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Dates to Remember:

- *6/17/20- Grade 6 Graduation- 6:30 p.m. -More details to come soon!*
- *6/18/20- End of Year Updates to be emailed to families (In Lieu of report cards)*



Dear Pelham families,

As the leader of the school, I wanted to reach out to all of you on behalf of the staff, as well as myself, to express our deepest sorrow at the horrific series of events that has not only occurred recently, but too numerous to count, involving African Americans and people of color. There are no words to erase the pain or heal the deep wounds that racism and bias continue to perpetuate in our society. We strongly believe that the events that have happened are wrong and unconscionable. As a staff, we are committed to deepening our own understanding of racial inequities and implicit biases to make change for the better, and we look to partner with families in that work. I believe that as educators, we have a moral and ethical responsibility to educate children at a very young age to understand what racism is and how systemically it is reinforced , and most importantly, how to interrupt that cycle. Children are not born racist or biased, but assimilate those attitudes and biases through a variety of means.

Staff look forward to having these discussions with our students and families moving forward, as we all work towards becoming a more mindfully inclusive school community. Your ideas and input will serve as an invaluable component for everyone’s growth.

I have also shared some ideas for starting conversations with your child about race. Please preview the resources and decide which will meet your needs. We hope these resources can serve as an entry point to help you and your family either begin or further your discussions

As a district we are here to support families, and deeply value every community member.

Please be well, and stay safe.

kindest Regards, Lisa

Some resources to consider:

[NPR - talking with young students about race](#)

[Anti-racist book list for kids and adults](#)

[Booklist available on SORA](#)

[Teaching Tolerance Guidebook for families.](#)

10 Tips for Teaching and Talking to Kids About Race

- This [resource](#) is designed to help parents of all backgrounds talk to and guide their children about race with age-appropriate activities that can be incorporated easily into your daily life. We hope these tips provide support for families committed to building tolerance, racial equity, and a social culture where all children and families can thrive!

Talking to Kids About Race

- [This article](#), an interview with Jennifer Harvey, author of [Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America](#) helps parents and caregivers figure out how to talk to their children about racially-charged events. While many may have grown up in a home where "silence was a pervasive norm", we want to be sure we don't remain silent nor pass down this silence with our own children. It's important that we teach our children to "engage well in conversations about race, to talk about and respond when racism is happening."
- "We cannot wait to talk about it with our children, because segregation is so deep that if we just wait, it will never come up." This does not mean that we have to show them the news and or videos, but we can be clear about our support for anti-racist movements and help them understand the systemic issues at play. [Head here to read the full article](#)

They're Not Too Young To Talk About Race: [Link](#)

Talking about race podcasts

- This Podcast describes how to handle conversations about race, racism, diversity and inclusion, even with young children. [NPR Podcast: Talking Race with Young Children](#)

This short documentary features interviews with white people on the challenges of talking about race. [NYT.MS Opinion/A conversation](#)

Black Lives Matter Virtual Rally

Last night, the Brown Bookshelf held a *Kid Lit virtual rally*, hosted by Jacqueline Woodson, Kwame Alexander, Jerry Craft and many others. The recorded event was attended by more than 15,000 people and is available for public viewing. ***It is very powerful and is exceptional in its content and relevance.*** The event is two hours in length. The first hour is for young adults. The second hour is for adults, specifically parents, librarians, and educators.

I urge everyone to take the time to view this very special event, an event that gives voice to young people and the actions we all can be taking to combat racism in our society.

[Black Lives Matter Virtual Rally for Parents and Young Adults](#) (Note: You will need to wait about a minute for the speakers to begin.)

Community Notes

Dear Pelham Elementary Families,

Hello from the Pelham Public Library! It's been so hard to be closed. We miss you and we know that your kids miss their books! That's why I'm thrilled to announce that we have now started to offer curbside pick-up. Here's how it works:

Check the online catalog at pelham.masscat.org for materials availability and call (413-253-0657) or email (library.pelham@gmail.com) to make your request. You will be contacted to confirm and arrange a pick-up time. Some items, such as soft toys, will not be available for check-out.

Pickup hours are currently a reduced version of our regular hours, to allow for set-up and take-down, and will be rescheduled in case of rain.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 2:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

* ILL services have been suspended so inter-library loan options are not available at this time.

=> Please return only books you borrowed from the Pelham Library. Inter-library delivery has been temporarily suspended, so please only return items you borrowed from us. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing when picking up your materials. Staff will have sanitized hands and be wearing masks when processing your materials. All returns will be quarantined before being checked in.

