



Pelham Elementary School

October 2017



Principally Speaking.....

Welcome Back Everybody. Our 2017-2018 school year is well under way and we have had a nice opening few weeks. New bus routes, drivers, and times have created some challenges the first month of school, but transportation improves each week. This year we have 784 students enrolled in grades Preschool through Grade 5. Preschool remains in the main building and Kindergarten continues to be housed in our portables. If you are dropping off in the morning, car drop off is in the rear of the building, and this includes Kindergarten. If you are dropping off at the Kindergarten, please stay in the car drop off line around the main building until you get to the Kindergarten portable. For safety reasons in the morning, **please do not drop off in the front of Pelham Elementary.** To all parents dropping off in the morning - remember students need to be in the building by **8:50am** to make sure your child is not marked tardy. Students need to be in class by **8:55**. Also a reminder, if you will be dismissing your child in the afternoon please call us **BEFORE 2:45 and pick up your child by 3:00** to ensure we maintain smooth dismissal procedures throughout the building.

There will be a PES PTA meeting on Tuesday, **October 10th** beginning at 6:00pm in the PES Library. Please stop in and join us.

October 11 marks our third **College and Career Ready Day** here in the Pelham School District. Here at Pelham Elementary, we will recognize the day in a couple of ways. First, staff and students will be able to wear college apparel and attire. Staff can wear apparel to represent

Preschool

Welcome new and returning students to Preschool! The children have been busy getting to know their teachers, meeting new friends, along with learning classroom routines and schedules. In the month of September, as the children have become familiar with

where they attended school or where their child currently attends. Students will have the opportunity to **“Dress for Success”**. This is an opportunity for students to dress in the clothing of what career they wish to pursue or what they want to be. The following link provides information about **NHcollegeclub.com**. This site allows parents and students to begin to explore college campuses and what life is like in a dorm. This is an excellent resource to use together and you can access the site through: <http://nhheaf.org>." In an effort to remind everyone our goal is to help students become College and Career ready, this is a fun way to make our elementary students aware of future opportunities.

We held our Parent Information Nights on **September 12** for Grades 3-5 and **September 14** for Preschool, Kindergarten Grades 1 and 2. Teachers shared changes in curriculum and grade level expectations for the year with parents and students. We are also happy to mention that we will continue tracking individual student performance in reading, writing, and math through our iReady testing. Data collected, analyzed, and recorded from these assessments will assist teachers in determining what interventions may be necessary to challenge students and help them achieve. This data will also be made available to parents during Parent / Teacher Conferences later this month. Dates for these conferences will be **Monday, October 16, Tuesday, October 17, Wednesday, October 18, and Thursday, October 19**. More information on conferences and sign-ups, which will be conducted using the **Sign-Up Genius** site has been sent out **September 29**. Contact your child's teacher if you did not receive



their new environment, classroom learning activities have centered around an "All About Me" theme as we get to know one another and find common interests and connections with new and familiar friends. Preschoolers have also been learning about Apples

the Sign-Up Genius information.

Very soon, teachers will meet with the Student Assistance Team (SAT.) team. This is a time when teachers meet with school administrators and interventionists to discuss at-risk students. Students are determined to be at-risk in the areas of reading and math based on school data including, but not limited to, I-Ready, Smarter Balanced, and grade level assessments. Classroom teachers will notify parents of students in their classrooms who will be monitored. The SAT team identifies struggling students and determines interventions that are appropriate. Interventions may take place during the WIN block (What I Need) that is scheduled each day in grades 1 – 5 or during math and/or literacy blocks.

Teachers are committed to the determined intervention for a period of six to eight weeks. Student progress is monitored over that time period. The SAT team meets regularly to further monitor students and to continue or change intervention strategies as needed. We are excited to implement this process which addresses the academic needs and challenges of all students at Pelham Elementary School.

A final reminder that **Friday, October 6** will be a Teacher Workshop Day. There will be no school for students. There will also be no school on **Monday, October 9** in observance of Columbus Day.

Thank you to everyone for a great opening month.

