

Pelham Elementary School

December 2017



Principally Speaking.....

Dear Pelham Elementary School Community,

Thanksgiving time has passed and I hope you all found the time to enjoy this festive day and extended weekend with friends and family.

The holiday season is now right around the corner and December is shaping up to be a very busy month here at Pelham Elementary. Students will be learning about different Holiday traditions around the world by sharing stories, customs, and special treats. Students in grades three through five will once again be participating in classroom spelling bees to determine winners who will then compete in the annual school spelling bee on **January 10, 2018**. This year, the event will be organized by Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Kearney, our building Reading Specialists. Parents of Grade Level winners will be notified so they can plan to attend this event in January. The individual school winner will then go on to compete with students in grades 3 – 8 in the regional Bee to be held **Saturday, February 24, 2018** in **Concord NH** at the Capitol Center for the Arts. Good Luck to all who participate.

Preschool

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. In November, we learned about community workers such as firefighters, police officers, and mail carriers. We also focused on family. The children had fun sharing pictures and stories about their moms, dads, siblings and pets. We

Student Report cards **will only be available electronically on December 11 at 3:30pm**, so it is of great importance you have received your Parent Portal access code to your child's information/account. There will be no hard copy sent home. If you have not received your access code, please call the Main Office at **635-8875**.

Sock Drive – Did you know there is a sock drive taking place now through December 20th? Emma Repici and Alex Carroll, two Pelham Memorial students are gathering socks to benefit the Lazarus House, which provides items to needy families. So bring in socks of all sizes to Pelham Elementary and place them in the box in the front entrance. See the brochure within this newsletter. Collections will be taken until December 20th – Thanks in advance.

Our PES Grade 5 Band Concert will be held on **Wednesday, December 20** beginning at 6:00pm in our Gymnasium. Come on in to be entertained by our Grade 5 band students as they perform some holiday standards. There is also other wonderful musical entertainment this month of December in our schools including concerts at Pelham Memorial

on **Tuesday evening, December 12** at 7:00pm and at Pelham High School on **Thursday evening, December 21** at 7:00pm. Come listen to some wonderful Holiday music performed by talented musicians at all three schools to get you in the spirit of the season.

Please remind your students to please check the **LOST AND FOUND** table near the Gymnasium at PES by **Friday, December 22**. There are many items on this table so please have your students check for missing items. Remaining items will be donated on Tuesday, **December 26**.

Enjoy the Holiday break, which extends from Saturday, **December 23, 2017 – Monday, January 1, 2018**. Students return back to school on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018**.

Thank you all for your continued support and I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Tom Adamakos



also discussed the Pilgrims coming over on the Mayflower and how the Native Americans helped them plant and grow food, which led to the celebration of the first Thanksgiving. In December, we will be learning new letters, numbers and shapes; plus we will focus on winter weather and clothing; and will celebrate the holiday season through literature, crafts, and music. Happy Holidays!



Kindergarten

Kindergarten classrooms are welcoming the month of December by adding various gingerbread themed centers and learning activities to classrooms. Students will be listening to multiple versions of The Gingerbread Boy, using these texts to compare characters and settings. Students will apply their social skills into play centers as they interact in the dramatic play bakery or create gingerbread houses in building centers.

Literacy activities will include the introduction of the final two conso-

nants. Kindergarten students will now move on to using letters to make words. Students have become masters of numbers to 20. They will apply their knowledge in the coming weeks as they use these numbers to solve problems and play various games. Kindergarten classrooms are certainly filled with joyful learning!

As winter weather arrives, we encourage all families to send students to school prepared for the conditions. If boots are worn to

school, kindly send a pair of shoes to change into for the classroom. Labeling mittens/hats is always a good idea!

Kindergarten staff send warm wishes to all families in the coming days. Enjoy vacation time with family and friends!



Grade 1

It doesn't even seem possible that it is already December! November was a very busy and exciting month in First Grade and we anticipate another exciting and busy month of December. This is such a magical month and we will be learning about many different holidays and traditions celebrated around the world. Does your family celebrate a special holiday other than Christmas? If so, please let us know; we love learning about different cultures and holidays. We will also be studying Economics and learning about Needs and Wants, which always ties in nicely to the holiday. We will be discussing the importance of giving to others, not just purchased items, but



friendship, kindness, and our time. As always, we will be continuing right along in our reading and math curriculums. Can you believe how much progress they have made already? It's truly amazing the growth the children make in first grade. We are so proud of all of their hard work and we are very grateful for your efforts at home.

Each classroom will be celebrating the holidays a little differently, so please keep your eye out for information from your child's teacher. This is also the time of year that

classroom supplies start to dwindle, so if you are able to send in any extra supplies (tissues, wipes, pencils, Expo markers, crayons) we would greatly appreciate it!

We hope that you enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season with your loved ones!

