

# Pelham Elementary School



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## Principally Speaking.....

June Is Here!! We now find ourselves in the final stretch of the 2017-2018 school year. This year has moved quickly and as we get ready to say farewell to our Grade 5 students, there are a few announcements, reminders, and events to share.

Pelham Elementary hosted the Annual Senior High Breakfast on the morning of Thursday, **June 7th**. Teachers were able to greet former students and to wish them well as they leave Pelham High for future successes.

The PTA sponsored **Ice Cream Social** will take place here at PES on Wednesday, **June 13<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00pm – 8:00pm in the Student Dining Area. Ice Cream is \$3.00 a bowl with some great toppings. Volunteers are still needed – So lend a hand if you can. **The PTA would like to remind you that this is NOT a drop off event and parents are responsible for their children at all times both inside and outside on the playground.**

The **PES Chorus Concert** for Grades 3, 4 and 5 students will be held on Thursday, **June 14** beginning at **6:00**. Both concerts will be held in the PES Gymnasium. Mrs. Weigler has been getting the students ready to provide some musical entertainment so stop in for some musical interludes provided by our Grade 3, 4 and 5 students.

## Preschool

It's hard to believe how quickly the school year has gone by! We have had the pleasure of watching your children learn and grow tremendously this school year. These past few months have been filled with learning about seeds, spring-time & growing, transportation and ocean life! Children have learned the letters in the alphabet, numbers, shapes and colors, patterns, and so much more. They have developed friendships and



learned the meaning of kindness. The children have developed a sense of independence whether that be packing and unpacking independently, pushing up their own sleeves, opening their own snacks, zipping their own jackets, or tying their own shoes. Independence looks different for every child, but each and every one of them have acquired a new skill that they didn't have before and we are so proud! To our Pre-K

accessing Progress Reports and Report Cards during the school year. Stop in during the day with a photo identification and pick up your password. Passwords will also be available in the Main Office through the Summer.

**Pelham Elementary Summer Office hours will be as follows:**  
**Monday through Thursday -9:00am – 2:00pm**

**Friday - Closed**

We will resume regular office hours beginning **August 13– 8:00am – 3:00pm**, Monday through Friday.

Remember, with Summer vacation near, please **encourage your students to read at least 20 minutes every day** to help your child academically ease into next year's curriculum. Read a book, a magazine, even a comic book. Just get them reading. The more students read, the easier it becomes when school is back in session.

Enjoy these last few weeks of school.

Thomas Adamakos

Principal



graduating class, you will be missed and always have a special place in our hearts. To all of you, keep learning, laughing, and growing over the summer and of course read, read, read!



# Kindergarten

Kindergarten classrooms are a flutter as we recently observed the hatching of Painted Lady butterflies! Students watched as the caterpillars ate, created a chrysalis and then emerged as butterflies. Squeals of delight could be heard as each class allowed their butterflies to fly free!

The end of the school year for teachers is a lot like watching butterflies go free. As our kinders prepare to move forward, we are filled with delight, a bit of caution and an amazing sense of pride. It has been a joyful year filled with learning and friendship. We have tended, nurtured and guided learning. We are proud of our students and look forward to hearing about their adventures in days to come.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer days; visit Ms. Betsy at the Pelham Public Library, look for frogs, jump in a lake, cuddle up with a great book, paint a picture, look at the clouds. Best wishes to all families as you move on to first grade!



## Grade 1



We can't believe that there are only a few weeks left of school!! We are happy that the warmer weather seems to be sticking around. We have started a new unit in Foundations (our second to last one). We will be sending home the parent packet, which will let you know exactly what we are working on. We will also be wrapping up in our Reader's/Writer's workshop, and our math curriculum. End of the year assessments and benchmarks will be taking place throughout these last few weeks. It always amazes us how much the children grow academically, socially and emotionally. They have worked very hard this year and we are proud of them!