Tom Adamakos



with stories, crafts, songs, and activities. In October, classroom themes will be focused around seasonal changes, such as fall leaves and favorites such as pumpkins and Halloween!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten classrooms are filled with new faces and new friendships. Welcome to another amazing adventure in kindergarten! Students have settled into classroom routines and procedures. Learning is under way. Students will continue to explore letters, letter sounds and phonemic awareness skills. Math explorations focus on building number sense to 10. Social skills focus on making friends, learning friends names and how to use the classroom materi-

Grade 1

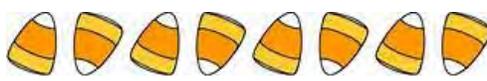
Dear First Grade Families,

We are off to a wonderful start! Thank you all very much for your donations of school supplies and classroom wish list items; your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. We hope that your first grader has shared with you some of the exciting new activities and challenges they have been working on so far. It has been fun getting to know one another and building new friendships as well as strong classroom communities.

Grade 2

It's amazing to think that our first month of second grade is already behind us! It was a pleasure to see everyone at Parent Information Night, and hopefully you found the night useful and informative.

As we move into October, second graders will continue to work on

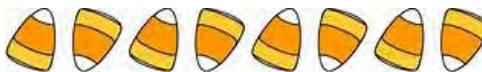


als.

On September 15, kindergarten students participated in International Dot Day in honor of the picture book, The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds. Stop by the local library to check it out and create your own dot masterpiece! Classrooms have begun to explore what it means to have a Growth Mindset. Students have learned that your brain can be strengthened and you can get better if you are *optimistic and perse-*



We understand that you have received a lot of information from the school and from your child's teacher all at once. We were happy to see so many of you at Parent Information Night. Parent Teacher conferences will be coming up in October. This will give you the opportunity to check in with your child's teacher regarding progress so far. You should be receiving an email from your child's teacher to set up your conference.



reading fluency. We will also be recognizing the differences between realistic and fantasy fiction, and discussing character and setting. In math, we will be using different strategies to improve our addition and subtraction facts. In science, second graders will continue to discuss the three states of matter.



vere. These are two of the five Growth Mindset stances we will explore this year. We are looking forward to a year filled with positive growth for all.



We hope that your child has enjoyed their first month in first grade and we are very excited to be on this fantastic journey with you.

Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Costa, Miss Douillette, Mrs. Lee, and Mrs. Masiello



We are looking forward to a busy and exciting start to the fall season!



Grade 3

The third grade team would like to thank everyone who attended Parent Information Night. Hopefully, the presentation answered any questions that you had regarding the curriculum. In reading all stories share a theme on what you can learn from stories. In writing, students are learning how



to write narratives. The focus of math is addition and multiplication. Please have your sons and daughters practice their math facts. This provides students with a strong foundation for future math topics. In social studies students will use their map skills to

explore the different regions of the United States and how Native Americans were dependent on natural resources to help them survive. As a reminder, sign up for parent conferences on sign-up genius. In closing, the third grade teachers would like to thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to meeting with you in mid-October.

Grade 4

Welcome back to school! The fourth grade students at PES have been hard at work this past month learning the many routines and procedures needed to be successful at their new grade level. All students have settled in nicely and are now diving deep into the curriculum. In Science, we are busy learning all about energy. Did you know that there are many different kinds of energy? Fourth grade will be learning about many of the different types of energy this year, including heat energy, light energy, sound energy and electricity.



In Math, we just completed our first unit of study all about place value. Students should be practicing their multiplication facts every day in preparation for the harder math we'll be learning in a few months. Fast fact recall is our goal for all 4th grade students!

Soon we will begin brainstorming ideas for personal narratives in Writer's Workshop. We will fill memory baskets with items that spark good story ideas. We can't wait to start

writing!

Thank you to all fourth grade families for attending P.I.N. night this year! It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic families. We hope the night was informational and helpful. Please reach out to your fourth grade teachers if you have any questions.

We are looking forward to a great year with this fantastic group of fourth graders. Happy fall!



