

# Pelham Elementary School



## March 2019



Pelham  
Elementary



## Principally Speaking.....

January and February have been busy and has passed quickly here at Pelham Elementary School. I am happy we came out of these two months without a snow day. iReady testing has been conducted to progress monitor students through the first half of this school year. These assessments give teachers valuable information on student progress which allows for adjustments to be made with their classroom instruction.

Our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pelham Elementary Spelling Bee was held on January 9th and I want to thank all students who participated and all who assisted with judging, pronouncing, and record keeping. Thanks to our Reading Specialist Mrs. Kim Kearney for organizing this great event. Congratulations go out to our Bee winner grade 4 student Alexander Martony. Our first Runner - Up was Chris Romanik. Best of luck to Alexander as he will be off to the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord for the State Spelling Bee on **Saturday, February 23, 2019.**

Registration for Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade is currently under way with the deadline to complete this process being **March 31, 2019.** All the necessary paperwork is available on our website or by contacting us directly here at Pelham Elementary through our main number **635-8875.** Be on the lookout for details regarding our Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 1 information nights coming up this Spring.

## Preschool

Welcome back from February break! It's hard to believe that Spring is right around the corner. Preschoolers have been busy, busy, busy these past few months. They have made it more than halfway through the alphabet now, with a new letter and sound under their belt almost each week. Some of the older children (PM PreK) have begun to manipulate sounds in words and recognizing rhyming words. They have also been busy counting, extending and making patterns, learning colors, shapes, and sorting. Phew!

We learned all about what animals do in the win-

The Pelham School Board held its annual **Deliberative Session** on Wednesday, **February 6th** at Sherburne Hall. Please plan on attending as there are many important issues and warrant articles to be discussed and put before the voters on Tuesday, **March 12th.** It does not matter which way you plan on voting, just be informed of all the issues.

**The Second Trimester comes to an end March 13th and more information will be coming in regards to the availability of Electronic Report Cards.**

Our Library is once again hosting the annual Scholastic Book Fair next week, **March 11th – March 15<sup>th</sup>.** The theme this year is: **Dino-Mite – Stomp, Chomp, and Read!!** There will also be an opportunity to purchase books during the scheduled **Family Evening Book Fair** on Friday, **March 15th** from 6:00 – 8:00 in the Library. Come by and visit our “Book Fair” as reading gives you access to information, knowledge, and great stories. The more you read, the more reading skills improve. See the attached brochure for more information.

**Please note these safety reminders: Always have your placard displayed** when dropping off in the morning and picking up students after school. **Please do not drop off your children if a staff member is not present outside at car drop-off.** If you do not have your placard, you will be asked to report to the main office to sign out your child. If you need a replacement placard, please call the office and we can print a new

ter time. Some animals like the brown bear hibernate in the winter and other animals like penguin and arctic fox live in the arctic and don't hibernate.

Preschoolers enjoyed a variety of hibernating games, songs, and activities like “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt”, “Mr. Bear are you asleep?”, and penguin belly slides on scooter boards! We finished up our hibernation unit and spent some time learning about Groundhog Day by exploring shadows and making predictions of spring.

one for you. Lastly, if you need to change your child’s dismissal time for the day, our handbook states this must be done in writing to your child’s classroom teacher. Please refrain from calling the office with these changes. We will call your child down to the office when you arrive as we will not pull them out of class earlier than necessary to wait in the office.

There is an Early Release Day here at Pelham Elementary on Friday, **March 29th.** Students will be dismissed at 12:15pm on this day.

There will be no school for students on **Monday April 1, 2019** as this is a Teacher Workshop Day.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to the coming months.

Sincerely,

Thomas Adamakos

Principal

We have also been exploring our world through our 5 senses. The children have learned the importance of each sense as they used their sense of sight, sound, scent, touch, and taste to explore the environment in new ways. We’ve also learned about keeping our bodies and minds healthy to help us learn and grow.



