


~ Quote of the Week ~

A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween. ~Erma Bombeck



- 25th – Pelham School Board Budget Meeting
- 25th – Pelham School Board Business Meeting
- 29th – Daylight Savings Ends
-  31st – Halloween



- 7th – Windham School Board Meeting
- 8th – Pelham School Board Meeting
- 10th – Veteran's Day (No School)
- 12th to 18th – American Education Week
- 17th – Teacher's Workshop (No School)
- 21st – Windham School Board Workshop Meeting
- 22nd – Pelham School Board Workshop Meeting
- 23rd – Thanksgiving Recess (No School)
- 24th – Thanksgiving Recess (No School)

~ A NOTE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT ~

To the teachers and staff at Pelham and Windham Schools,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the incredible work that you do each and every day for the children in your communities. I have been amazed during these past four years by the dedication, service and diligence that you bring to your schools every day. You are an inspiration and an honor to your profession.

It has been a privilege to serve as your superintendent. Due to family health concerns, it is the right time for me to retire. When I consider the needs of the towns, Windham needs a superintendent who will be dedicated to the high school project through its completion in September 2009. Pelham is working diligently to purchase land for another school, and they also need a superintendent who will stay vigilant and dedicated to this goal over time. As I pondered over this decision, I believe that this is the right time for Pelham, Windham and my family.

~ A NOTE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT Cont. ~

As this year continues, I will continue to serve you and the community to the best of my ability. Being your superintendent has been the greatest achievement of my 38-year career. I look forward to a year filled with challenges, celebrations and continuous progress as we all work together to provide an outstanding education for our students.

~ PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS ~

On October 5, Pelham Elementary School held its first annual "Fun Fitness Day" fundraiser. This was our PTA fundraiser which raises money to help defray cost of field trips, busses, guest speakers and other enrichment activities.

Over 815 students took part in this event on a beautiful, crisp fall day, with over 100 parent volunteers helping the students at the various stations. The students rode their bikes, played basketball, did running and walking events, jumping rope and scooter/roller blade events. The students took pledges for the events, and, as of last Friday, \$16,000.00 has been raised. The Fun Fitness Day was aligned with our new Wellness Policy. The students and staff had a wonderful time and are looking forward to next year's event.

~ AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK ~

American Education Week is coming up! Educators will join their communities to celebrate public schools during the week of November 12-18. This year's theme, "A Strong America Starts with Great Public Schools," highlights the importance of bringing together teachers, school staff, parents, students and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools.

The National Education Association has developed an online toolkit with a wide variety of activity ideas, resources, templates, and downloadable materials at www.nea.org/aew.

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.

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.