Grade 5

Welcome back to school! This year Mr. Harris, Miss Hebert, Mrs. Maguire, Mrs. Philcrantz, Mrs. Roberson, Mrs. Struth, and Mrs. Zidek welcomed 154 students to fifth grade. Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Hutchinson, and Mrs. Scanzani will also be joining our team this year! Along with Ms. Bradshaw, Ms. Covart and Mr. Weigler - our Special Education case managers, our Unified Arts team, and other service providers, we will all be working hard to ensure a successful year for each student.

Throughout the month of September classrooms will be very busy! All students will be developing their skills in comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and extending vocabulary in Reading. Place value, along with adding and subtracting decimals, will be the Math topics in most classrooms; while in Mrs. Roberson's and Mrs. Struth's classrooms students will be working on place value and



multiplying whole numbers, AND in Mr. Harris's and Mrs. Maguire's room students will be working on adding and subtracting fractions. All students will be working on physical science topics in Science. In Social Studies, classes will begin their study of the regions of the United States. At our Lead to Succeed meetings, students are being introduced to the 7 Habits of Happy Kids, guest leaders from our school community, Classroom Karaoke, Data Directions, and upcoming job opportunities.

Thank you to all the parents who came out for Parent Information Night! For those of you who were not able to attend, information from the evening was sent home with every student.

Finally, and most importantly, Sign-up Genius will be going live on Friday, September 29th at 3:30pm for parent-teacher confer-

ence sign-ups! Stay close to your device!

Looking ahead to October, things will not be slowing down! All students will continue developing their skills in comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and extending vocabulary in Reading. Adding and subtracting decimals, will be the Math topics in most classrooms; while in Mrs. Roberson's and Mrs. Struth's classrooms students will be working on multiplying whole numbers, AND in Mr. Harris's and Mrs. Maguire's room students will be working on adding and subtracting fractions and place value. All students will continue working on physical science topics in Science. In Social Studies, classes will continue their study of the regions of the United States.





Unified Arts



Media Center

Welcome back from our Media Center. Students should soon be checking out books! We are waiting for the arrival of our new digital library "Destiny"! As soon as the new program is installed all students and staff will be free to visit and check out our awesome book collection. !

Many new titles will be added to the shelves this fall as well. Grade 1 is transitioning nicely and learning how to navigate their way around the library. Grades 2 - 5 have begun reviewing, working on iPads, and soon their research will begin.

Our book fair will take place in March 2018....information at a later date. Please remember that you can visit the Media Center on the PES website too

Mrs. Gamble & Mrs. Sauer



"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." — Emilie Buchwald

Health

Health kicked off the school year with a topic for all grade levels, Growth Mindset! The key words from this unit are Perseverance, Optimism, Resilience, Empathy, and Flexibility. Be on the lookout for students using these words in their everyday life.

Art

Here at the Happy Art Room we have gotten right into creating wonderful art for the 2017-2018 school year!

First grade has been introduced to the primary colors in their bubble letters and basic shapes to create a school bus.

Second grade has strengthened their artistic skills by building bird houses out of basic shape and lines.

Third grade has constructed their own books by using a diamond shape in the design and created a caterpillar by overlapping a circle.

Fourth grade has started their portfolios and created a radial and line design.

Fifth grade has used the cool and warm colors to create three-dimensional art using 3-D glasses.

STEAM

Hello from the STEAM Lab!

We are off to a tremendous start and I am thrilled to report that every student from 1st to 5th grade is fully engaged in doing what scientists do. This first trimester is all about Physical Science and students are exploring and collecting data to test out their ideas about HOW ENERGY MOVES. Our first graders are wondering about how light and sound

travel. The second graders are investigating properties of matter. The third graders used balls and ramps to make energy predictions, and the fourth grade classes are completing an energy challenge in which they build models to show how energy can move objects. The fifth graders explored how matter is conserved, and then now they are busy trying to defy gravity in a new challenge. All the students learned how to maintain a detailed Science Journal while observing Superworms. Thank you to all the students who created FlipGrids! Check them out when you get





A NOTE FROM THE NURSE:

Flu Season is coming! Please get your flu vaccine. ALL Convenient MD locations offer FREE FLU VACCINES for all ages!

