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Diversity Celebration - June 8th

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To: alldistrictstaff@pelhamschools.org

Dear colleagues,

On June 8, parents, students and community members are invited to see for themselves what Pelham students think, feel and believe. *The Many Faces of Pelham: A District-Wide Celebration by Students and For Students of their Diversity and Uniqueness* will take place in the Pelham Middle School Gym from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Every school will be represented.

In preparation for this event, teachers and administrators from various schools have volunteered their time to mount art work, hang up pictures, or set up food on the day of the event.

Our team will be working in the Middle School from 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM (the start of the event) and then again after the event breaking down the displays (8:30 PM). If you are willing and interested in volunteering any of your time on Monday, June 8th we will gladly accept the help! Please send Maria an email (mthompson@pelhamschools.org) and let us know! We appreciate the support!

Best regards,
The Diversity Celebration Sub-committee

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Exhibit Locations:

The Many Faces of Pelham

Colonial Elementary School: PMS Gymnasium

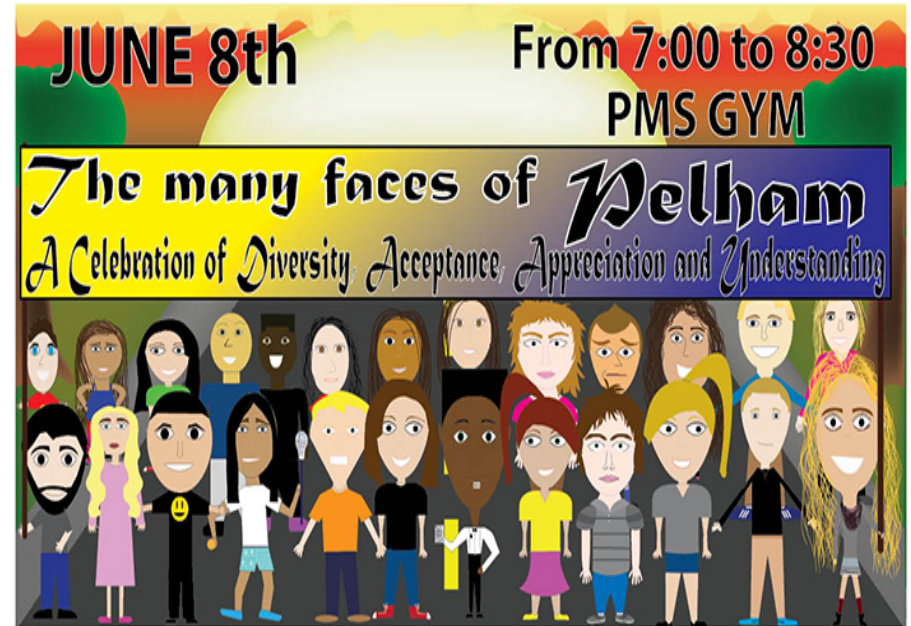
Hutchinson Elementary School: PMS Gymnasium

Prospect Hill Elementary School: PMS Gymnasium

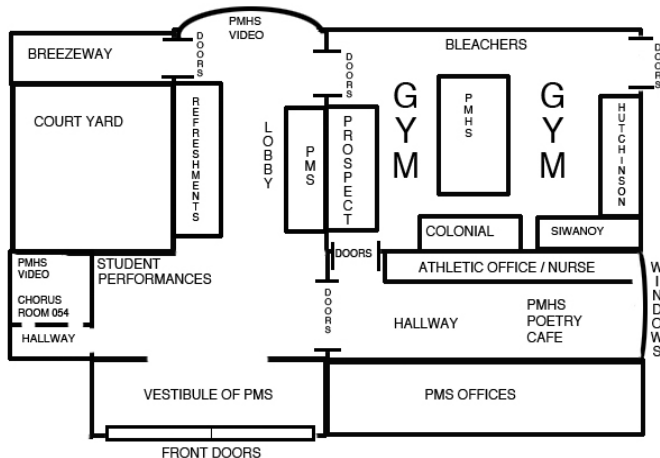
Siwanoy Elementary School: PMS Gymnasium

Performers: Hutchinson Elementary School singers, PMHS Spanish Club, PMHS Orchestra, PMS/PMHS Chorus, PMHS Poetry Café poets

We hope you enjoy the displays, performances and videos being shared with you this evening.



THE MANY FACES OF PELHAM
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Inspiring a Standard of Excellence for All Students

Welcome to the 2015 Pelham Diversity Celebration!

This celebration is about Pelham students and their uniqueness, their varied interests, experiences, backgrounds and how they all contribute to the community that is Pelham.

During the 2013-2014 school year, a Diversity Task Force consisting of teachers, parents, students, Board members and other members of the school community studied the issue of diversity in our schools and established a diversity mission statement for the district:

The Pelham Public Schools value the diversity of our community. We seek to understand, respect, and embrace the commonalities and differences of all members of our school community so that we may learn and work together in an engaging and culturally responsive environment that is inclusive and nurturing, and honors the individuality of all without judgment.

The Task Force also set short and long terms goals related to diversity's impact on Student Achievement, Curriculum, Cultural Responsiveness, and Parent Engagement and Outreach. One of the goals established by the Task Force was to create a district wide celebration of diversity in Pelham. We are pleased to share this celebration with you tonight!

The Diversity Celebration would not have been possible without the commitment and hard-work of the sub-committee charged with the task. Thanks to:

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Jeanette Connolly
Mariana Cordero
William Doyle
Debbie Papageorge
Maria Thompson (Co-Chair)
Margaret Vandenberg

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