With the warm weather and the excitement of summer vacation approaching, it can be hard to keep the kiddos focused and engaged; and while we have some fun and exciting activities planned to celebrate the end of the year, we do still have learning to do. With that said, please continue to help your child practice their addition and subtraction facts to and within 10, practice reading and writing trick words, and read with or to your child for a minimum of 10 minutes per night. Keeping routines up at home and school are especially important this time of year. Kids are excited for summer, but can also become very anxious about the changes that will be coming. We will be having a "Move-Up" day in where the first graders will be able to meet the second grade teachers, see the inside of a second grade classroom, and learn a little

bit about what to expect for next year. Hopefully this will alleviate any anxiety and get the kiddos excited for next year.

As we mentioned before, there are many exciting activities/celebrations coming up to celebrate the end of the year. When all plans are finalized, we will be sure to send a notice home to let you know of the activities and when they will be taking place.

We wish you all a wonderful month!



## Grade 2

With the 2018 school year coming to a close, we are well on our way to becoming third graders!

In math, second graders have been working on counting and adding money, measurement, telling time, as well as collecting and recording data. These are very high interest topics that they look forward to all year!

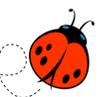
We tie our math skills into Social Studies at the end of the year with a focus on economics. We spent time working on wants and needs, goods and services, and saving and spending. We even had a special presentation from the bank!

In reading, we have been focusing on folk

tales and fairy tales. During this time we were comparing and contrasting different versions of the same story written by different authors.

The highlight of the trimester for second graders was the field trip to the Stone Zoo on May 10. While there, we were able to look closely at different animals and learn more about their habitats and adaptations. This was a great way to close out our science unit.

Students should continue to read at home and practice their math facts whenever possible. As always, thank you for your support at home! Have a wonderful summer!



## Grade 3

It's hard to believe that this year is quickly coming to a close. We have enjoyed watching your sons and daughters learn and grow. We will finish up the year by studying geometry in math, plants and animals interdependency for science, and immigration in social studies. Many thanks to the school council for funding our Wildlife Animal En-

## Grade 4

As the end of the 2017-18 school year nears completion, it's fun to look back and reflect on the progress the fourth grade students have made. We can all say with certainty that these children have much to be proud of! They worked hard this year and have accomplished great things.

This past trimester our fourth grade students were very busy. We continued to practice many challenging reading skills and learned how to express their opinions in writing. Watch out! They may be really good at arguing their point of view. As mathematicians, they learned

## Grade 5

We cannot believe that the end of the year is upon us, and our fifth graders are soon to be sixth graders. But, as these students move to the middle school, we are confident they have the skills needed to succeed! The 3rd trimester found us really expanding into our studies. In Reading, all classrooms continued to discover the Wonders our new Reading series has to offer. 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 *Holes* and *The Top Ten Ways to Ruin the First Day of School*, leading to some very creative top 10 lists (David Letterman better watch out!). Just before April vacation, all students had the opportunity to view the movie *Holes*, and compare the content of the movie to that of the book. In Math, all students continued to develop their skills in fluency, problem solving, and concepts and applications; recalling that specific topics have varied, as there are three different math programs being used throughout the grade level. In Science, all

counters on June 6<sup>th</sup> and our PTA for providing third grade students with programs from the Boston Museum of Science. Please encourage your children to read throughout the summer, as research has shown that children that read become better readers and

all about fractions and decimals, measurement, and geometry. In Science, we studied animal and plant adaptations. We had a very informative presentation on animal adaptations by Michelle's Menagerie, LLC. Students were able to view many live animals as Michelle discussed and pointed out their various adaptations. We also investigated the adaptations plants make through the building and observation of soda bottle terrariums. In Social Studies, we wrapped up our government unit with a trip to the State



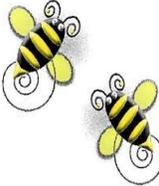
students participated in hands-on activities and research gathering experiences related to Life Science. Finally, in Social Studies, all students wrapped up their studies of US History, covering content up to the Civil War. This trimester, students were introduced to several local leaders and their stories of having a dream, perseverance, and success. Mr. George Duncan, founder of Enterprise Bank, along Mr. Tommy Bolduc and Mr. Mick Bolduc of Optiline Enterprises were certainly student favorites with great messages to share. The Pelham VFW visited our fifth grade students, presenting on Memorial Day and Flag Day. During the month of May students participated in the I CAN canned food drive, collecting 710 cans to be donated to the Pelham Food Pantry. And it would not have been Lead to Succeed without the Stock Market Challenge. Thanks to our collaboration with Enterprise Bank, our students and mentors were introduced to the Stock Market, compared Bank of America and Enterprise Bank stocks over a two-week period, then researching and investing \$25,000 to see what class could make the most profit. After 4 weeks, Mrs. Zidek's class came out

writers. Don't forget to practice addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. Enjoy the end of the school year! Best wishes for a fabulous summer!



