



POLLARD PEN

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Our School Motto: WHAT YOU DO TODAY MAKES A DIFFERENCE TOMORROW.

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principal thoughts

Michelle Auger, Principal

Dear Pollard Families:

It seems like just last month that I welcomed our new kindergarten class to Pollard School! Our last day of school this year will be next Thursday, June 23rd and we will be dismissing at noon. Our AM kindergarten children will go home at 11:10, as usual and PM Kindergarten students will have their last day on Wednesday, June 22nd. I am sure I speak for everyone when I say that we will miss our 5th grade class. They are moving on to the middle school where I am sure they will find great success! For now, our teachers will be planning activities that will keep the children moving and learning. Unfortunately summer weather is already here (depending upon the day) and I thank all the parents that have sent their children in with water bottles and light clothing during those hot days.

Teacher assignments will be mailed home the week of August 8th. A letter from me will let you know who your child's classroom teacher will be and that teacher will also enclose a letter to you and your child that will introduce herself and give some basic classroom information. Remember you are not responsible for purchasing any classroom supplies, just your child's back pack and lunch box. If you need assistance with either of these items please give me a call or email me to let me know. We have partnered with some local businesses and they have provided us with some wonderful back packs. We want every child to feel comfortable and ready to go on the first day of school, please let us know how we can help.

Last year's Open House night was a great success so we again invite all of our Pollard students and their families to come "Meet the Teachers" on August 29th from 5:30-7:30 PM (see schedule below). You will have an opportunity to meet the teacher with your child and to visit the classroom. Our hope is that seeing your child's classroom and meeting the teacher before starting school on August 31st will make both you and your child more comfortable and to begin the home school connection right away.

I would like to thank the PTA Board for all of the time and effort they put into helping to make Pollard School a great place to learn! Kelly Flibotte-President, Jackie Freeman-Vice President, Lea Sargent-Treasurer, and Kate Smith--Secretary. We appreciate all that you do!

I hope you all have a great summer. We will see you August 29th for the open house!

Ms. Auger

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Join us for our Pollard School's Meet the Teacher Night **Monday, August 29th**

5:30-6:30 PM AM Kindergarten & Grades 1-2

6:30-7:30 PM PM Kindergarten & Grades 3-5

A bus will be in our center circle for kindergarten & grade one students to check out and sit on.



Important Dates to Remember

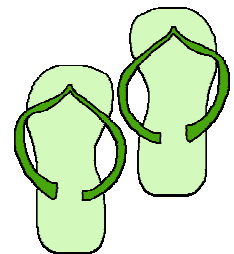
June 20

5th Grade Celebration
6pm @Pollard

June 23

Last Day!!!
Grades 1-5 noon dismissal
K- 11:10 dismissal

Have
a
Wonderful
Summer!!



Hello from Mrs. Joyce, our Assistant Principal



Dear Parents,

It is unbelievable that the close of school is right around the corner. This year went by so quickly. Many happenings occurred this year, and I believe that the children have had a terrific year both academically and socially.

As you may or may not know, this is my last year. I will be officially retired on July 1st. It seems like just yesterday that I wrote my first Pollard Pen introducing myself.

I want to say that it has been an extreme pleasure to work with both your children and with you. I have many fond memories that I will take with me.

I will never forget the Halloween parades, the special donations that each class has made during the holiday season, the numerous charities that the school has supported, the fifth grade Halloween parties, the lip syncs, the numerous concerts both vocally as well as instrumentally, the students coming down to the office to share their birthdays, the classroom visits, the Lady Bug readings to grades K-3, the Kindergarten screenings, the Safety Drills, the Open Houses, the grade level performances, Bingo for Books, the Silent Auctions, the field days, the Wellness Days and last but not least Mrs. Joyce Day. I have been in the Timberlane Regional School district for the past 39 years and I am so very proud to have had Pollard School as my home for my final years with the district.

Please when you see me at the local grocery store or a department store or possibly on the beach, be sure to come over and say hi. I will truly miss each and every child.

Fondly,
Mrs. Joyce





From the Counselors- Marcia Blutstein and Elissa Salemi

Summer is almost here! Encouraging your kids to be active is the best way to ensure healthy minds and bodies. Here are a few low and no cost ideas to help them (and you!) have a fun filled summer.

Have fun in the yard with sprinklers and a picnic. Turn on a sprinkler and let the fun begin! Let them have some friends over to play sprinkler tag, cool off and get exercise all at the same time. Or take out the water guns play on a water slide, or toss some squishy made - for - water balls around. Then take out sandwiches and fruit for a backyard picnic.

Target squirting Set plastic cups on the top of a fence, deck railing, or balanced on kids heads and let other children squirt them off with water guns or plastic water bottles. You can create points by writing on the plastic cups and keep score or just see who's the fastest to knock over the cups.

