

~ Quote of the Week ~

A No. 2 Pencil and a dream can take you anywhere. ~ Joyce A. Myers



- 17th – St. Patrick’s Day
- 20th – Windham School Board Workshop Meeting
- 28th – Pelham School Board Business Workshop Meeting

~ PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS ~

Congratulations to the PES Destination Imagination Teams that participated in the tournament held at Nashua High School South on March 9th. Our winning teams, listed by their challenge, are:

- Round About Courage – Girls Rule and Jacob - placing first
- CSI:DI – Crime Scene Investigation - placing second
- Switching Traditions – The World Wonders - placing second

Teams that placed the highest will represent New Hampshire and compete against teams from all 50 states and around the world at Destination ImagiNation Global Finals in May. Congratulations and good luck to all!!!

On February 22nd, two students from PES had the opportunity to read a book of their choice to their state senator, Michael Downing. Alison Blanchard of Mrs. Roberson’s 4th grade classroom and Alyssa Pantaleo of Miss Karwacki’s 4th grade classroom each traveled to Concord to celebrate the kick-off of Reading Across America.

Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Pantaleo had the opportunity to hear readings from the President of the Senate, Sylvia Larsen, NEA-NH President Karen McDonough, and celebrity reader Richard Brenner, President of the NH Fisher Cats. The two students proceeded to read their favorite book to their senator. Ms. Blanchard read Sweet Dream Pie, and Ms. Pantaleo read a selection from Stuart Little. Senator Michael Downing also had time to speak with the girls about reading, sports, upcoming and recent issues in NH and school in general.

To top off the morning, special guest Governor John Lynch read his favorite book, Oh the Places You’ll Go by Dr. Seuss. Governor Lynch followed up by asking what the true meaning was behind the book. Each student was able to provide his or her individual response, which was warmly acknowledged.

Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Pantaleo both said it was a wonderful day, and they were thrilled they had the opportunity to speak to Senator Michael Downing and share their love for reading!

~ DISTRICT WIDE NEWS ~

On Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 pm, please join Governor Lynch at the Salem High School Media Center to discuss his proposal to increase the compulsory school attendance age. The Governor will give a brief synopsis of the proposed legislation funding and then take some questions.

School Boards hire new School Superintendent

Bruce Anderson announces the hire of Dr. Frank Bass as the new Superintendent of Schools for Windham and Pelham. Dr. Bass, who is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Manchester School District, will take on his new responsibilities at SAU #28 on July 1, 2007.

This announcement is the culmination of a nationwide search conducted by the Pelham-Windham School Boards. The NHSBA assisted the Boards in the search process. The announcement of Dr. Bass is the result of many hours of review of application materials, comprehensive interviews of semi-finalist candidates and careful assessment of qualifications of the finalists by the Superintendent Search Committee and by the SAU #28 School Board.

Dr. Bass is completing his fifth year as Assistant Superintendent in Manchester, where he oversees all secondary education, curriculum and programs for “at risk” students. Prior to Manchester, Dr. Bass served as Principal of the Hollis Brookline High School for a period of six years. He has served in a variety of other educational positions including adjunct professor, coordinator of programs for highly capable students and English teacher.

Dr. Bass has received acclaim for his work in education, including a nomination for Principal of the Year and a citation for excellence for his development of an interdisciplinary instruction model. Dr. Bass has earned a Bachelor’s from UNH in English Lit, a Master’s from Middlebury College also in English Lit and a Ph. D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Boston College.

Bruce Anderson commented that the SAU #28 School Board is very pleased with the appointment of Dr. Bass as he was the unanimous choice of both, the Windham and Pelham School Boards. He went on to thank Dr. Cutler for her four excellent years of service to the school districts.

Although we will welcome Dr. Bass with open arms, Dr. Cutler will surely be missed by all.

~ 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.

~ WINDHAM & PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS ~

<u>Pelham School Offices</u>	<u>Windham School Offices</u>
<p>3 year member: Eleanor H. Burton: 1390 Votes Angele M. Diack: 739 Votes Lorraine Dube: 1055 Votes Cindy L. Kyzer: 1100 Votes</p> <p>School District Clerk: Glennie M. Edwards: 1972 Votes</p> <p>School District Treasurer: Patricia E. Murphy: 1923 Votes</p> <p>School District Moderator: Kenneth P. Dunne: 1890 Votes</p>	<p>3 year member: Bruce D. Anderson: 2374 votes</p> <p>1 year member: Albert J. Letizio, Jr 1574 votes Michael Hatem 1427 votes</p> <p>School District Clerk: Mary Ann Horaj 2413 votes</p> <p>School District Treasurer: Maura Pennisi 2372 votes</p> <p>School District Moderator: Elizabeth A. Dunn 2528 votes</p>
<u>Pelham School Warrants</u>	<u>Windham School Warrants</u>
<p>Article 2: Yes 1413 No 1080</p> <p>Article 3: Yes 1187 No 1491</p> <p>Article 4: Yes 1805 No 877</p> <p>Article 5: Yes 1469 No 1206</p> <p>Article 6: Yes 1643 No 1012</p> <p>Article 7: Yes 1487 No 1173</p> <p>Article 8: Yes 1509 No 1166</p> <p>Article 9: Yes 1509 No 1092</p>	<p>Article 2: Yes 2168 No 1228</p> <p>Article 3: Yes 1639 No 1733</p> <p>Article 4: Yes 2621 No 770</p> <p>Article 5: Yes 2209 No 1042</p> <p>Article 6: Yes 2166 No 1078</p> <p>Article 7: Yes 2270 No 866</p> <p>Article 8: Yes 2716 No 504</p> <p>Article 9: Yes 1717 No 1465</p> <p>Article 10: Yes 1901 No 1195</p>

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.