



# Pelham Press

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**Dates to Remember:**

Saturday, October 22

Wednesday, October 26

Thursday, October 27

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Monday, October 31

Tuesday, November 1

ABC Walk

All-school assembly- **Parents Welcome 9 a.m.**

Fine Arts Field Trip- Grades K & 2

Early Release-Conferences- 1:20

Halloween Party 5:30-7:30

Early Release- Conferences- 1:20



Dear Pelham School Families,

Our school day begins at 8:40 a.m. As mentioned in the Handbook, the beginning of the day is an important time for every child. During the first half hour of the school day children get settled into the school routine, go over homework, and gather for a morning meeting in which they talk about the day's schedule and other important topics. Regular attendance to school is essential for the academic achievement of students in schools. Students who attend school every day, on time, learn more and are more successful than students who do not. As stated in the introduction, parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their children ages 6-16 are in school everyday, on time. We have noticed a large increase in the amount of tardy students lately and will begin to take a closer look at this if it doesn't improve. Please make every effort to have your student at school on time.

The NCLB- No Child Left Behind school report card is now available for parents to review for Pelham School. Report cards are critical tools for promoting accountability for schools, districts, and states by publicizing data about student performance and program effectiveness for parents, policy makers, and other stakeholders. Report cards help parents/guardians and the general public see where schools and districts are succeeding and where there is still work to do. Please click on the link below to view specific information about Pelham School. If you receive the Press in hard copy, you will also receive the NCLB report card in a hard copy also. Please contact me if you have any questions about the Pelham School Report Card. [Pelham School NCLB Report Card](#)

We have an ARPS Student Reporter, Molly Goodman, that will be coming in to interview staff in the school throughout this year about what is happening at Pelham School. The purpose of the school reporters is to publicize all the wonderful things which occur in our schools to the greater Amherst community. It is the Superintendent's vision that these reporters will meet with classroom teachers, staff, coaches, etc. to learn about stories that occur in the classroom, art room, field trip, etc. Please look for Molly's first story further along in this newsletter, and her stories will also be posted to the Pelham School website under News. We are thrilled to have her sharing all of the good teaching and learning that is in place here at Pelham School!

We congratulate all of the fourth grade students for completing the four weeks of the SAFE Program: Student Awareness of Fire Education Program, which culminated with a graduation ceremony this past Tuesday at the ARHS. A huge thank you to the Amherst Fire Department for presenting this program to our students.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

*Lisa Desjarlais*

**\*\*\*\*\*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.**

# **Community Notes**

## **Childcare for Early Release Days**

Childcare for the two early release days, Oct. 27 and Nov. 1, is available from the end of school at 1:20 until 3:00 P.M. The cost for this session is \$6 per child per day. There is a discount for siblings and for families that qualify for free or reduced lunch.

There is also a 30-minute childcare option for students while their parents are in a conference. This cost is \$2.00 per child, and parents or guardians must be in the building. Sorry, preschoolers cannot be accommodated.

## **Quinlan's Quill**

Fifth grade is wrapping up the River Unit this week and will begin the American Revolution next week. The students are finishing their literature books on Monday which they have thoroughly enjoyed. Both books were written by Gary Paulson and I hope they will all pick up another book by him to enjoy.

Also, we finished our first pieces of writing which were personal narrative paragraphs and a non-fiction expository piece about a river that they chose. We will now focus on transition words and how you use them in different ways depending on the topic. After we have done numerous paragraphs using the different transition words, we will write respond to prompts based on the Revolution Unit.

In math we had our first math test and are now moving onto Multiplication and continuing our study of algebra. Students will be creating their own algebraic expressions in Guess and Check word problems, an investigations unit called Growth Patterns, and in other word problems. This is a very difficult concept for students but an important one for their mathematical thinking.

Our Enhancement Block, Wordly Wise and Spelling programs are up and running. Students seem to understand the systems and the rhythm of the week. We are definitely in a rhythm and the students are responding well to the structure and consistency.

I have seen many of you at conferences and look forward to seeing the rest of you in the coming weeks. I look forward to watching your children continue to grow and learn.

## **Sixth Grade News**

Oct. 20, 2011

Congratulations to the sixth graders for completing their first unit math test this week. The scores were quite good, and the students should be proud of themselves for working so hard. The tests will be coming home for parent signatures soon. Our next unit, measurement, started Wednesday. Beginning with linear measurement, we will learn about standard and metric units, and then we'll move on to area and volume.

Our River unit is wrapping up with a test on Friday. The students learned about our local Fort River, the Connecticut River, rivers in ancient cultures, and major rivers that interest us. We have some photos posted in the classroom from our two field trips, so stop by and take a look. Our next unit is Maps and Globes, which will begin with a look at our solar system, then our planet and moon, and then a study of how we organize ourselves into continents, countries, and eventually all way down to using latitude and longitude to identify physical location.

