

~ Quote of the Week ~

"A word of encouragement during failure is worth more than a whole book of praises after a success" ~ Anon



- 13<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Business Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> – WMS Graduation
- 15<sup>th</sup> – PHS Graduation
- 15<sup>th</sup> – WMS & WCS Last Day of School
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> – PMS Graduation
- 19<sup>th</sup> – GBS Last Day of School
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Windham School Board Workshop Meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> – PSD Last Day of School
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Workshop Meeting

~ WINDHAM CENTER SCHOOL NEWS ~

The Physical Education Teachers of WCS would like to extend their appreciation to the students, the PTA and the community for their help in raising over \$23,000 for the American Heart Association through our annual Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart events over this past year. We were very excited about the news that WCS came in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the entire United States for their donations, which help to continue the AHA efforts in fighting heart disease and stroke. We would like to acknowledge not only the students of WCS, but also Miss Annabel Smith, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader in Mrs. Satkwich's class, for her efforts in raising over \$2,200 through online donations. Our Hoops for Heart event would not have been possible without the donations made by Greg Suanders, the Berni Family, John Barry and the Windham Basketball Association. The monies raised were only just a part of the events. These events have given students from both, WCS and WMS the opportunity to participate in activities to promote living an active healthy lifestyle and having fun doing so. Thank you again for your continued support in our efforts to promote service, learning and physical activity in our schools.

~ WINDHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS ~

Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Stephen Chau and Nate Spanos, who placed second in the Fall Stock Market Game. They chose stocks, which earned them almost \$10,000 profit in a 10 week period. They attended an award ceremony on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua with math teacher,

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Mrs. Doughty and enrichment teacher, Mrs. Williams. Stephen and Nate were asked to speak at the ceremony and eloquently and humorously presented their stock market strategies and discussed lessons learned.

The Rachel's Challenge presentations on May 15<sup>th</sup> were exceptional. Sixth, seventh and eight graders listened to Nicole Nowlan, herself a victim of the Columbine tragedy, encourage them to participate in a challenge to change the way they view others. Students were able to sign a Rachel's Challenge banner, pledging to put into action, acts of kindness and compassion. Leadership training for approximately forty students provided more ideas and ways to continue the challenge. An evening presentation for parents and family was attended by close to a hundred people, who also left inspired to look at the world differently and to reinforce positive decision making.

~ PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS ~



At the May 9<sup>th</sup> school board meeting, the Pelham School Board voted to approve grant money to lease the AlertNOW!® system. AlertNOW! was developed by Saf-T-Net, a

North Carolina company that provides a variety of rapid notification services to public and private K - 12 schools. The system was developed to be available "anytime, anywhere, regardless of the situation a school is facing," according to the company's information. Once this system is in place, the school district will be able to contact parents via a recorded message to let them know what is happening at the schools. Parents will be able to give up to five telephone numbers and/or an email address to be contacted for any situation. Parents will also be able to opt-out of the system if they choose to do so. AlertNOW! Has already been tested in Windham, and it was a great success. The system should be in place for the upcoming school year, which begins August of 2007. For more information on the AlertNOW! System, go to [www.alertnow.com](http://www.alertnow.com).

**FYI:** The Connection is accessible on-line at [www.windhamsd.org](http://www.windhamsd.org). Remember, all feedback, comments or suggestions should be directed to [Jmeskell@windhamsd.org](mailto: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.*

