

# EAGLE EXPRESS

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**Wednesday – April 12**  
All-School Play – 10:00 am & 7:00 pm

**Monday – Friday – April 17-21**  
No School – April Vacation

**Tuesday – April 25**  
School Council Meeting – 3:30 pm  
School Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm

**Friday – May 5**  
Full Day of School

## Changes to Erving Playgroup Schedule:

Please note there are changes to the Erving playgroup schedule.

There will be no playgroup at Erving Elementary School on 12, and 19

Please visit the CNC calendar here for more information:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren/home>

## Grade 6 Students

If your 6<sup>th</sup> grade student will not be attending the Great Falls Middle School in the fall, would you please call the school to let us know. Please call the office at 413-423-3326.



Erving Elementary School  
proudly announces  
the All-School production of

## **THE UGLY DUCKLING**

**Wednesday, April 12**  
**at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm**  
(see attached flyers)

## 100 Mile Club

This upcoming Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be no afternoon Walking Club due to the All-School Play. We will resume our Wednesday afternoon Walking Club after April Vacation.



## News from the Principal's Desk:


Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

All I can say is... WOW!!! The All-School Play is going to be amazing. The students have been working hard to learn intricate routines, chorus numbers, and of course the many lines they need to Honk! Quack! Squawk! and Tweet! I anticipate early morning crowds will be perching outside the school at 4am, eager to secure the much-coveted nests up front and center. All we need now is some sunshine and a hoot or two from the crowds. See you next Wednesday.

Back in November, Taylor, a young lady in grade 6 approached me with a request. Taylor wanted permission to seek community support in aid of the St. Baldrick's Foundation. She wanted to present to all those attending our parent/guardian conferences, information about how people were coming together to help conquer kid's cancer. When I talked with Taylor back in November, I asked her what she was hoping to achieve. Taylor's goal was to create awareness around how people can make a difference in the lives of others, while at the same time generate a few dollars towards the Foundation. I am extremely proud to inform you that this weekend Taylor gets the opportunity to donate a considerable amount of dollars to the Foundation. You will be able to read about Taylor's success in her letter that is enclosed with this newsletter. I am extremely proud of the work that Taylor has chosen to undertake. She embodies the work that a lot of our students undertake throughout the year. In the coming month you will hear about another group of students who have generated thousands of dollars in support of the Relay For Life. Erving Elementary School students continue to change lives!

MCAS has begun, and I am happy to report that initial feedback is encouraging. Students in grade 4 seem to be enjoying the opportunity to impart their learning using computers. This year, students in grades 3, 5 and 6 will take paper and pencil tests. I anticipate that our whole school will be taking computer-based tests next year. I would like to take a moment to thank Pam Rogers and Tom Smith for all of the additional work they are undertaking to ensure our staff and students are well prepared.

Both the Literacy Committee and Data & Assessment Leadership Team are moving ahead with their research into effective instructional programming, and data and assessment that truly informs learning. Various teams meet on a regular basis after school gets out to discuss and plan our next steps within these critical areas of student learning. Prior to the end of this school year, I hope to be in a position to convey to the community some of the initial decisions that our staff has made.

Enjoy the warmer weather that seems to be on  the way.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Trill



## News from After School

**ATTENTION HOOLA HOOPERS, families and supporters!!** The final hoola-hooping class has been moved to **WEDNESDAY, 4/26, FROM 3-4 PM, WITH A SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE AT 3:30 PM.** Please join us at 3:30 pm in the gym, as our hoola hoopers use their own beautifully-designed hoola hoops to demonstrate the new tricks they've learned over the past weeks.

Here's what's happening next week:

**Monday, 4/10:** "On the Menu" cooking class: Healthy Jello-alternative Bites

**Tuesday, 4/11:** STEM experiment: Double Dutch Brain game

**Wednesday, 4/12:** Play Day Free Play and Crafts

**Thursday, 4/13:** Cherry Blossom Flower Trees

**Friday, 4/14:** Zip Line Fun

See you at After School!



# PLAY NEWS



## Call for volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the costumes, make-up and lighting. If you are able to help with one or both performances (at 9am or 6pm on 4/12), please leave your name with Pat Nauman in the office.

Thank you!

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### SYNOPSIS of THE UGLY DUCKLING

Our story begins with the song "There Once Was An Ugly Duckling" as a review of the familiar tale, which we have adapted for our play. We then have a dance for spring (*Spring Dance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade*) to set the scene for Mother Duck. Mother Duck is very proud of her 5 eggs, but we soon discover that a 6<sup>th</sup> egg has mysteriously appeared as part of her brood. The ducklings all hatch and parade off to meet the rest of the barn animals (*Barn Dance, PreK, Kindergarten*). It becomes clear that there are 2 who do not quite fit in with the rest of the ducklings – Ducky, and Ugly. They decide to leave the farm and explore the world together. They meet many other animals on their travels, including the swans, geese (*Geese Line Dance, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*), songbirds (*Rockin' Robin, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade*), Bob the Cat, and Turtle. They find that they are not the only ones who would like to spend time with friends who like them just the way they are, differences and all. The group of travelers grows to include Stanley the Goose, and Tweety the Songbird. After various adventures and narrow escapes, fall turns to winter, (*Winter Dance, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade*) and winter turns to spring (*Maypole Dance, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade*), and it is time to molt! Ducky is now an adult duck, Stanley an adult goose, Tweety an adult song bird, and Ugly is – surprise! – a swan! (*You Ain't No Duck, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Production Number*). The swans come upon Ugly and his friends, and Ugly is faced with a choice – stick with his friends, who have shared in all his adventures, or join the swans, who look like him and are way-too-cool for his rag-tag band of bird friends. To find out how our story ends, come see our show on April 12<sup>th</sup>! We look forward to sharing it with you!