# Kindergarten



What an exciting and busy second trimester we have had in kindergarten. We continue to build a positive classroom community through a daily classroom meeting and using growth mindset. We continue to sing songs and play games. Students continue to enjoy playing in center of their choice building social emotional skills necessary for future success. We celebrated a beautiful holiday season and the kindergarten classrooms turned into gingerbread houses and workshops, we read multiple stories and engaged in labeling writing lessons. Students showed their generosity and empathy though our Christmas for the Birds, we also learned some great Science concepts through this. Students have worked hard through PALS

and iReady assessments recently and show they have learned a lot over the past 100 + days. On the 100th day of school, we celebrated with some fun activities to build students understanding of number sense. Valentine's Day was a fun celebration and reminder of the friendly community of learners that we are working towards in kindergarten.

In literacy students have written about things they like and written hopes and dreams for the second half of the school year. We have started guided reading instruction and students are already demonstrating some promising strategies and a positive attitude toward reading. Students have been working so hard on tapping and blending CVC words. In Math, students have been working on beginning addition skills, listening to story problems, understanding the concept of part-part-whole, and number sentences. We continue

to play many math games and read stories to point out math connections in the real world. More flashcards and ideas for things to do at home have been being sent with your child, any practice no matter if it is only five minutes is a great help! Just this past week we read the story Stranger in the Woods and had a presenter from Project Nature come in. The kids enjoyed Miss. Mary's singing and project she brought along. A big shout out to the PTA for funding this event. We look forward to Spring and the fun learning that is yet to be had!



## Grade 1

We can't believe it is already the end of the second trimester! We have been very busy learning new things and engaging in fun and exciting activities. First, we would like to thank you for all of your help in celebrating the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day. The children had a fun and memorable week celebrating!

In Science and Social Studies, we have been learning about the Earth, Sun, and Moon, Martin Luther King, Jr., Timelines, and Presidents' Day. Thank you so much for helping your child with their timeline. The students did a wonderful job presenting their timelines to their classmates. We could not have done this activity without all of your help!

In Math, we will be continuing to work on math facts to 20, with addi-

tion and subtraction fluency to 10. Please continue to work on these facts at home with your child. The more they practice, the more fluent they will become.

In Reading, we are working on listening to a story and discussing story elements, such as characters, setting, plot, theme, and main idea. The children are also working on their reading fluency. In our Foundations program, they will be learning new phonics rules to help them read new words. Our writing theme is "How To"; steps to make or do something. You can help at home by letting your child cook with you, have them explain how to play their favorite game, have them teach a younger sibling or friend how to do an activity, game, or play a sport. In class, we have worked on writing the steps to

build a snowman, make hot chocolate or chocolate milk, how to brush their teeth, and many others. This has been a fun writing theme. Please continue to read each night with your child.

As always, we want to thank you for your continued support in helping your child practice their reading, writing, and math skills. The parent/teacher team is very important in ensuring your child's success and just as importantly, their love of learning.

We hope that you all have a wonderful SPRING!

The First Grade Team

## Grade 2



It is amazing to know that second trimester is already coming to a close. With vacations, delays, early releases, testing, and sicknesses, it has been a struggle to develop and maintain a routine; however, we have worked hard and accomplished so much!

Early in the trimester we worked on expanding our skills with maps and globes. After using maps to track the journey of Columbus and the Pilgrims we were able to use maps to help us "travel" around the world as we explored the holiday customs in other countries and cultures. In January, we began a new science topic. The focus of this topic was the changing Earth. We discovered different types of landforms and how land changes shape over time. We were introduced to the concepts of weathering and erosion, and identified if different things that changed the Earth happened quickly or slowly.

In reading, we were introducing two new skills: drawing conclusions, and cause and effect.



We also spent time focusing on nonfiction reading skills, including comparing/contrasting, fact and opinion, and reading for details. We continue to expand our phonics skills, working especially hard on long vowel sounds and the many ways to spell them.

In writing, students are applying their spelling and grammar skills. They are adding more interesting verbs and exploring how to use adjectives to create images in their readers' minds. We still continue to develop narrative writing skills, but have also shifted our focus to informational writing. Students loved writing "how to" pieces, and even tried their hands at nonfiction writing about a variety of topics.