Scavenger Hunt Create a list of 20 or more things that can be found naturally outside in your area, things like pinecones, specific flowers, nuts, etc. Send the kids on a scavenger hunt to try and collect one of each item on the list. This can be done as a group effort, or each child can compete with the other to see who can find the most objects, the fastest.

Crafts. You can purchase a bunch of craft supplies and let your children's imaginations lead them to the creation of masterpieces. The local dollar store often has a good selection of craft supplies. Alternatively, you can probably dig up enough craft-stuff from around your house for a few hours of creating: buttons, glue, string, macaroni noodles- if it can be glued, it can work!

Indoor camping Throw a sheet over your kitchen table and camp out underneath. You can sing camp-fire songs, make s'mores in the microwave, and pretend to go fishing. If you have a small tent you can set up indoors temporarily and provide hours of entertainment.

Make a neighborhood sports team. If your kids are really into sports, consider helping them find a place (a big backyard, a school field) to play baseball, soccer or football with the neighborhood kids. This could have them occupied and entertained the whole summer. Talk to your neighbors about taking turns hosting the play.

Visit the library. This is the perfect place to bring your kids on rainy days instead of seeing them watch TV or play video games all day. Check with the Plaistow Public Library, 382-6011 for information on summer programs.

LINES FROM THE ART ROOM- Ellen Stutman



Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe that it is the end of the year. We're working feverishly to finish our projects. All the grades have been working with clay.

First and second graders made clay animals. The 1st graders pinched their clay to form legs, head and tail; second graders learned how to attach parts by "scoring" them (making a tic-tac-toe). They made 3-dimensional habitats for their animals, using their knowledge of how to make paper "stand up".

The third graders made coil pots and learned how to glaze them. They also made papier mache animals, using Picasso as an inspiration. They started with recycled water bottles, added body parts from rolled newspaper, then papier mached and painted them.

Fourth graders learned to make pinch pots and glazed them, learning how to apply the glaze so that they could have more than one color on the same surface. They did a unit on how to show depth in a picture, either by overlapping or using size difference.

All of the glazes which the students used are lead free and safe for use for food or drink. I wouldn't put them in the dishwasher or microwave.

The following students were in an exhibit at the Wenham Museum in April:

Grade 1

Callie Fitzgerald

Idabelle Bradstreet

Kendall Morrill

Grade 2

Alecsandra Guide

Jacob Lane

Grade 3

Cassidy Wentworth

Heather Catlin

Meghan Query

Grade 4

Adrianna Quirk

Grade 5

Connor Ross

Joe Catino

Second graders have an exhibit over the summer at the NH Department of Education, Concord. On display are the murals which they made for their presentation of 4 Environments: Urban/Rural; Camping in N.H.; The Desert; Space.

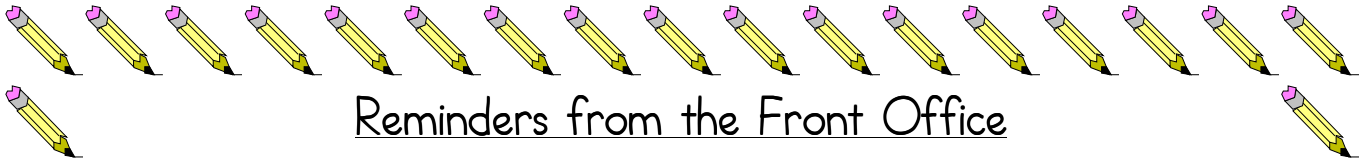
With all my best wishes for a healthy and happy summer!



Band Notes from Mrs. Lincoln

If your child is continuing with their instrument and band next year, consider them all signed up! You do not need to do anything...except for maybe find time for them to practice a few times over the summer. (Hint! Hint!) We want to make sure that band students do not "un-learn" everything they learned during the school year!! So... help your child remember how to play their instrument by practicing the "Chop Builders" and "Fussy Fingers" exercises I'm sending home over the summer. If they play these...they will earn "stuff" in the fall.

Thanks a ton for your help and support this past year, Mrs. Lincoln



Reminders from the Front Office

If your child is going to have a permanent change to their dismissal for the 2011-2012 school year, please remember to send in a note on the first day of school stating what that change will be. We do not keep a dismissal plan in place for students from year to year as we do not assume it will be the same as the previous year.

Please remember to let the office know of any changes in your contact information and that of your emergency contacts. It is important to keep the information up to date in case of an emergency.

Thank you in advance.

