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November Events	Upcoming Events
11/17 Open House, 6:00 PM	12/10 PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM
11/18 Early Release, 1:20 PM	12/11 Community Coffee, 10:00 AM
11/19 Community Coffee , 10:00 AM	12/16 Early Release Day, 1:20 PM
11/24 All School Meeting	12/21-12/31 No School, Winter Break
11/25-11/27 No School, Thanksgiving Break	

Dear Families,

I hope this note finds you doing well. My family joked that we were celebrating the last days of summer this past weekend, spending those warm days squeezing in a last hike, dinner on the porch, and round of s'mores (before we switch over to doing it all in mittens and snow pants!).

Speaking of snow... as we move into the holiday season, we will continue the annual tradition of collecting donations for the George Graiff Holiday Fund. George Graiff (Mr. G) was a long-time custodian at Pelham School. His legacy is one of kindness and care, and this fund honors his generous spirit and love for the students. Donations will be used to support families in our Pelham community during the holiday season. **If you would like to donate, please mail a check made out to "Pelham Elementary School" with "Holiday Fund" in the memo line to: Pelham Elementary School, 45 Amherst Road, Pelham, MA 01002.** Any donation amount is greatly appreciated. We will be accepting donations through Friday, December 4th.

We are excited about our virtual Open House on Tuesday, November 17th! There will be a combination of synchronous and asynchronous activities that showcase our school. [Here is a schedule of events.](#) We will begin at 6:00 PM with a live Welcome Session from School Counselor Jess Nardizzi and me. [Here is the link to join the Welcome Session.](#) After that, you will have time to explore staff videos and resources. We also encourage you to take a fun family selfie, which we will add to a digital Pelham community slideshow.

We will have a November Community Coffee with the Principal on Thursday, November 19th at 10:00 AM. Please join, if you are able, [using this link](#). You are welcome to submit anonymous questions [using this form](#).

Thank you to all who shared their feedback on remote learning through the ARPS survey. As expected, the results show that folks in our community are experiencing this time in a variety of ways. However, one trend in the data is that remote learning is going better than it did in the spring. I want to recognize the incredible work of our Pelham staff in making that happen. We know remote learning isn't perfect. We are working to make the schedules better, minimize the tech issues, and foster peer connections. Thank you for your partnership, flexibility, and honesty. We are, as ever, in it together.

In the spirit of the season, I'll close by expressing my deep gratitude and admiration. I cannot imagine a more committed staff and family community. Thank you for all you do to support our students, school, and one another.

All my best,
Leigh