In math, second graders have been working on addition and subtraction strategies, including addition and subtraction with regrouping. These can be tricky skills, but they

are so important for students to master, so we spend plenty of time practicing. We also began working on place value skills up to 1,000. This involves patterns, the value of different digits in a number, ordering numbers, and using the greater than and less than symbols to compare numbers. Keep working on math facts. Remember, there are great apps and websites to help, including Xtra-math.org.

We are looking forward to an exciting third trimester ahead!



## Grade 3

Over the past three months, third grade students have been busy mastering their multiplication and division facts. They are presently applying this knowledge to our area and perimeter unit. We have completed our social studies unit on Native Americans. Thanks to School Council for funding our Native American assembly. Mr. Jim Parks of Wingmasters provided a presentation on birds of prey and Native American artifacts. Students gained an understanding of how Native Americans used their resources to help them survive. In addition,

students were in awe of the birds and made connections to the role they played in Native American history. Right before our December vacation, students participated in a Native American potlatch where students created artifacts representing each region as they traveled from class to class. In science we have been learning about forces and extreme weather. In our force and motion unit, students gained an understanding of the different forces



## Grade 4

It's hard to believe how fast this year is speeding by, but as the old saying goes... time flies when you're having fun! In fourth grade, we are working hard, but we're having fun while we're learning. Students recently wrapped up their biography reports all about a famous American's life and their contributions to our country. They learned how to research information online, take notes, write and organize an informational report and also how to create a timeline. In Reading, we learned all about first and second point of view in a fictional text and how to identify the author's point of view in a nonfiction text. Who knew that authors could be so opinionated and

persuasive in their writing? During Math class the fourth graders have learned so many challenging concepts this trimester including double-digit multiplication, long division and even a little algebra. Ask your student to demonstrate some of their magic mathematical skills. We're sure that you'll be amazed! Science brought studies in Earth Science. We learned all about natural disasters, rocks, and changes to Earth's surface. After vacation, the fourth grade students will begin a Social Studies Unit all about government. We'll be learning all about the three branches of our national, state, and local government as well as how a bill becomes a law. Don't be surprised when your child comes home singing

the old Schoolhouse Rock song, "I'm Just a Bill!" Please remember to contact your teacher with any questions or concerns you may have about what's going on in your child's classroom. We are your partners in education and always appreciate your help and support at home. Thanks for all that you do! Happy spring... it's almost here!



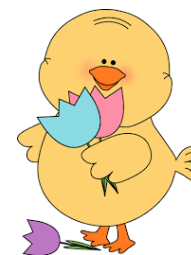
## Grade 5

How is it that we are already half way through our school year? As we continue to make our way through this last year at Pelham Elementary, we are excited to share the happenings in and around our classrooms from November, December, January, and February. In Reading, students continued to develop their skills in fluency, vocabulary, literary and informational comprehension, while teachers continued to share with each other all the activities and instructional methods they are using in their classrooms. All classrooms read *Wonder*, and then students reflected on which character influenced Auggie the most. Speaking of writing, instruction has focused on Opinion and Informative styles of writing. In Math, all students continued to develop their skills in fluency, problem solving, and concepts and applications - including such topics as dividing by a two-digit divisor, adding and subtracting decimals multiplying and dividing decimals, solving expressions and patterns, and working with fractions and decimals. Practice in ALEKS continues to allow us to blend technology into our lessons while meeting each student at his/her instructional level. In Science, all students participated in hands-on activities and research gathering experiences related to Earth Science. Finally, in Social Studies, all students continued their studies of US History, covering content up to the beginning of the American Revolution.



As part of our Lead to Succeed program, we began our year-long study of stories to inspire to success. Our second unit of the year centered around the book *Way to Be Like Disney* and focused on working through our feelings and emotions, all which are normal for everyone to experience. Our third unit, entitled Self-ibration, focused around ways to celebrate ourselves - goal setting, nutrition, self-awareness, mindfulness, and other topics. Guest Leaders, who shared their own personal stories, included Meghan Montminy (PHS class of 2019), Mr. Furbush (PSD Superintendent), Pelham VFW, Officer Page (Pelham Police Department), Victoria Arlen (ESPN host), Miss Collins (PES Title I Team), Tommy and Mick Bolduc (Optiline Enterprises), Mr. Dave Lawton (PES Technical Extraordinaire), Miss Hebert (PES grade 3), Mr. Randy Peirce (Vision Quest 2020), Mrs. Sprague (Pelham resident), and Chef Nicole & Chef Megan (Great NH Restaurants Inc.). Finally, during our weekly meetings, we continued to celebrate the amazing student growth demonstrated on monthly iReady testing and make progress towards our individual, classroom, and grade level goals.

