


~ Quote of the Week ~

Acts of kindness every day will insure the world won't sway. ~ Sam Glaser



- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Windham School Board Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> – SAU Semi-Annual Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Teacher's Workshop (No School)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day (No School)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Budget Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> – National Boss Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Windham School Board Workshop Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Budget Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Budget Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Business Meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Ends
-  31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween

~ WINDHAM CENTER SCHOOL NEWS ~

Windham Center School's third graders are on their way to the Deerfield Fair this September! They will celebrate their study of habitats and animals while visiting the agricultural section of the fair. Don't forget to visit the school exhibitions! Windham's 3rd graders are participating in the show with their class projects entitled "There's No Place Like Home". These creative ideas about animals and their habitats include the fine arts, crafts, poetry, creative writing, songwriting, and integrated science categories. What a fun way to celebrate the work of children and all that America has to offer in a good old-fashioned festival!

~ A CUTE SUBSTITUTE TEACHING STORY ~

This past summer I had the unique opportunity to work with some mentally challenged teenagers. We were having a special day of activities devoted to teddy bears. I wanted them to try and sing the song "Teddy Bear Picnic." Some of the words were long so I thought it would be good to see if the kids knew any of the definitions. One word I thought they would have trouble with was disguise. So I asked if anyone might know what it meant. One young man got up and said, but Mrs. R. its pretty, and is blue and has white stuff in it and things are up in it.

~ A CUTE SUBSTITUTE TEACHING STORY cont. ~

My response time was slow. Finally I caught what he meant only after I turned and saw my aide doing contortions trying not to laugh. What a wonderful experience that group was!

~ PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS ~

On October 5, Pelham Elementary School will have its first "Fun Fitness Day". All students and staff can participate in this event. There will be 6 circuits - the hoops circuit, walk the track circuit, bike circuit, jump-rope/skip it circuit and scooters/blades circuit. This day aligns with the new Wellness Policy that was recently developed by the Wellness Committee. This event is also the new PTA fundraiser for PES. Students will take pledges for the circuits in which they participate, and the money raised will be used by the PTA to fund field trips and assemblies for all students. We are looking forward to a very fun-filled and productive day.



Recently, the PES Chorus from grades 3, 4 and 5 participated in a 911 Memorial Concert with the Pelham Fire Department. This event took place at the gazebo in the center of town. The students sang the "National Anthem", "We Remember", "American Tears" and "God Bless the USA". The names of the 347 firefighters who perished in the World Trade Center disaster were read aloud, and a 5-5-5-5 bell was rung signifying their death in the line of duty. This was a very emotional and uplifting tribute to our fallen heroes, and we are all very proud of the students and their participation in this memorable event. Special thanks go out to Ms. Erin Palmer for preparing and directing the chorus students and also to Ms. Kerry Dobe for her endless help.

**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.*