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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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December Events	Upcoming Events
12/15 Grade 4-6 Tea Time with Jess and Leigh , 3:30 PM 12/15 Family/Staff Book Club , 6:00 PM 12/16 Early Release Day 12/17 All School Mtg 9:30 AM, Google Meet Code: Pelham45 12/21-12/31 No School, Winter Break	1/4 School Resumes 1/6 No School, Three Kings Day 1/13 Early Release Day 1/18 No School, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day 1/29 No School, Curriculum Day

Dear Families,

Here it is, our final Pelham Press of 2020! Perhaps it is fitting that Google crashed on Monday morning. This has been a year of overcoming obstacles and adapting to the moment. It is reassuring to know that we are in it together. Here are a few updates from the front office as we close out this calendar year.

Emotional Wellbeing

Based on family feedback, we switched our monthly morning Community Coffee forums to afternoon Tea Times during the month of December. Thank you for taking the time to pop online, share your questions, and connect with one another. We look forward to connecting in 2021!

As we move into the “snowy months,” we would like to hold outdoor recess times for students to come and play on the field and playground during the mid-day break. These will be optional, organized in small groups by grade level, and supervised by School Counselor Jess Nardizzi and me. More information to come in January.

Antiracism

On Tuesday, December 15th, our staff/family book club will be discussing the podcast series “Nice White Parents.” Second grade teacher Katie Thurston will be facilitating the conversation. We hope you can join! [Here is the link.](#) Our next meeting will be in February.

If you are interested in having your child continue to learn about race, identity, and social justice outside of school, [Camp Equity](#) may be a good fit. Co-founded by an ARPS graduate, Camp Equity is a virtual camp for students in grades 3-12. Their programs “enable youth to meet a diverse array of peers with whom they explore topics in breakout cabins, inspiring growth, building community, and encouraging them to become changemakers in **pursuit of a more equitable world.**” Some of our 6th grade students participated in the pilot and found it to be an empowering experience.

Finally, whatever you and your family celebrate during this season of light and traditions, I hope you find the time joyful and rejuvenating. Enjoy the winter break; rest, take a break from screens, do the things that nurture your family’s soul. Cheers to 2021!

All my best,
Leigh

Save your cardboard!

Find your scissors!

Get out your tape and glue!



Announcing the first ever
**Pelham Family
Cardboard Challenge**

---online edition---

We invite families to join us for this fun virtual event highlighting teamwork and creativity. More information and inspiration to come in January, but meanwhile - **save your boxes!**

Saturday
Jan. 23, 2021
1-4pm

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