

~ Quote of the Week ~

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JANUARY

29th – Pelham Teacher's Workshop (no school)

February

2nd – Groundhog Day

6th – Windham School Board Meeting

8th – Early Release Day

14th – Pelham School Board Meeting

14th – Valentine's Day ♥

19th – President's Day

20th – Windham School Board Workshop Meeting

21st – Pelham School Board Workshop Meeting

26th – 3/02 – February Vacation

~ PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS ~

Every year, National Geographic sponsors a geography bee, and thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National Geographic Bee. Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible for this entertaining and challenging test of geographic knowledge. At Pelham Elementary School, the month of December is used for in class activities. Fifth grade students participated at the classroom level of the bee. They had to take written tests as well as answer oral questions in order to compete at the school wide level. One winner from each fifth grade class was chosen to participate in the school level geography bee. The school bee participants were Mahmoud Bagegni, Anthony Branco, Michael Coupal, Austin Croatti, Dylan Faust, Tom Gleason, and Jesse Hayes.

On, Wednesday, January 4, Pelham Elementary School held its annual National Geographic Geography Bee. The seven students were asked various oral and written questions about United States and world geography during preliminary and championship rounds. Coming in first place was Austin Croatti, second place Anthony Branco, and third place Jesse Hayes. Austin Croatti, the winner of the school bee will now take a qualifying written test to participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee on March 31.

~ PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS Cont. ~

The top 100 scoring New Hampshire students on the test will participate in the state bee. The winner of the national bee will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship. The National Geographic Bee will take place in Washington, D. C. on May 23 and will be moderated by "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebeck. Good luck!!



Mrs. Amy Velez and Principal Alicia La France with the three winners of the geography bee.

~ WINDHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS ~

Congratulations to the Stock Market Game winners, who placed second in the region. Members include: Stephen Chau and Nate Spanos. They will be honored at a special luncheon in the spring, sponsored by the Boston Globe.

The art department is looking for donations of magazines, clean yogurt cups, clean butter/ cool whip tubs. You can drop them off anytime of the day. Thank you ahead of time! Mrs. Mercier ;-)

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 Jmeskell@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.

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PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT ARTICLES

2. "Shall the Pelham School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$22,550,134? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$22,050,613, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pelham School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only."*

*NOTE: Warrant Article 2 (operating budget) **does not** include appropriations proposed in any other warrant articles.

3. To see if the Pelham School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Pelham School Board and the Pelham Education Association, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels:

Year 2007-08 \$ 392,033

Year 2008-09 \$ 396,307

Year 2009-10 \$ 413,038

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **THREE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$392,033)** for the 2007-2008 school year, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriations at current staffing levels paid in the prior school year.

(Recommended by the Pelham School Board)

(Not Recommended by the Pelham Budget Committee)

4. Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$ 47,946)**? Said sum of money being the amount necessary to fund a 3% salary increase for non-union employees.

(Recommended by the Pelham School Board)

(Recommended by the Pelham Budget Committee)

5. Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$350,000)** for architectural and engineering fees? Said sum of money being the amount necessary to hire professional services to provide architectural and engineering services for a high school facility.

(Recommended by the Pelham School Board)

(Recommended by the Pelham Budget Committee)

6. Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$183,333)** to fund the second year's appropriation in the 2007-08 school year for the district-wide technology plan.

(Recommended by the Pelham School Board)

(Recommended by the Pelham Budget Committee)

7. Shall the Pelham School District create a special education teacher/case manager position to support students with disabilities at the Pelham Memorial School and raise and appropriate the sum of **FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000)** to fund the salary and benefits for the special education position?

(Recommended by the Pelham School Board)

(Recommended by the Pelham Budget Committee)

8. Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$53,991)**. Said sum of money being the amount necessary to continue providing Child Benefit Services to the school children attending St. Patrick School.

(Recommended by the Pelham School Board)

(Recommended by the Pelham Budget Committee)

9. "Are you in favor of changing the terms of the school district clerk, moderator and treasurer from one year to 3 years, beginning with the terms of the school district clerk, moderator and treasurer to be elected at next year's regular school district meeting?" If a majority of those voting on the question vote in favor of 3-year terms, at the next annual meeting after the vote of approval, the school district shall elect a school district clerk, moderator and treasurer for 3-year terms.

(Submitted by Petition)