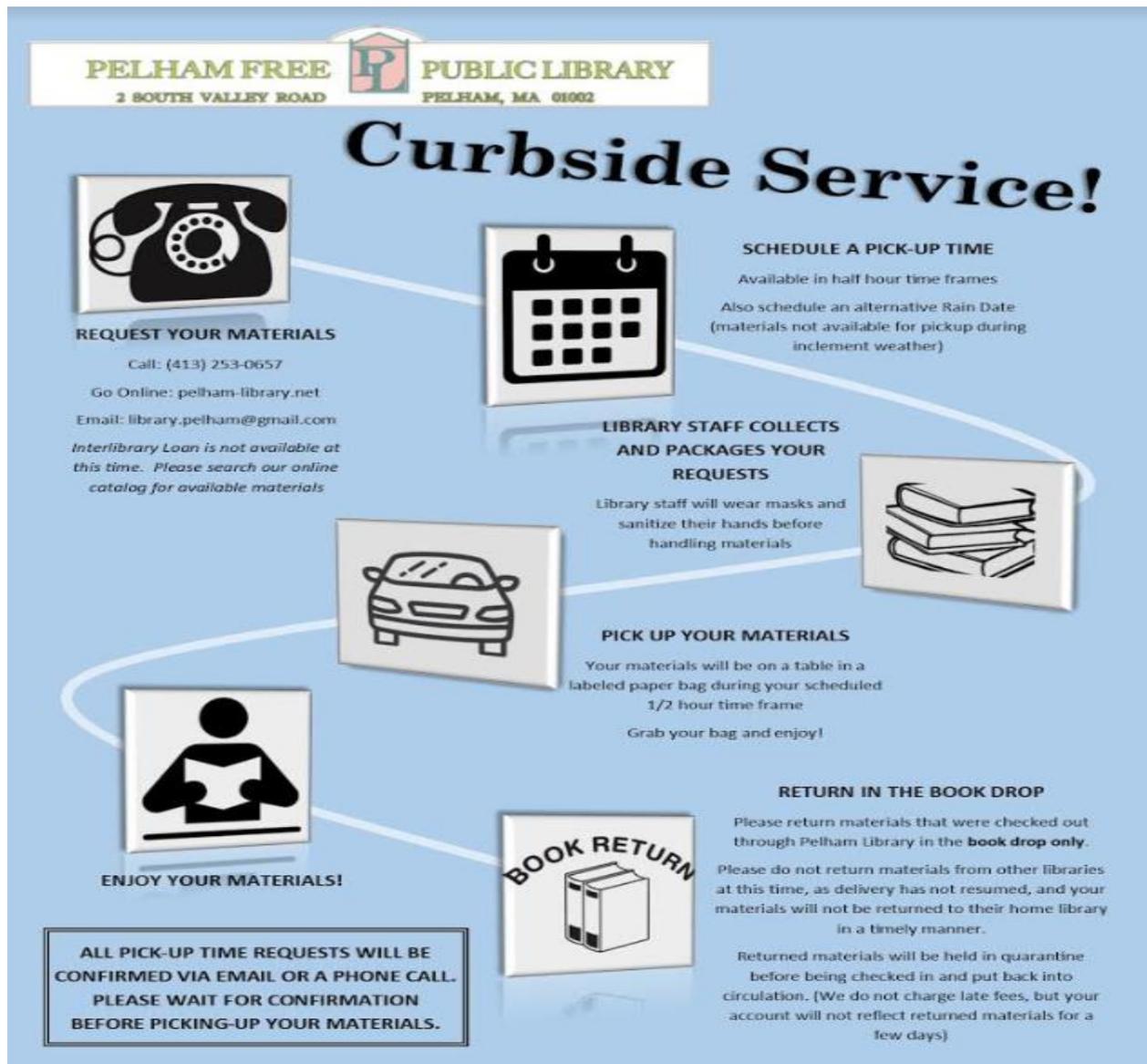
A printable cheat sheet for your refrigerator is attached for your convenience. We look forward to being able to serve you again!

Also, stay tuned for Summer Reading Program information. Although it won't be our usual assortment of in-person programming, we WILL be having a Summer Reading Program this year, complete with challenges, activities and prizes! Say hi to your kids for us. We miss you all!

Jodi and the staff of the Pelham Public Library

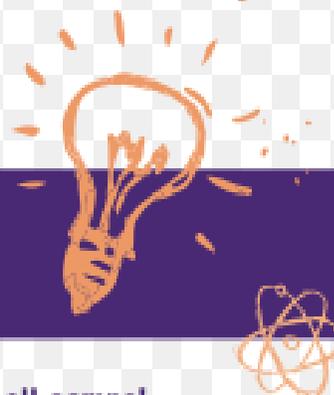
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SPEND YOUR SUMMER WITH SCIENCE!

Clemson Life Sciences Outreach Center
2020 virtual STEM camps for ages 8–12



Two live instructors will be present for all camps!

When? 9:30 a.m.–noon Mondays-Thursdays • Where? Zoom virtual classroom

Cost? Camps start at only \$90 (plus additional fee of ~\$25 for camp materials to be mailed to you)

CHEMISTRY CONNECTIONS

June 22–25; July 27–30

- Use indicators to investigate the pH of items around your own house.
- Harness chemical and physical reactions to create art.
- Create a Silly Putty-like polymer.
- Design and conduct your own scientific investigation while learning the science behind concentration gradients.

ENGINEERING DESIGN CHALLENGE

June 15–18; July 13–16; Aug. 10–13

- Learn the engineering design cycle by engaging in hands-on design challenges.
- Build, test, evaluate and improve your prototypes based on scientific principles.
- Design and build levers, pulleys, parachutes and more.

FUN WITH PHYSICS

June 8–11; June 29–July 2; Aug. 3–6

- Build and test your own conductivity meter and battery.
- Explore basic principles of electric current by building and manipulating electric circuits.
- Investigate electromagnets and build your own motorized pet.
- Experiment with Newton's three laws of motion in an engineering design challenge.



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