share the many ways we have contributed to our community. Students have participated in a winter coat drive, celebrated Mustache day (benefitting Men's Health), made cards for the troops, collected toys for our Toys for Tots drive, participated in Hoops for Heart (benefitting the American Heart Association), and celebrated Hat Day (benefitting PES School Council). And, we cannot forget the amazing Walking Bookmark t-shirts the students and teachers created to celebrate Read Across America Day. We truly are all in this all together - students, teachers, and community! Thank you for your continued support!



Last, but not least, we would like to





## NOTE FROM THE NURSE:

Donations needed:

We are in the need of various size leggings or sweatpants for boys and girls. Accidents happen! Kids spill milk, fall in puddles, etc. Also - small size new underwear is helpful to have on hand for those “other” accidents.

And for the littler students having a spare change of clothes in their backpacks is helpful- some kids feel most comfortable in their own clothes.

Thank you!

Please remember to call or email the CareLine for all late arrivals and absences. [pescareline@pelhamsd.org](mailto:pescareline@pelhamsd.org).

Also send in updated physicals and immunizations to keep files current!

Thank you!

The nurses.





# March 2019



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<b>1</b> Mid-Winter Break
<b>4</b> Whole Grain Cinnamon Crumb Bar Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar 100% Fruit Juice • Apple • Applesauce • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>5</b> • Whole Grain Cereal With Cheese Stick Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar 100% Fruit Juice • Apple • Applesauce • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>6</b> Whole Grain Blueberry Muffin Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar • Apple • Orange • Raisins • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>7</b> Whole Grain Banana Bread Slice Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar • Apple • Applesauce • Orange • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>8</b> Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar • Apple • Orange • Raisins • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk
<b>11</b> Mini Maple Waffles Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar • Apple • Orange • Raisins • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>12</b> Whole Grain Chocolate Bread Slice Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar • Apple • Orange • Raisins • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>13</b> Whole Grain Chocolate Chip Muffin Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar • Apple • Orange • Raisins • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>14</b> Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar • Apple • Orange • Raisins • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>15</b> Whole Grain Banana Bread Slice Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar • Apple • Orange • Raisins • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk
<b>18</b> Whole Grain Cinnamon Crumb Bar Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar 100% Fruit Juice • Apple • Applesauce • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>19</b> • Whole Grain Cereal With Cheese Stick Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar 100% Fruit Juice • Apple • Applesauce • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>20</b> Whole Grain Blueberry Muffin Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar • Apple • Orange • Raisins • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>21</b> Whole Grain Banana Bread Slice Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar • Apple • Applesauce • Orange • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk	<b>22</b> Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Whole Grain Protein Granola Bar • Apple • Orange • Raisins • 1% Milk • Strawberry Milk • Chocolate Milk
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## Pelham Elementary Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<b>1</b> Mid-Winter Break
<b>4</b> Main Meal Choices WG Doughnut, Egg Patty and Sausage Links, Roasted Mini Potatoes	<b>5</b> Main Meal Choices • Assorted Whole Grain Muffins (Apple Cinnamon, Blueberry or Double Chocolate Chip) with Ham and Hash Brown	<b>6</b> Main Meal Choices Whole Grain Poptarts (Blueberry, Strawberry or Chocolate Fudge), Scrambled Eggs and Bacon, Warm Cinnamon Pears	<b>7</b> Main Meal Choices Mini French Toast Bites with a Peach Yogurt Smoothie	<b>8</b> Main Meal Choices • Whole Grain Cheese Pizza OR Breakfast Sausage Pizza with Caesar Salad, and a Mini Treat
<b>11</b> Main Meal Choices • Plain or Spicy Buffalo Chicken Patty with a Whole Grain Bun and Corn	<b>12</b> Main Meal Choices • Cheeseburger Or Hamburger with Whole Grain Bun French Fries and Baked Beans	<b>13</b> Main Meal Choices • BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich with Cape Cod Chips Steamed Broccoli • BBQ or Plain Grilled Chicken Sandwich Cape Cod Chips Steamed Broccoli	<b>14</b> Main Meal Choices St Patrick's Shaped Nuggets, Luck Green Mashed Potatoes, Blarney Bread Roll and Carrot Coins	<b>15</b> Main Meal Choices Emerald Isle WG Gills Green Pizza, Shamrock Sherlock Salad, Rainbow Treat
<b>18</b> Main Meal Choices • Shoestring Chicken Fries with a whole grain roll and Corn	<b>19</b> Main Meal Choices • Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll with Hash Brown and Greek Yogurt	<b>20</b> Main Meal Choices <b>Celebrate Dr Seuss! Carnival Themed Day</b> • State Fair Style Corn Dog with Waffle Sweet Potato Fries Roasted Cauliflower	<b>21</b> Main Meal Choices • Chicken Noodle Soup OR Creamy Tomato with Grilled Cheese and Gold Fish	<b>22</b> Main Meal Choices • Gill's Fresh Cheese Pizza with Caesar Salad, and a Mini Treat
<b>25</b> Main Meal Choices • Chicken Nuggets, Brown Rice and Corn	<b>26</b> Main Meal Choices • Maple Burstin Pancakes with Ham and Tater Tots	<b>27</b> Main Meal Choices <b>Pasta Bar</b> • Choice of Plain, Nut Free Pesto or Cheddar Cheese Sauce, Served with Curly Pasta Steamed Green Beans	<b>28</b> Main Meal Choices • Beef or Chicken Nachos with Salsa, Cheese and Lettuce with Steamed Spinach • Whole Grain Cheese Pizza with Steamed Spinach	<b>29</b> Main Meal Choices • Maxx Pizza Sticks with Marinara Dip Mixed Salad and a Mini Treat