We have several things happening in language arts right now. We are finishing up our river literature, and will look at folklore next. We are studying capitalization rules and will begin reading skills on Monday, with a focus on identifying time sequence. Students have been writing sentences that we've used to study parts of speech as well as the different ways sentences are structured (simple, compound, complex). The personal narratives that students wrote were very entertaining. They will be bringing them home for signatures within the next week, and we will talk about the students' organization, details, use of voice and word choice at conferences.

Please continue to help your children learn their weekly spelling and vocabulary words. They know they should be practicing the words daily, and having someone at home work with them can be a boost. We also need some help from home with staying

organized, particularly with papers that need signatures and then to be returned to school within two days. Thank you for all that you do for your children.

Margaret Light

## Instructional Technology

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September/October 2011



Instructional Technology

Students in the Kindergarten are just beginning their classes in the lab. They will begin with some drawing and then move into learning about the letters and keyboard.



Instructional Technology

Students in Grade 1 have begun work on keyboarding and drawing. They will move into word processing. They are also doing Math and Reading MAPs Testing.



Instructional Technology

Students in Grades 2 and 3 have made great progress already with their keyboarding and will quickly move into word processing and graphics. They are doing Math and Reading MAPs Testing.



Instructional Technology

Students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 have completed the alphabet phase of keyboarding and will move into capitalization, punctuation, and special characters as we begin word processing and complete MAPs Testing.



Website:

[www.strategy2design.com/es](http://www.strategy2design.com/es)

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



# Poinsettia and Wreath Sale Pelham School

Please support this fundraiser for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip.

Include cash or check (payable to Pelham School) and return your order to the school office or town library.

**ORDER NOW:  
Deadline for orders is  
Friday, November 4th**



pick-up

Mark your calendar! Orders will be delivered to the school and available for at 3 pm, Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have questions please call Laura Carson @ 256-6919.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 6" red poinsettias @ \$12 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 6" pink poinsettias @ \$12 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 6" white poinsettias @ \$12 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 8" red poinsettias @ \$20 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 8" pink poinsettias @ \$20 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 8" white poinsettias @ \$20 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 12" frame (standard size) evergreen wreath @ \$12 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 18" frame evergreen wreath @ \$18 each

\_\_\_\_\_ red bow for 12" wreath @ \$4 each

\_\_\_\_\_ red bow for 18" wreath @ \$6 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed (checks payable to Pelham School)

Pelham School



# HALLOWEEN PARTY

MONDAY  
OCTOBER 31, 2011  
5:30 - 7:30 PM  
IN THE SCHOOL



APPLES



GIFT BAGS



# GOT DRUGS?

Do you or your relatives have a medicine cabinet full of old medications?  
Help Get Rid of them **SAFELY.**



WE ALSO TAKE  
NON-PRESCRIPTION  
MEDS, URINARY &  
VETERINARY  
MEDS

## FREE COLLECTION DAY

For Safe Disposal • No Questions Asked

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011 • 10:00AM-2:00PM**

### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COLLECTION SITES

Northampton - Smith Vocational  
80 Locust St.  
Amherst - Wildwood Elementary School  
Belchertown - Town Commons  
Cummington - Cummington Safety Complex  
Easthampton - Easthampton Safety Complex  
Granby - Granby High School  
Hadley - Hadley Safety Complex  
Hatfield - Town Hall  
Huntington - Transfer Station  
Southampton - Town Hall  
South Hadley - Police Station  
Ware - Ware High School  
Westhampton - Westhampton Police/Fire Station  
Williamsburg - Anne Dunphy School  
Worthington - Town Hall

### FRANKLIN COUNTY COLLECTION SITES

Greenfield - Greenfield High School  
Ashfield - Town Hall  
Buckland - Police Station  
Deerfield - Town Offices  
Erving - Police Station  
Montague - Montague Safety Complex  
Northfield - Town Hall  
Orange - Armory  
Shelburne - Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School

### WORCESTER COUNTY COLLECTION SITE

Athol - Athol High School

### ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

NO NEEDLES - NO SYRINGES - NO LANCETS  
NO THERMOMETERS - NO IV BAGS - NO CHEMO DRUGS - NO LIQUIDS OF ANY TYPE

Sponsored by: The Drug Enforcement Administration, Hampshire/Franklin TRIAD, District Attorney David E. Sullivan, Hampshire County Sheriff Robert J. Garvey, Franklin County Sheriff Christopher Donelan, Local Police Departments, Department of Public Health, MA Council's on Aging, Smith Vocational High School, Daily Hampshire Gazette and other community partners.

