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Benjamin J. Phelps Elementary

Agawam, MA



**Month of Giving**  
*NOW through Dec 9th*

**Magical Night of Giving**  
**Nov 20th**

**HALF Days**  
**Nov 23rd & Dec 8th**

**Parent Teacher Conf.**  
**Dec 8th**

**Vendor Night**  
**Dec 8th**

**FLL Competition**  
**Dec 10th**

**PTO Holiday Dinner:**  
**Dec 14th @ 7pm**



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## From the Nurse's Desk

**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

Happy Thanksgiving!

If your child has a cough from a cold, you may send in a note with cough drops for your child to take at school. The cough drops will be kept in the nurses office and you child may come down for one as needed.

If your child has an injury that they are wearing an ace bandage, cast, splint, or using crutches or has stitches, I need a doctor's note with your child's restrictions as per gym and outdoor recess. Once the cast, splint, crutches, stitches are removed, I need a note from the doctor saying that they do not have any more restrictions.

Remember hand washing is the best defense for staying healthy and not spreading germs. Have a healthy and safe fall.

Thank you,  
*Rosemary Kratovil RN, MSN*



with *Mrs. H*

We have many great engineering projects to complete in all grades this year, and could use some helpful materials. If anyone can kindly donate, please send them to school with your child. Thank you for the wonderful support and encouragement you have always shown for our program. It is greatly appreciated!

**\*\* Needed Items\*\***  
*paper towel and toilet paper tubes, rinsed bottle caps, flour, salt, non-flexible straws, aluminum foil, ziploc bags*



**All Kindergarten Classes are currently collecting empty Pringles cans with the plastic tops, or Crystal Light cylindrical containers with tops. Please send these into school labeled to go to the Kindergarten rooms. Thank you!**



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# Phelps Month of Giving

*Please help us support...*

**The Troops ... Nov 14th - 18th ...** *We will help not only support our nation's finest, but part of our Phelp's Family. Mrs. Murphy's son in-law is in a remote part of Afghanistan & supplies are scarce. This will be shipped to & used by his unit.*

Please send in: soap, face wash, body wash, shampoo & conditioner, razors, shaving cream, Q-Tips, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, mouthwash, throat lozenges, deodorant, hand cream, foot powder, contact solution, phone cards, books, magazines, puzzle books, playing cards, candy, lifesavers, gum, nuts, trail mix, granola bars, pop tarts, coffee (already ground), crackers, beef jerky, Raman Noodles, popcorn, cereal cups, nutella, peanut butter, cookies, Any non-perishable pre package dinners (ie, dinty moore beef stew)



**Toys for Tots ... Nov 28th - Dec 2nd ...** *MAYOR'S CHALLENGE, Help other kids enjoy new toys this holiday season too. Shop for a couple extra toys on your Black Friday outing.*

Please send in: new, unwrapped toys.



**Junior Women's Club ... Dec 5th - 9th ...** *Please help us to provide and fill food baskets to make nice Holiday dinners for our local Agawam and Feeding Hills families in need.*



Please send in: boxed mashed potatoes and gravy

**Feline Friends ... Dec 12th - 16th ...** *Feline Friends is in serious financial need. Veterinarian and food costs are skyrocketing & it is getting harder to continue helping the cats. All item & money donations are tax-deductible! Your generous donations of: \$150 covers one cat's initial workup & spay/neuter at the vet, \$80 covers food & supplies for two cats for month, \$50 covers one cat to get screened for FIV & Feline Leukemia.*

Please send in: Dry cat food: Eukanuba chicken & Friskies grillers' blend  
Canned cat food: Friskies (no tuna) & Fancy Feast  
kitt litter, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, small new blankets & new towels  
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The PTO & chairperson Cara Schneider would like to especially **THANK** all the area businesses and families that contributed to our Election Day raffle prizes. As well as all the Phelps families that baked for us.