Windham NH location is located at:

125 Indian Rock Road, Windham, NH 03087 Open 8am - 8pm, 7 days a week No Appointment Needed!

They also offer School and Sports Physicals for only \$20

As always please send updated physicals and immunization records to the nurse's office.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for your
“Outstanding Achievement” for summer reading:



Edward Cronis	Kindergarten	600 minutes
Michael Eason	1st. Grade	967 minutes
Matthew Thompson	1st. Grade	615 minutes
Molly Baker	1st. Grade	1,805 minutes
Landon Cunha	1st. Grade	384 minutes
David Ausevich	2nd. Grade	949 minutes
Kayleigh Huberty	2nd. Grade	777 minutes
Charlotte Albert	3rd. Grade	800 minutes
Aleena Cunha	3rd. Grade	560 minutes
Lia DeCarteret	3rd. Grade	515 minutes
Kelci Eason	3rd. Grade	1,368 minutes
Katelyn Landry	3rd . Grade	145 minutes
Alexander Huberty	4th. Grade	2,334 minutes
Zachary Bellmore	4th. Grade	998 minutes
Ryan Eason	4th. Grade	1,909 minutes
Courtney Sabato	4th. Grade	3,619 minutes
Olivia Landry	5th. Grade	150 minutes
David Otero	5th. Grade	<u>800 minutes</u>

School Total: 19,295 minutes

The bar has been set for next summer. Let's see if we can double the amount of minutes read during the Summer of 2018!!!!

A special recognition goes out to **Courtney Sabato** for having the highest number of minutes read over the *Summer of 2017*.





October



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 3:15 Gr 2 Soccer 3:20 Walking Club	3 3:15 Gr. 3 Soccer	4 6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting	5	6 Teacher Workshop Day— No School 9 a.m. Money Club	7
8	9 Columbus Day— No School	10 3:15 Gr. 2 Soccer 6 p.m. PTA Mtg.	11 3:15 Gr. 3 Soccer 6:39 p.m. School Board Meeting	12	13	14
15	16 3:20 Walking Club	17	18 6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting	19	20 9 a.m. Money Club 6:30 p.m. Gr. 2/3 Fun Night	21
22	23 3:15 Gr 2 Soccer 3:20 Walking Club	24	25 3:15 Gr. 3 Soccer	26	27 Early Release Day	28
29	30 3:15 Gr 2 Soccer 3:20 Walking Club	31 Halloween				



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BREAKFAST



School Information: Breakfast Prices:

\$1.20/Reimbursable meal .30/Reduced Breakfast .60/8oz Milk. Apply for free or reduced lunch anytime during the school year Call -635-7384-



Nutrition Tip: Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods. Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.

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



Monday

Whole Grain Coffee **2**
Crumb Bar
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Mini Stuffed Cinnamon **9**
Bagels Bites
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Whole Grain Coffee **16**
Crumb Bar
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk Choices

Mini Stuffed Cinnamon **23**
Bagels Bites
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk Choices

Whole Grain Coffee **30**
Crumb Bar
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk Choices

Tuesday

Yogurt **3**
W/Nut-free Granola
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Whole Grain **10**
Cinnamon Roll
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Yogurt **17**
W/Nut-free Granola
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Whole Grain **24**
Cinnamon Roll
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Yogurt **31**
W/Nut-free Granola
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Wednesday

Whole Grain **4**
Blueberry Muffin
100% Fruit Juice Choices
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Assorted Cereal **11**
100% Fruit Juice Choices
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Whole Grain **18**
Blueberry Muffin
100% Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit
Tray and Milk

Assorted Cereal **25**
100% Fruit Juice Choices
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Thursday