Warmly,
The First Grade
Team



Grade 2

Throughout November, we remembered to take time to be thankful. We also worked hard to expand our skills with maps and globes. After using maps to track the journey of Columbus in October, the Pilgrims in November, now we will be able to use maps to help us "travel" around the world as we explore the holiday customs in other countries and cultures.

In reading, we will be introducing two new skills: drawing con-

clusions, and cause and effect. Students should continue to read at home whenever possible, especially with all the time off for holidays.

In math, second graders will be working on addition strategies, including addition with regrouping. If students have mastered their basic facts to 20, it makes this skill much easier for them. Please keep working on math facts. Remember, there are great apps

and websites to help, including Xtra-math.org.

Once again, thank you for all your support at home, and have a very happy holiday season!



Grade 3

The third graders continue to explore the lives of Native Americans. This unit focuses on the regions of the country and how Native Americans used their natural resources to help them survive. Right before Thanksgiving, the third grade students were treated to an assembly sponsored by the school council. Jim Parks of Wingmasters brought Native American artifacts,



as well as, some birds of prey. Mr. Parks explained the significance of certain birds' feathers and why they were used on some of the clothing. In Math we have started multiplication. Please spend some time practicing these facts. In reading, we

will begin Unit 3. All the stories in this unit have a theme of why individual qualities are important. In writing we are writing narratives and learning how good writers add descriptive details to their stories.

Enjoy this busy time of year! Happy Holidays!

Grade 4

Happy Holidays from Grade 4! Our students are working hard in all curriculum areas. In Social Studies, students enjoyed participating in a day-long event to celebrate the end of our Colonial NH unit. Classes traveled to each fourth grade room to experience different aspects of colonial life. Students learned how to play colonial games, make colonial toys, quilt, and write with a quill pen. In Math, we are learning some different ways to multiply by using estimation, base 10 blocks, and a method called breaking apart. Students can

now multiply multi-digit num-

Grade 5

It is hard to believe that we the first trimester will be coming to an end at the end of the month! All students continued developing their skills in comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and extending vocabulary in Reading. Multiplying and dividing multi digit whole numbers were the Math topics taught in most classrooms; while in Mrs. Roberson's and Mrs. Struth's classrooms students were working on dividing whole numbers, AND in Mr. Harris's and Mrs. Maguire's rooms students were working on fractions, mixed numbers, and multiplying fractions and mixed numbers. All students continued working on matter and energy in ecosystems in Science. In Social Studies, students will conclude their studies on the regions of the United States. On Monday, November 20th

bers. Keep up on those math facts as longer and harder multiplication problems are right around the corner with long division soon to follow. During the month of December in Science, students will be learning all about different forms of energy such as sound, light and electricity. Students will learn how to build electrical circuits and electromagnets. In Reading, we are working hard to find the main idea and details of the text we're reading and



Master Patrolman Page, a former Marine and current member of the Pelham Police Department, kicked off our 4th Annual Toys for Tots drive. As we begin to celebrate the spirit of the season, this will be Grade 5's way of sharing the spirit of the season with those less fortunate.

Winter is certainly right around the corner, and December will be a quick month of school. All students will continue developing their skills in comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and extending vocabulary in Reading. Multiplication of decimals will be the common topic in Math in most classroom; while in Mrs. Roberson's and Mrs. Struth's classrooms students will be working on adding and subtracting decimals, AND in Mr. Harris's and Mrs.

also how to use this information to summarize. Students will participate in a Holidays Around the World Day during the week before Winter Break and enjoy holiday parties and crafts in their classrooms. Remember to read lots of good books in your free time, especially during your week off from school. Have a Very Happy Holiday Season!



Maguire's rooms students will be working on dividing fractions and multi-digit multiplication. In Social Studies, students will begin their study of the history of the United States. In Science, students will be working on the Earth Science unit. We hope that all families have a happy and healthy holiday season! Enjoy the extended time with family as we take a break from school after classroom celebrations are held on Friday, December 22nd. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year, well-rested and ready for a wonderful New Year - Happy 2018!





December 2017



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3	4 3:15 Gr 4 Ceramics 3:15 Homework Club 3:30 Walking Club	5 3:15 K-Gr. 2 Learning Club	6 Gr. 4 Ceramics 3:15 Homework Club 3:20 Divide/Conquer 6:30 School Board	7 3:15 Gr 4 Ceramics 3:15 Gr 3-5 Learning Club	8	9
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24	25 Winter Vacation Begins	26	27	28	29	30
31 	<i>Happy New Year!</i>					

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603-635-7384

December Breakfast

2017



Squashes are a member of the Cucurbitaceae family, also known as the gourd family, along with cucumbers, summer squash (pattypan, zucchini), and watermelon. Originally, squashes were cultivated for the consumption of their seeds only, as they had minimal, bitter-tasting flesh; over time, fleshier, fruitier varieties were developed. See **Featured in Menu**