For more information go to [northwesternnda.org](http://northwesternnda.org) or [dea.gov](http://dea.gov)

**FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE:**

All products supplied by Whitsons contain Zero Trans Fats. The majority of the food sourced by Whitsons contain No MSG & No Artificial Flavors. Colors of preservatives, and we continue to work on this initiative. All milk and chicken products are hormone and antibiotic free. All meats, condiments and cheeses are all lean or low fat. All entrees contain between 10-15% of sodium. We offer whole grain pasta, 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: \$1.00

**PERFECT LUNCHES AVAILABLE:**

10 Lunches-\$25.00 20 Lunches-\$50.00  
 30 Lunches-\$75.00 40 Lunches-\$100.00

**LUNCHES INCLUDE:**

8oz milk, 1/2 Milk or Low Fat Chocolate Milk /  
 100% Juice, Vegetable Choice, Fruit Choice

**AVAILABLE ONLY:**

Whole Grain spaghetti or Low Fat Cream Cheese  
 Substituted w/ Jelly Sandwich (Subst Lunches only)  
 Veggie vegetable choice, Fruit choice, Low Fat Milk &  
 Low Fat Moccarella Cheese

**WHOLE GRAIN CONTAINS:**

Flouring or less - 100% FLOUR or less  
 Reducing or less - Sugar-10g or less

**WE OFFER BREAKFAST DAILY:**

Can't forget to start the day off breakfast breakfast \$1.50, Reduced breakfast \$1.20, Adult \$1.80  
 Cereal, fruit, juice and more available only.

Monday - Fruit & Milk

Tuesday - French Toast & Milk

Wednesday - Whole Waffle w/ Cream Cheese

Thursday - Pancakes

Friday - Ham, Egg, Cheese Sandwich

Y-vegetable & Fruit/strawberries & Fruit

- If you have a food allergy, please speak to your Food Service Director or Lead Server
- Consuming raw or undercooked meat, poultry, sea food, shellfish or egg may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.
- Items 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 **Josanna Watley 413-852-1639**



The Nutrition Safari shares a lesson on vitamins. Did you know that all the different foods you eat have different nutrient contents? It's best to eat a variety of foods to get the best mix of nutrients.

**Peifham Elementary School**

**OCTOBER 2011**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Nachos w/ Taco Meat, Cheese, Salsa & Sour Cream Carrot Sticks Rice	4 Cheeseburger, (V) Veggie Burger on a Whole Wheat Bun Green Beans	5 Hotdog on a Whole Wheat Roll Corn Fresh Apple	6 (V) Whole Wheat Pasta & Meatballs Fresh Green Romaine Salad	7 (V) Cheese Pizza Fresh Carrot/Celery Sticks
10 <b>Columbus Day No School</b>	11 Baked Potato Bar Taco Meat Cheese Salsa Whole Wheat Bread	12 Chicken Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Fries Fresh Apple	13 (V) Whole Wheat Macaroni & Cheese Green Peas Whole Wheat Dinner Roll	14 (V) Cheese Pizza Romaine Garden Salad w/ Fresh Veggies Fresh Apple
17 (V) Moccarella Sticks Side Of Pasta w/ Marinara Sauce Seasoned Corn	18 (V) Whole Wheat Pasta & Meatballs Fresh Green Romaine Salad Apple Crisp	19 Soft Shell Beef (V) Bean Taco w/ Seasoned Meat, Cheese, Salsa & Sour Cream Cucumber Coles	20 Baked Chicken Fresh Zucchini Sticks Whole Wheat Bread Fresh Apple	21 (V) Cheese Pizza Fresh Carrot/Celery Sticks
24 Hotdog on a Whole Wheat Roll Baked Fries Fresh Apple	25 Hamburger, (V) Veggie Burger on a Whole Wheat Bun Green Beans	26 Search for Lunch (V) Whole Wheat French Toast Sticks Pork Sausage Patty Cinnamon Applesauce Potato Rounds	27 Chicken Nuggets w/ Dipping Sauce Green Peas Whole Wheat Bread	28 (V) Cheese Pizza Romaine Garden Salad w/ Fresh Veggies

31  
Toasted Cheese Sandwich  
Tomato Soup  
Halloween Cookie

**Have a SAFE Halloween!**  
 The fruit of the month is APPLES.

<p><b>Specialty</b> <b>NO PURCHASE NECESSARY</b>              Prizes are purchased through regular supplies when reasonably available. Visit our website to see all that we are doing to help save for tomorrow <a href="http://www.Whitsons.com">www.Whitsons.com</a></p>	<p><b>Visit Our Virtual Community</b>              Get a taste of our virtual color. Dig and dig! Find meal components on your tray and see additional information including allergens, nutrition facts, etc. <a href="http://www.Whitsons.com/Nutrition">www.Whitsons.com/Nutrition</a></p>	<p><b>Have Allergies to Gluten, Casein or Soy?</b>              Check out our Gluten Free after great tasting, 100% whole food only people with food sensitivities to be less than 1%. Items are available only in your school!  <a href="http://www.NutritionFoods.com">www.NutritionFoods.com</a></p>
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