Whole Grain Banana **5**
Bread Slice
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Whole Grain **12**
Chocolate Chips Muffin
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Whole Grain Banana **19**
Bread Slice
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Whole Grain **26**
Chocolate Chips Muffin
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Friday

Whole Grain **6**
Cinnamon Roll
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Mini Stuffed Cinnamon **13**
Bagels Bites
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Whole Grain **20**
Cinnamon Roll
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk

Mini Stuffed Cinnamon **27**
Bagels Bites
Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk



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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LUNCH



School Information: 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 Call 603-635-7384. This is an equal opportunity provider



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 Vegetable Tray



Monday

Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli, Or Pick a Lunch and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices

9
No School
Columbus Day

16
Chicken Patty, WG Bun, Steamed Carrots or Pick a Lunch, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Tray

23
Hot Dog, WG Bun, Oven Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Or Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices

30
Maple Burstin Pancakes, Sausage, Tater Tots Or Pick a Lunch, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Tray

Tuesday

3
French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty, Warm Cinnamon Apples Or Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk

10
Mini Cinnamon Buns Sausage, Roasted Potatoes OR Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices

17
Make your one Waffle, WG Waffle, Assorted Topping, Ham, or Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray

24
WG Cinnamon Roll Sausage, Hash Brown, or pick a Lunch, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Tray

31
Halloween Shaped Chicken Nuggets, Steamed Spooky Corn or Pick a Lunch, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Tray

Wednesday

4
Pasta, and Meat Sauce or Plain, Green Beans or pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices

11
Cheese/ Hamburger, Bacon, WG/Bun, French Fries, Pickles OR Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray

18
Beef or Cheese Bear Dip Nachos, Salsa, Lettuce or Pick a Lunch Fresh Fruit and Vegetable tray

25
Bacon Mac and Cheese Ham, Steamy Green Beans OR Pick a Lunch, Fruit Tray and Milk Choice

Thursday

5
Popcorn Chicken, Dipping sauce, Parmesan Cous Cous, Steamed Broccoli, or Pick a Lunch, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Tray

12
Throwback American Chop Suey Or Plain Pasta Green Beans Or Pick a lunch, Fruit Tray and Milk Choices

19
Pasta and Meatballs or Plain, Green Beans or Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices

26
Throwback Chicken Pie, Whole Wheat Biscuit, Steamed Mixed Vegetable Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray

