

~ Quote of the Week ~

You can have anything you want if you want it desperately enough. You must want it with an inner exuberance that erupts through the skin and joins the energy that created the world. ~ Sheilah Graham



- 5<sup>th</sup> – Windham School Board Meeting/ Legislators Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Hannukkah (sundown)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Windham School Board Workshop Meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Workshop Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas
- 25<sup>th</sup> to Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter Holiday Break
- 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year’s Eve

~ PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS ~

The week of November 13th was Children’s Book Week. The students at Pelham Elementary School celebrated the event by participating in a poster contest.

Students in each class made posters illustrating favorite children’s books. Classes voted by secret ballot for one poster to be displayed on the classroom door.

Posters needed to be colorful, neat, original, attractive and, most important, depict a favorite children’s book. Judges, Mrs. LaFrance, Mrs. Turner & Mrs. Velez, chose the winning posters.

And the Winners are:

- Grade 1 – Mrs. Merrill’s class – Brooke Fraser
- Multiage 2/3 – Mrs. Bourque’s class – Nick Fraser
- Grade 3 – Mrs. Sidlowski’s class – Rianna Lindsey
- Grade 4 – Mrs. Roberson’s class – Montana Darisse
- Grade 5 – Mrs. McCarthy’s class – Elizabeth Slattery

~ HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS ~

For employees that are age 60 and a member of the NH Retirement System, you should complete an Election of the Maximum Survivorship Option Before Service Retirement. This form is available only to those members who are eligible to retire, meet regular service retirement age requirements and have not yet filed an Application for Retirement.

~ HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS Continued~

If you elect this option and die while in service and prior to filing an Application for Retirement, your beneficiary may elect to receive a lifetime monthly pension equal to the maximum survivorship benefit payable under RSA 100-A.

There are separate forms for either a single beneficiary or multiple beneficiaries. Both of these forms are located on the windhamsd.org web site in the forms folder. In addition, we have posted quite a few HR related forms on this site, as well as links to the DOE Bureau of Credentialing, Health Trust and NH Retirement System. You simply click on the SAU tab and then the HR tab to access this information.

I hope to continue to keep this section of the website updated so please visit often

~ WINDHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS ~

Sixth graders at WMS just returned from their week at Camp Bournedale. All students had a wonderful week participating in the numerous activities offered at camp. During the day, students took part in classes such as Coastal Ecology, Marine Lab and Lobster Tale that engaged them in learning about marine ecosystems. In addition, each class traveled through Plymouth Plantation learning about life as a settler in the 1600’s. They also learned about teamwork, communication skills and trust for one another through their Adventure classes. Other classes that students could elect to participate in were Rocketry, Ceramics, Native Cultures, Pond and Cape Cod Canal. In the afternoon, following lunch, students attended presentations featuring live birds of prey and reptiles. Between the hours spent in classes, recreation time, and evening presentations, such as line dancing and karaoke, the sixth grade students were extremely active during their week at Camp Bournedale.

**FYI:** The Connection is accessible on-line at <http://www.windhamsd.org/SAU28/sau28.htm>. Just click the link for Newsletters and chose the issue you would like to read. Remember, all feedback, comments or suggestions should be directed to [Jfortin@windhamsd.org](mailto:Jfortin@windhamsd.org).

~ Windham ~

*Our mission is to be a continuously improving, learning community, providing quality services to enable all children to master the knowledge and competencies necessary to function skillfully throughout life.*

~ Pelham ~

*Our mission is a commitment, in concert with the entire Pelham community, to provide quality services to each student, parent and resident through planned, focused and continuous improvement of our educational programs and practices.*