All Breakfast Meals purchased MUST include 3-5 items and one of them being a Fruit
Subject to Change

4	Mini Stuffed Cinnamon Bagels Bites Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk Choices	5	Whole Grain Chocolate Bread Slice 100% Fruit Juice Choices Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	6	Whole Grain Chocolate Chips Muffin Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	7	Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	8	Mini Stuffed Cinnamon Bagels Bites Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	15	Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	22	Mini Stuffed Cinnamon Bagels Bites Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk
11	Whole Grain Cinnamon Crumb Bar Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk Choices	12	Yogurt W/Nut-free Granola 100% Fruit Juice Choices Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	13	Whole Grain Blueberry Muffin Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	14	Whole Grain Banana Bread Slice Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	15	Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	21	Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	27	School Resumes January 2nd
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25	No School	26	Winter	27	Break	28	Break	29	Break	30	Break	31	Break

School Information: Breakfast Prices: \$1.20/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

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

December Lunch

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School Info: Milk Choices: Fat Free Chocolate or Strawberry, Unflavored Low Fat and Skim Milk * Pick a Lunch Choice: Jr. Chef Salad, Yogurt Meal, Cereal Meal Nacho Combo (Cheese, Tortilla Chips & Salsa) or a Sandwich Meal: Ham & Cheese, Tuna, Sunbutter & Jelly Served on Whole Wheat. All Meals Include Choice of Fruit, Raw or Cooked Vegetable Tray & Milk - Menu Subject to Change



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4	Chicken Patty, WG Bun, Steamed Carrots or Pick a Lunch, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Tray	5	Maple Bursstin Pancakes, Ham, Roasted Potatoes OR Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices	6	Beef or Chicken Nachos, Salsa, Lettuce or Pick a Lunch Fresh Fruit and Vegetable tray	7	Cheese/Hamburger Bar, Bacon, WG/Bun, Pickles, Shredded Cheese, Orange Glazed Butternut Squash OR Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray	8	Gills WG Pizza, Caesar Salad, Mini Treat or Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices	11	Popcorn Chicken w/ Dipping Sauce, WG Wrap, Roasted Parmesan Spaghetti Squash or Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices	12	Whole Grain Cinnamon Buns, Sausage, Roasted Potatoes OR Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices	13	Make your one Waffle Bar, WG Waffle, Assorted Topping, Ham, or Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray	14	Holiday Meal, Herb Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Peas, WG Roll, Cranberry sauce or Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable	15	Gills WG Pizza, Caesar Salad, Mini Treat or Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices	18	Holiday Chicken Nuggets Brown Rice, Steamed Broccoli or Pick a Lunch, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Tray	19	French Toast Sticks, Sausage Patty, Warm Cinnamon Pears Or Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk	20	Roasted Butternut Squash Soup, Bacon or Plain Grilled Cheese, Mini Gold Fish Or Pick a lunch, Fruit Tray and Milk Choices	21	Meat Or Cheese Soft or Hard Taco, Salsa, Lettuce, Or Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk	22	Whole Grain Doughnut Holes, Eggs, Hash Browns, OR Pick a Lunch, Fruit Tray and Milk Choices or Pick a Lunch	25	No School	26	Winter	27	Break	28	School Resumes January 2rd	29	Lunch Prices: School Information: Lunch Prices: \$2.50/Reimbursable meal .40/Reduced Lunch .60/Boz Milk. Apply for free or reduced lunch anytime during the school year This institution is an equal opportunity provider
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POSTER CONTEST

Theme: Reading Takes You On An Adventure!

Contest begins December 22nd. and ends January 31st.

Rules:

1 entry per student

Poster size no larger than 18" by 22" **Posters must have the students NAME, GRADE and CLASSROOM TEACHER on the back of the poster to enter.

Entries should be dropped off in the school library during Unified Arts.

"Winners" will be announced before the February break.

Prizes will be awarded to students in Gr K-2 & 3-5!

1st. prize: A coupon towards a book of your choice (up to a \$5.00 value) from scholastic and lunch with Mr. Adamakos

2nd. prize: A coupon towards a book of your choice (up to a \$5.00 value) from scholastic.

5 "Honorable Mention" certificates

HAVE FUN BEING CREATIVE!!!!

SOCK DRIVE

**DONATE NEW SOCKS TODAY AND HELP SOMEONE
IN NEED**



BRING IN YOUR NEW SOCKS!

**MENS, WOMENS, BABIES, AND CHILDREN'S SOCKS ARE
ALL NEEDED**

**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE DONATED
TO THE LAZARUS HOUSE**

**DID YOU KNOW SOCKS ARE THE MOST NEEDED
BUT THE LEAST DONATED IN SHELTER HOMES?**

This is not a school-sponsored event

Donations will be accepted from 11/27-12/20/17