House in Concord, NH. We learned what daily work is like for New Hampshire's representatives and senators. We even visited Governor Sununu's office! We ended the year with a fun Social Studies unit on Economics. Students got to experience what it's like to plan and run their own business by participating in an Entrepreneur Fair.

As we head into the summer, please remember to keep practicing those math facts to keep them fresh in your mind and read lots of great books. Have a very happy summer vacation and good luck in 5th grade!



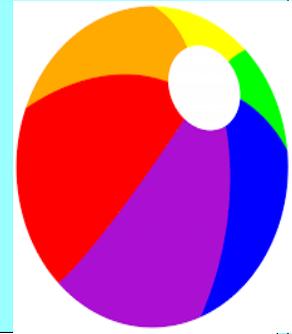
on top, making just over \$7500.00 in profit!

As the school year comes to a close, we look forward to celebrating in many ways. Move-Up Day will be celebrated on Friday, June 7th. A Day at the Park, celebrating the community we are all a part of, will be celebrated on Thursday, June 14th. Our 2nd annual Portraits of Success will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 19th at 12:30pm in the gymnasium - all are invited to attend! Finally, on Friday, June 22nd we will celebrate the last day of school, and while there is always so much to look forward to, we are reminded that it is the memories that made us who we are!





# June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 3:15 Girls on the Run	2
						
3	4	5 3:15 pm –K-2 Learning Club 6 pm PTA mtg.	6 3:20 pm Divide & Conquer Math 6 pm Spring Band Concert 6:30 pm School Board Mtg.	7 7:30 am Sr. Breakfast 3:15 pm 3-5 Learning Club	8 6 pm PHS Graduation	9
10	11	12 3:15 pm K-2 Learning Club 6 pm PTA Mtg.	13 6:30 Ice Cream Social	14 3:15 pm Gr 3 – 5 Learning Club 6pm Chorus Concert	15 9:30 a.m. - Henderson Play	16
17 	18	19 6 pm RUC Meeting	20 6:30 pm School Board Meeting	21 5:15 PMS Celebration of Learning	22 End of Quarter Last Day of School	23 
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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## June- Breakfast

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A vast array of herbs can be grown in New Hampshire—they can add punch and depth to any dish! Our materials focus on three popular herbs: basil, mint, and oregano.

Be Sure to Check out our new Pick a Lunch Options: Panther Protein Pack, Panther Pizza Pack and the Panther Breakfast Party Pack

School Resumes August 28th	HAVE A GREAT SUMMER		
4 Whole Grain Cinnamon Crumb Bar Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk Choices	5 WG Cereal, Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Juice Choices Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	6 Whole Grain Blueberry Muffin Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	1 Whole Grain Banana Bread Slice Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk
11 Mini Maple Waffles Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk Choices	12 Whole Grain Chocolate Bread Slice 100% Fruit Juice Choices Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	13 Whole Grain Chocolate Chips Muffin Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	8 Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk
18 Whole Grain Cinnamon Crumb Bar Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk Choices	19 WG Cereal, Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Juice Choices Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	20 Whole Grain Blueberry Muffin Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk	15 Whole Grain Banana Bread Slice Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk
All Breakfast Meals purchased MUST include 3-5 items and one of them being a Fruit Subject to Change			21 Whole Grain Banana Bread Slice Fresh Fruit Tray and Milk
Lunch Prices: 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			22 Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll 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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<b>4</b> Chicken Nuggets, Brown Rice, Dipping Sauce, Steamed Spinach or Pick a Lunch, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program	<b>5</b> Whole Grain Cini Minis, Ham Roasted Potatoes OR Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices	<b>6</b> Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Hash Brown OR Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices	<b>1</b> Gills WG Pizza, Caesar Salad, Mini Treat, or Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk
<b>11</b> Popcorn Chicken, Dipping sauce, Brown Rice, Steamed Broccoli, or Pick a Lunch, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Tray	<b>12</b> Maple Burstin Pancakes, Ham, Tater Tots OR Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices	<b>13</b> Beef or Chicken Nachos OR Whole Grain Cheese Pizza, Salsa, Lettuce or Pick a Lunch Fresh Fruit and Vegetable tray	<b>8</b> Gills WG Pizza, Caesar Salad, Mini Treat, or Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk
<b>18</b> Chicken Parm or Chicken Patty Sandwich, Steamed Broccoli OR Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray	<b>19</b> Breakfast Sampler Platter OR Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices	<b>20</b> Cheese/Hamburger Bar, Bacon, WG/Bun, Pickles, Shredded Lettuce, Oven Potato Fries OR Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray	<b>15</b> Gills WG Pizza, Caesar Salad, Mini Treat, or Pick a Lunch, Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk
			<b>22</b> Assorted Pizzas OR Pick a Lunch Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Tray and Milk Choices