Have you ever wanted to be part of team that makes a difference in students lives everyday? You are in luck! The Pelham Nutrition Department is looking for a Lead Nutrition Assistant. Follow the link here to see the postings and apply:

Elementary School Lunch Prices: School Information: Lunch Prices: \$2.55/Reimbursable meal .40/Reduced Lunch .60/8oz Milk. Apply for free or reduced lunch anytime during the school year This institution is an equal opportunity provider. All Menus Are Subject To Change!

Complete Meal A complete meal consists of a choice from: Proteins, Whole Grains, Fruits, Vegetables (Raw or Cooked) and Assorted Milks. From the offerings you must choose at least 3 options, one of your options must be a fruit or vegetable.

A la Cart We also offer a variety of a la cart items daily!

More Details: [pelhamsd.nutrislice.com/menu/pelham-elementary/lunch/](http://pelhamsd.nutrislice.com/menu/pelham-elementary/lunch/)

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Please be aware of food allergies when making menu choices. If you have questions about ingredients please contact Pelham Nutrition Services

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Congratulations to:

**Alexander Martony**  
for being the 2018-2019  
Spelling Bee Champion for PES.



We would also like to congratulate **Chris Romanik** for  
being our runner-up.



The following students should be recognized for representing  
their grade levels at the school bee: **Danny Ayotte, Michael  
Diaz, Courtney Sabato and Kai Sierra.**





**Below is a picture of the students who represented their classrooms for the individual grade level bees.**



**Additionally, we would like to thank the following people for their support: Superintendent Furbush, Mr. Adamakos, Megan Larson, Lisa McAneney, Becky George, Brenda Hobbs, Tracy Gamble, Stephanie Belik, Kelly Sauer, Tony Bolduc, Lisa Overton, and Bruce VanAuken. If we have left anyone off our list, please know that we appreciate everything everyone does to support this wonderful event.**

**Alex will be representing Pelham Elementary School at the Statewide Bee on February 23rd. at the Capital Center in Concord. We wish him, "The best of luck!"**



Submitted by: K. Kearney & B. Murphy, Reading Specialist