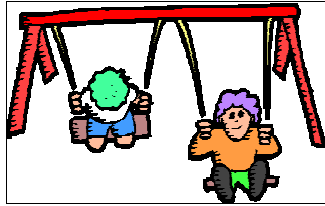


Fun Summer Activity Suggestions from the OT/PT Department

Here are some ideas for summer activities that promote motor skills and/or visual perception. Activities should be supervised by a responsible adult. Use your discretion to determine which activities are appropriate for the skill level of your child. Have a Safe and Happy Summer Vacation!

JULY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Play hangman Hang paper vertically to work on shoulder stability	2 Play Simon Says Work on recognition of left and right sides of the body
3 Play with Gak, moon sand or silly putty. Hide items inside to find	4 Blow up red, white and blue balloons to play volleyball.	5 Practice your autograph in cursive	6 Play a game of twister	7 While kneeling, play a game of catch with a ball or bubbles	8 Make an obstacle course that involves jumping, and over/under concepts	9 Build a sculpture using at least 30 mini-marshmallows and toothpicks
10 Dig and plant in the garden	11 Play water tag with spray bottles or squirt guns	12 Play water tag with spray bottles or squirt guns	13 Spin tops: How long can you keep them going? How many can you spin at once?	14 Use sidewalk chalk to draw a picture or make a "racetrack"	15 Blow bubbles; pop with different parts of your body	16 Make a sandcastle
17 Lay on your stomach, resting on forearms to play a board	18 Play Frisbee	19 Play at the playground	20 Go swimming, or surf with a boogie board at the beach	21 Make paper airplanes	22 Practice your kicking or dribbling skills or play a game of	23 Make and decorate cupcakes
24 Write a letter to a friend	25 Play Hopscotch	26 Jump rope	27 Play finger soccer or finger football	28 Build with Legos	29 Play Wiffleball	30 Go on-line to create origami animals
31 Wash a car, using lots of muscles to wash with a sponge and dry with a towel						



AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Do 20 jumping jacks	2 Cut out coupons for your family	3 Play a game of cards, shuffling and dealing	4 Have a relay race with friends	5 Ride a scooter board or skateboard, wearing your helmet!	6 Go on a scavenger hunt with your family; write a list of 10 items to find
7 Play basketball	8 Make fruit kabobs, cutting the fruit with a plastic knife and put it on skewer	9 Go for a bike ride; wear your helmet!	10 Make an obstacle course so you can go over, under, through and around	11 Lay on your stomach facing a friend; use a straw to blow a ping-pong ball to a goal	12 Make rubbings of leaves, flowers or different textures	13 Use your fingers to draw in shaving cream, pudding or Cool Whip
14 Build a fort	15 Play jacks	16 Have a race. Use sponge to bring water from a full bucket to an empty one	17 Clean windows using a spray bottle full of water	18 Play Pictionary or Tic-Tac-Toe (you can use letters other than X or O)	19 Build a puzzle with at least 50 pieces	20 Use sidewalk chalk to make a track/course for your bike
21 Make up a hip-hop dance to your favorite song	22 Draw a picture of your favorite summer day	23 Play at the playground	24 Jump rope or "Skip-It"	25 Play a ball game	26 Play flashlight tag	27 Build a house of cards
28 Water balloon toss	29 Play badminton	30 Go miniature golfing and make your own sundae!	31 Welcome back to school!			

Here are some websites for rainy day fun: www.crayola.com, www.kaboose.com, www.dltk-kids.com, www.enchantedlearning.com





Enrichment News!

On Friday, May 27, 2011 the Enrichment Committee planned a school-wide event for all students and staff at our school. It was called "Proud to be an American" Day. Students and staff spent the entire day celebrating their patriotism. Several people dressed in red, white, or blue clothing. Mrs. Dalphond spent the entire month helping students create hats and headbands to wear on the "day". Below is a summary of the exciting events that took place!

Grade 5 students from Mrs. Robichaud's classroom gave two wonderful performances in the cafeteria. The morning assembly was for Grades 3, 4, and 5. Our students listened to several student speakers who taught them all about Memorial Day and why it is celebrated using stories and poetry. The Afternoon assembly was presented to students in Pre-school through Grade 2. They learned about Flag Day as Ryan Monahan read the story The Flag We Love projected on a large screen for all to follow along.

Mrs. Bird spent the month of May teaching all of our student's patriotic songs. They were sung in unison at the assemblies providing an inspirational experience for all in attendance. The children were in awe as they sang each song with great pride and joy.

Mrs. Lincoln had the Pollard School band march into and out of the afternoon assembly as they played their instruments to the Blue and Gold song. They did a marvelous job!

Mrs. Hazelton's class ended each assembly performing the "Proud to be an American" song in sign language. It was very well done and a great way to express our patriotism.

The afternoon assembly had the opportunity to personally thank two of our guests, Kaylee and John, who are currently training for service. They also spent time in a few Grade 4 and 5 classrooms speaking to our students about their jobs.