**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: Chicken, Bacon & 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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# **FINISHING RESULTS**

**“SPEED TO READ 2017 -2018”**

**FIRST PLACE: First Grade**

**SECOND PLACE: Kindergarten**

**THIRD PLACE: Pre-K**

**FOURTH PLACE: Fourth grade**

**FIFTH PLACE: Second Grade**

**SIXTH PLACE: Third Grade**

**SEVENTH PLACE: Fifth Grade**

**Total # of books read for “Speed To Read” for 2017 -**

**2018 : 15, 953**

**FANTASTIC JOB EVERYONE !**

# **LEADING CLASSES**

**“SPEED TO READ 2017 - 2018”**

## **Finish Line**

**PK: Mrs. Longden Total # of books “817”**



**K: Mrs. Gabriel PM Total # of books “790”**

**1st.: Mrs. Labonte Total # of books “3,168”**

**2nd.: Mrs. Mansfield Total # of books “612”**

**3rd.: Mrs. Dutil Total # of books “486”**

**4th.: Mrs. Greenwood Total # of books “711”**

**5th.: Mrs. Philcrantz Total # of books “221”**



# **LEADING READERS**

**“FOR SPEED TO READ 2017 - 2018”**

## **Finish Line**

**PK: Claire Bacon Total # of books “367”**

**K: Samuel Ingraham-Wilhelm Total # of books “676”**

**1st.: Andrew Rose Total # of books “2,362”**

**2nd.: Lyla Prince Total # of books “192”**

**3rd.: Kelci Eason Total # of books “194”**

**4th.: Euphemia Kerrigan Total # of books “224”**

**5th.: Sarah Coppinger Total # of books “71”**

**Students were awarded certificates for achieving set goals for each trimester and the top reader from Pre-K through 2nd. grade and 3rd. grade through 5th. were awarded a copy of the Disney PIXAR movie “Cars 3”.**

**Congratulations to:**

**Andrew Rose - PreK - 2nd. Grade “Winner”**

**Euphemia Kerrigan - 3rd. Grade - 5th. Grade “Winner”**



To participate in this Summer Reading Challenge, bring this signed log back at the start of the new school year and earn a special prize for reading over the summer!! For the 2018 ALSC Summer Reading List by grade level, click on the link below!

[2018 ALSC Reading List](#)

Or visit:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2018-summer-reading-list>

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Book Title/Author</b>	<b>Signature</b>
Read in the shade		
Read for 1 hour		
Read a book and then watch the movie based on it		
Read under your covers with a flashlight		
Read a book with a green cover		
Read an e-Book		
Visit a local bookstore		

Read in your favorite spot		
Read a graphic novel or comic book		
Read a library book		
Read a book that starts with the letter S		
Read some poetry		
Build a reading fort and read in it		
Read a non-fiction book		
Read a book that has something to do with animals		
Read a book from the ALSC List		
Read a mystery or scary story		
Listen to an Audio Book		
Read outside		

<b>Read at the Beach</b>		
<b>Check out a new book from your local library</b>		
<b>Swap books with a friend</b>		