***The day was a tremendous success!***

**\*\*\* To show our gratitude \*\*\***  
We kindly ask, when possible, to please continue to patron our local businesses that support Phelps School!

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***A picture and note from, Mrs. Vasicek***

"THANKS, in a big way, to families and fundraising efforts of Phelps School. PTO funds supported "Calder Rewired," a one-man show by Carlton (www.picassopeople.com). Carlton was an excellent actor, mime and puppeteer. He took on the character of Alexander Calder. Ask your student(s) what s/he can say about who Alexander Calder was. (Calder vocabulary includes "circus," "sculptor," "American," and "mobile.") Be advised that our own Springfield Museum of Art, Lower Level, Contemporary Art gallery has a Calder mobile of its own, bought in 1984 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Springfield's 1934 Calder exhibit, his first retrospective exhibit. There were many Calder retrospective exhibits thereafter, but Springfield had the first. Again, hats off to Phelps PTO and fundraising families for making "Calder Rewired" a K-4 reality. 4th graders will be building mobiles in the shoe boxes they have already brought in; K-3 artists will have Calder connection their art classes as well."



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# Magical Night Of Giving

**\*\* THIS WEEKEND \*\***

**November 20, 2011**

**6:00pm - 9:30pm**

**@ Holyoke Mall**

The *Magical Night of Giving* hosted by Holyoke Mall benefits local non-profit organizations. It is 3 ½ hours of exclusive after hours shopping. Participating stores offer extra discounts on top of their sale prices. There are raffles to enter that evening as well. The Grand Prize is a \$1,000 mall gift certificate. Many smaller prizes are also given away.

What a fantastic way to get a jump on your holiday shopping and raise money for our school!

We have a handful of admission tickets left at \$5 each, ALL proceeds from ticket sales stay at Phelps.

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**to purchase and pick up your tickets immediately**



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**FLL BRICKHEADS**

This year's Food Factor challenge  
and robot competition will be held  
on December 10th at Agawam Jr.  
High, beginning at 9am.

Phelps Holiday **Gift Card** Service

\* Paperwork went home last week \*

The higher the % listed for the gift card denomination,  
the more money Phelps receives for the purchase of that card.

**Orders Due: Dec 2nd**

**Card Pick up: Dec 15th from 4-6pm**

Questions directed to Jennifer Bonfiglio @ 789-9661



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# Benjamin Phelps School Vendor Night

December 8, 2011

4:30 – 8:00 pm (Set up begins at 3:30 pm)



Dear Phelps Families,

It's that time of year again and we are ramping up for our Vendor Night!

Vendors fill the auditorium with their goods, carols fill the air and shoppers come from all over.

This is a chance for you to showcase your product or service to potential customers right in your neighborhood. In an effort to make this night as successful as possible, we will not allow more than one vendor from a company. Faculty, parents and friends; anyone is welcome to come and shop. We encourage you to spread the word! The event is held the same evening as Parent Teacher Conferences.

## FEE: \$25.00 and a raffle prize valued at \$20.00 or more

Please provide you own table, if you do not have one available, one can be provided for an additional \$5.00 (Limited quantity, requests will be filled based on the order contracts with payment are received) If electricity is needed, please not that on your contract.

*CASH & CARRY is strongly encouraged, especially because of the date!*

Please fill out form below and mail contract and check made to *Phelps PTO* to:  
Stacy Wieners, 67 Debra Lane, Agawam, MA 01001

\*If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Stacy @ 786-5039 or email [phelpsppto@yahoo.com](mailto:phelpsppto@yahoo.com)

Contracts also available online \*\*\* [www.agawampublicschools.org](http://www.agawampublicschools.org)

# Thank You for your continued support



## Benjamin Phelps School Vendor Night

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Product: \_\_\_\_\_

Need Table: \_\_\_\_\_ (additional \$5.00) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Fees are non refundable unless mother nature does not cooperate.  
Checks will be held until the day after the event and destroyed if the event is cancelled.