery! Mount your own Art Show in the Gallery! Teach classes!

Be a Part of ART for All in Amherst! Save the DATE: Oct. 16th-1-5- Block Party and Open House ARTy Party...music, demos, artist booths right on our street!

Jewelry Workshops: Artful Holiday Gifts



Design and create unique, handmade Copper or Bronze Metal Clay and Polymer Jewelry in a series of three workshops taught by professional polymer and metal clay jewelry artists. In the first workshop, Polymer artist, Peg Gerard, teaches the basic polymer skills necessary to create beautiful cabochons and beads. In the second workshop, Metal Clay artist, Ruth Levine, teaches the basic skills and techniques needed to create the Metal Clay frames for your polymer cabochons. Your work will be fired in a kiln and returned to you at the next session. In the final workshop, we will combine the two art forms to create pendants, necklaces or earrings constructed of Polymer and Metal Clay.

Class fee (3 sessions) \$200. Materials fee \$25—includes Metal & Polymer Clay

Where: ART Works! ETTA Studio & Gallery

Address: 534 Main St, Amherst

When: Three Saturdays—

Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 12

10AM-5PM

Bring a lunch and something to drink!

To Register: Call (413) 230-3272 or

Email for registration form: etta.arts@yahoo.com

www.yippeeskippy.com/etta-arts-studio/



DRAGONS OF RYUU™

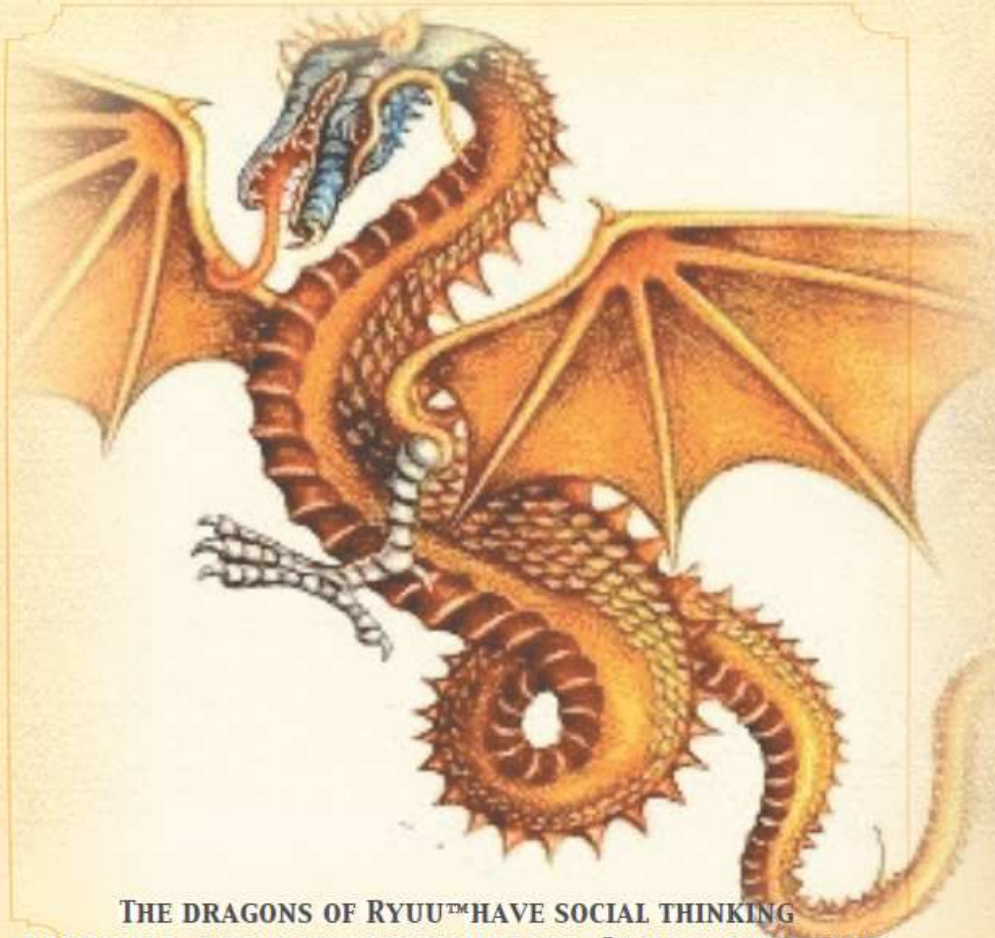
SOCIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

TUESDAYS



9-12YRS

4:30-5:45



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NORTHAMPTON, MA BC/BS PROVIDER \$50.00/CLASS



18th Annual "School Spirit Game" — Sunday Afternoon Special!



Sunday, October 16 @ 3:00 pm
Springfield Falcons vs. Manchester Monarchs
MassMutual Center, Springfield



Tickets just \$10 each in advance!

(\$18 each at the door)



** Plus there is a FREE skate after the game
for EVERYONE that brings their own skates! (no rentals)

Deadline to order: Tuesday, October 11, 2011.
Please contact: Mike Kelly at the Falcons' Office:
(413) 739-GOAL (4625), ext. 108

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 (Deadline to order: Tuesday, October 11, 2011)

School: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # () _____ E-mail: _____

_____ Tickets at \$10 each = \$_____ Please make checks payable to: Springfield Falcons

Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card# _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code (back of card): _____

or Mailing Address: Springfield Falcons, Attention: Mike Kelly, 45 Falcons Way, Springfield, MA 01103



**THE PELHAM BOOK FAIR
STARTS **TODAY** and runs
ALL NEXT WEEK!**

September 30th – October 7th

*We'll Be Open
Every Day during AfterSchool*

And the *evenings* of
Harvest Potluck/Ice Cream Social (Fri 9/30)
and Curriculum Night (Wed 10/5)

It's a Great Chance to Find Some Great Reading!

*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
Ellen Leuchs (mom of Jamie in 5th grade)
eleuchs@comcast.net, 413-244-4891



Curriculum Night Childcare Registration Form

The Curriculum Night is meant to be a parent only event, but we recognize that childcare can be an issue for many families. In an effort to provide parents with an opportunity to visit their children's classrooms, a childcare service is being offered by After School director, Lennie Ware, for the Pelham School Curriculum Night on Wednesday, October 5 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. We strongly encourage you to pre-register for this service in order to ensure that there is sufficient staffing coverage and space to accommodate the needs of the group. A collection jar for a \$2.00- \$5.00 donation will be available that evening. This service is only being offered for pre-school aged children up through sixth grade. Please return this form with your child to Pelham School by Monday, October 3.

Child (ren) _____ Age

_____ Age

_____ Age

_____ Age

Parent(s) _____

*Please list the grade levels classrooms being visited:

Grade:

Grade: _____

Children on the playground **MUST** be monitored by an adult.

Parents are requested **NOT** to leave the building while their children are at childcare.