

~ Quote of the Week ~

Each age has deemed the new-born year the fittest time for festal cheer. ~ Sir Walter Scott

## JANUARY

- 15<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Windham School Board Workshop Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Workshop Meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Pelham Teacher’s Workshop (no school)

### ~ PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS ~

An American flag that was flown over Iraq on September 3, 2006, at the 407<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Ali Base, was presented to Alicia LaFrance, Principal, by Thomas and Patrick Collins, students at Pelham Elementary. Thomas’ and Patrick’s uncle is serving with the 407<sup>th</sup> Squadron in Iraq, and he made arrangements to have this flag flown in honor of Pelham Elementary School. A certificate from Operation Iraqi Freedom acknowledging the flying of this flag was also presented to Mrs. LaFrance. We are very honored to have this flag and certificate, and they will be proudly displayed in our library display case. (See picture on reverse side)

### ~ PAYROLL NEWS ~

The January 4, 2007 payroll was an absolute success. Everything went really well with only a few minor problems. Joyce and Deb did a marvelous job with this transition and deserve a standing ovation. Thank you guys and keep up the great work!!!

### ~ SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS ~

#### 2007 Extended School Year Employment Applications

Are you interested in summer employment opportunities? If so, please apply to work in one of our 2007 extended school year special education programs or in any other tutorial program that may be offered through special services this summer. Applications may be obtained in any of the school offices in Pelham or Windham or at the SAU office. All those who wish to be considered for summer employment must fill out an application. A variety of professional positions are anticipated, with the greatest need being in the area of remedial literacy and mathematics instruction. Paraprofessional positions are also anticipated. Completed applications must be submitted to the SAU office to Tina McCoy or Susan Cad by March 15, 2007.

#### **SAU #28 Public Notice**

The Pelham and Windham School Districts seek to locate and identify all children who may have an educational disability. Any person may refer for evaluation a child under the age of 22 for reasons including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1) Failing to pass a hearing or vision screening

### ~ SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS CONTINUED ~

- 2) Unsatisfactory performance on group achievement or accountability measures
- 3) Receiving multiple academic or behavioral warnings
- 4) Repeatedly failing one or more subjects

The ‘childfind’ requirements of the districts also apply to highly mobile children, homeless children, home schooled children, and children who are suspected of having an educational disability even though they are advancing from grade to grade.

Referrals may be initiated in a variety of ways. The Director of Special Services, SAU #28, may be contacted at 425-1976. School Administrative Unit #28 Preschool Services (537-9737) may be contacted on behalf of children who have not yet entered first grade. For school-age children, building principals or classroom teachers may be contacted to initiate a referral for special services.

Students who attend private schools within the geographical boundaries of the districts may be referred for evaluation by the district in which the school is located. Students (grades 1 and up) who attend St. Patrick School in Pelham may be referred for evaluation by the Pelham School District regardless of where they reside. Students (grades 1 and up) who attend private schools outside the geographical boundaries of Pelham or Windham should contact the district in which the private school is located in order to make a referral for evaluation.

### ~ WINDHAM HIGH SCHOOL NEWS~



The site work has begun!!! The layout crews are on sitemarking the boundaries, the roadways, and the building pad. Erosion control fencing and hay bales will be the next sign of progress -- protecting the wetlands from any possible impact from construction operations. Trees will

begin to fall to make way for the mobilization of construction equipment. For more photos, go to <http://www.windhamsd.org>

**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.*