Friday

6
Teacher in Service

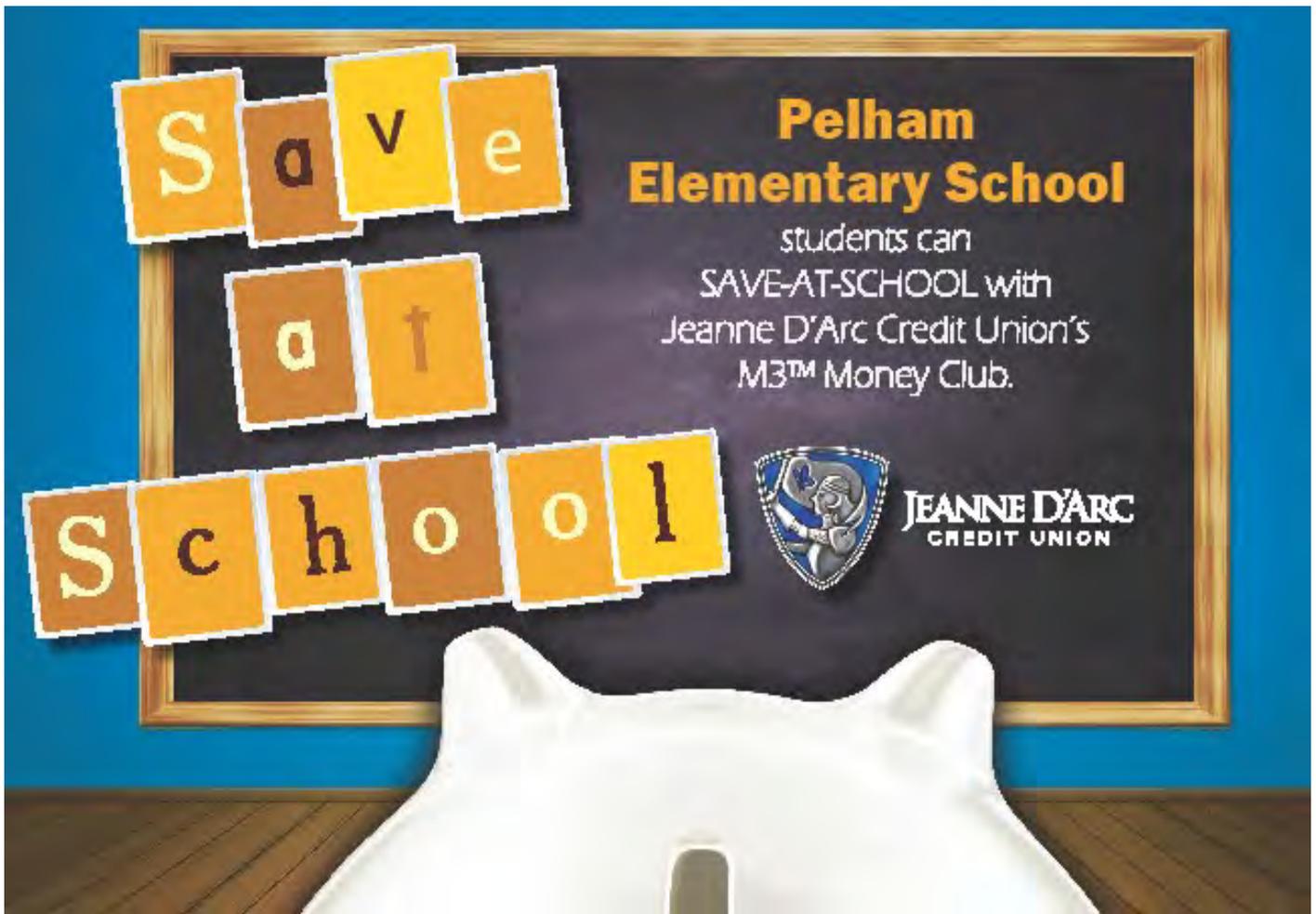
13
WG Pizza Sticks, Dipping Sauce, Mixed Salad, Mini Treat or Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices

20
Gills WG Pizza, Caesar Salad, Mini Treat or Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices

27
Assorted Whole Grain Cereal, Eggs Hash Browns, or Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices



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Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union

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Money Club Dates

Oct. 6th is a Teacher Workshop Day so we will have a special Money Club Day on Thursday, Oct. 5th instead.

And Friday, October 20th

Please contact KimberlyBeaulieu@jdcu.com for more information,

or call 978-323-4816.

Raise money for **Pelham Elementary School Council** when you shop online!

The screenshot shows the iGive.com homepage. At the top left is the iGive.com logo with the tagline "Shop online. Give online." and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. On the left is a sign-up form titled "Join by Email or by Phone" with fields for "Email Address", "Last Name", "First Name", "Phone Number", and "Address", followed by a "Join Now" button. To the right of the form is a text box that says "Want to help your favorite cause at no extra cost to you?" followed by a three-step process: "1. Choose Your Cause", "2. Join the iGive.com Program (Only \$30 Sign-Up Fee)", and "3. Your Causes Get Money - Free". Further right is a quote: "iGive.com gives you a chance to give. You'll never shop online the same way again!" Below the text is a cartoon illustration of a smiling woman with brown hair, wearing a black top and a pink necklace, pointing towards the left. The background features a house and trees.



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*The Pelham Special Education Parent Focus Group
Presents*

Introduction to New Hampshire IEPS



(Individual Education Plans)

New to special education?
Questions about sections in an IEP?
Want to learn more about what an IEP offers?

Join US!

October 25th, 2017

6:00-7:30pm

Pelham High School Media Center

****Please bring your child's IEP to reference. A sample IEP will be provided as well ****

This event is open to parents, community and teachers!