Every classroom made cards or pictures thanking our soldiers for serving our country. These were to be sent to our soldiers through various channels.

Students in Grades 1 through 5 had the opportunity to listen to a storyteller, Angela Klingler. She told historical stories that kept many of the children at the edge of their seats! She used musical instruments during her presentations to help with the drama!

Several students from Grade 5 volunteered as guest readers for students in Grades 1, 2, and 3. Many even prepared activities to go along with their stories. Some of our specialists presented stories and/or activities for our kindergarteners and Grade 5 classes.

Classroom teachers prepared a special activity based on the theme for their own classes as well.

Everyone enjoyed the day and several students and staff alike thought we should consider having it again next year!

Please check out our video of the day at the Pollard School site on the internet! Enjoy!

Karen Sullivan

What's Happening in Technology

By Mrs. Fogarty



To end the year the technology classes have been working on the following projects:

The fifth graders have been working on colored brochures about Pollard School. Each brochure is unique and includes information about Pollard and the students' memories here at Pollard. The brochures will go home in their portfolios.

In fourth grade the students end the year learning about the synonym tool in MS Word. They are creating sentences and then changing a designated word with a synonym but must keep the meaning of the sentence the same. This is a great writing tool to know about.

The third grade students are learning about the presentation program MS Power Point by re-searching the answer to important questions about a natural disaster. Mother Nature has provided the students with lots of examples of natural disasters over the past few weeks!

First and second graders have been working on summer word poems. We read a book about summer, brain-stormed lists of summer words and then created triangle or diamond shaped poems about summer. Of course ice cream was in just about every poem!

Notice to Parents Concerning Mahara Chat

It has come to our attention that some students are using the chat function on Mahara. This has been mostly a 4th and 5th grade issue where some but not all of the students have been communicating on this chat tool. Mahara Chat was not introduced to the students by the school and should not be used by the elementary students from school or home. This is a district wide decision.

Mahara is a program that the district uses for electronic portfolios and is accessed through Moodle (the class website type program the district uses). Some elementary classes do use Moodle for instructional purposes and Mahara is used by the Middle School teachers with their students. This is most likely how the use of the chat came to be known to the elementary students.

Some of the confusion is because the 6th grade and above have permission to use the chat function - so older siblings perhaps are using this chat function. We are not allowing the 5th and below to use the chat tool. This function is not monitored by the district (Although the district technology department can access and view or print chat dialogue if needed.).

It is believed that it should be up to the families to include or exclude an on-line chat experience in your elementary child's computer use. If you believe that a chat program is okay for your child please do not have them use the Mahara chat function to do this. Please check in with your child to make sure they understand that they should not be using this option on Mahara. Your attention to this issue is appreciated.

Please have a wonderful summer!



Notes from Mrs. Silva in the Gymnasium

As always lots has been going on in the gymnasium since April. Before April vacation all grades worked on skills that pertain to volleying.

After April vacation the first and second grade worked on bowling and underhand throwing. The third, fourth and fifth grade worked on track meet races.

During the last few weeks all grades have been playing kickball and whiffle ball.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out during field day. This would not have been possible without the help and support of Pollard's School Community.

Good luck to the fifth grade moving on to sixth grade!!

I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer vacation. See everyone at the end of August!



YMCA School's Out is Coming to the Pollard School!

The Southern District YMCA is excited to announce that we will be opening a School's Out before and after school childcare program at Pollard Elementary School next school year. The program will be located in the school's cafeteria and gymnasium. Care will be offered from 7:00am until the start of school and from school dismissal until 6:00pm. This program is open to all Pollard School students ages 5 and older.

The YMCA School's Out program offers children a fun place to play, learn, and grow. Activities focus on fun and promote physical activity and positive social interaction. Children play games, do homework, participate in art and other enrichment activities, play outside, and have a healthy breakfast and snack each day. The program also includes care on early release days. Several field trips, community service projects, and family nights are scheduled throughout the school year.

Rates for the program are as follows:

School's Out Monthly Rates 2010-2011	1 day per week	2 days per week	3 days per week	4 days per week	Full Time Rate 5 days per week	2 nd /3 rd Child Full Time Rate
Before School Program	\$40	\$78	\$115	\$153	\$173	\$137
After School Program	\$54	\$106	\$158	\$211	\$227	\$180
Before and After School Programs	\$69	\$135	\$201	\$268	\$281	\$232

To learn more about the YMCA School's Out program at Pollard School or to sign up, please contact Jenn Carter at jenn@ymcacamlincoln.org.

We would also like to hear from you about the kinds of programming you might like to see at YMCA School's Out. Complete our quick online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BNQYLG5> and be entered to win a YMCA Camp Lincoln t-shirt for your child!