# COSTUME REMINDER

It's almost that time! Please help your student remember:

## **Wear your costume to school on Tuesday and Wednesday!!!**

(Dress Rehearsal, 4/11, and All-School Play, 4/12)

Students have been assigned the following outfit colors:

<b>PK &amp; K*</b>	Cows = black and white Horses = mostly brown Plgs = mostly pinks Roosters = white, brown, or red Bunnies = white, grey, or light colors Sheep = white, grey, or light colors
<b>Grade 1*</b>	Robins = Browns, greys, blacks
<b>Grade 2*</b>	Frogs = green, yellow Clouds = blue, white, grey Growing Things = purple, pink Birds = red, brown
<b>Grade 3</b>	Seagulls = All Black (due to black lights)
<b>Grade 4</b>	Geese = White shirt, black pants

\*Note that if more than one color is listed, tops and bottoms can be different colors.

- Please wear clothes inside out if necessary so that text doesn't show.
- Please let us know if your child does not have the right color clothes, or if you have extra clothes other people could borrow. *There is no need to make a special purchase.*

Thank you!

Contact Emily Stewart at [stewart@erving.com](mailto:stewart@erving.com) with any questions.

## REMINDER:

Erving Elementary School Presents:

The Ugly Duckling  
(All School Play)

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

10:00am & 7:00pm

### Morning Performance

Doors to the gym will be open at 9:30am for families attending the morning performance. School is in session until that time so please plan on entering the building at 9:30am or later.

### Evening Performance (Preschool will not be participating in the evening performance)

Doors to the gym will be open at 6pm for families attending the evening performance.

### Student Arrival (evening performance)

Grades 5 & 6 – students should arrive at school at 6pm and report to their classrooms. They will receive make-up instructions there.

Kindergarten – Grade 4 – students should arrive at school at 6:30pm and report to their classrooms. They should not arrive before 6:30pm because it's just too long to wait. If parents have two student arrival times, please keep your Kindergarten-4 students with you until it is time for them to go to their classrooms.

**Parents, please meet your child in his/her classroom when the evening performance is over.**

### Seating

Seating is always tight and is on a first come basis. No one will be allowed to save seats with the following exceptions: (1) the family of make-up volunteers may save one seat for the volunteer. (2) the family may save one seat for the driver who is parking their vehicle at the Bowling Alley.

Family members become very frustrated when blocks of chairs have signs and/or belongings on them. It's just not fair; we simply must insist on no saving seats. Thank you so much for your help. We all love our children and we're trying to make everything as enjoyable as possible.

### Additional Parking

Thanks to Eric at the French King Entertainment Center, additional parking is available in the side lot.

Hope to see you there!!

4/7/17

Dear EES Community,

Hello again, it's Taylor Barry. I'd like to thank you all for helping me with my mission of raising money for St. Baldrick's, a non-profit organization supporting childhood cancer research. With your help, I have raised over \$1,100 and the donations are still coming in! Even at Open House we surpassed my goal of \$50, with an astounding amount of \$90!

I'm going to shave my head on April 9th to send the message, that shaving your head isn't a big deal, but receiving a cancer diagnosis is. It's awesome that ALL of that money goes right to childhood cancer research. I am hopeful that the St. Baldrick's team of scientists find a cure soon!

Thank you for your generosity,

Taylor Barry



Shaving the Way to Conquer Kids' Cancer

# Run4KidsMA

A Day To Run, A Day For Fun

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017**

**Ralph C. Mahar Regional School**

**507 South Main Street**

**Orange, MA**

**10:00AM-3:00PM**



**100 MILE CLUB**  
SINCE 1993

**Rain or Shine**

**100 Mile Club **BLING**:  
Headbands & Dog Tags  
Included with Registration Fee:  
\$5.00**

**Online Registration at: [r4kma.racewire.com](http://r4kma.racewire.com)**

**SPECIAL GUEST:**

**Kara Lubin, Founder & CEO of 100 Mile Club**

**Music, Food, Door Prizes, Raffle!**

**COME FOR AN HOUR, OR STAY ALL DAY**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT NAN MEAD, [MEAD@SWIFTRIVERSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:MEAD@SWIFTRIVERSCHOOL.ORG) OR  
CHRISTINE MORIN, [MORIN@SWIFTRIVERSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:MORIN@SWIFTRIVERSCHOOL.ORG)**

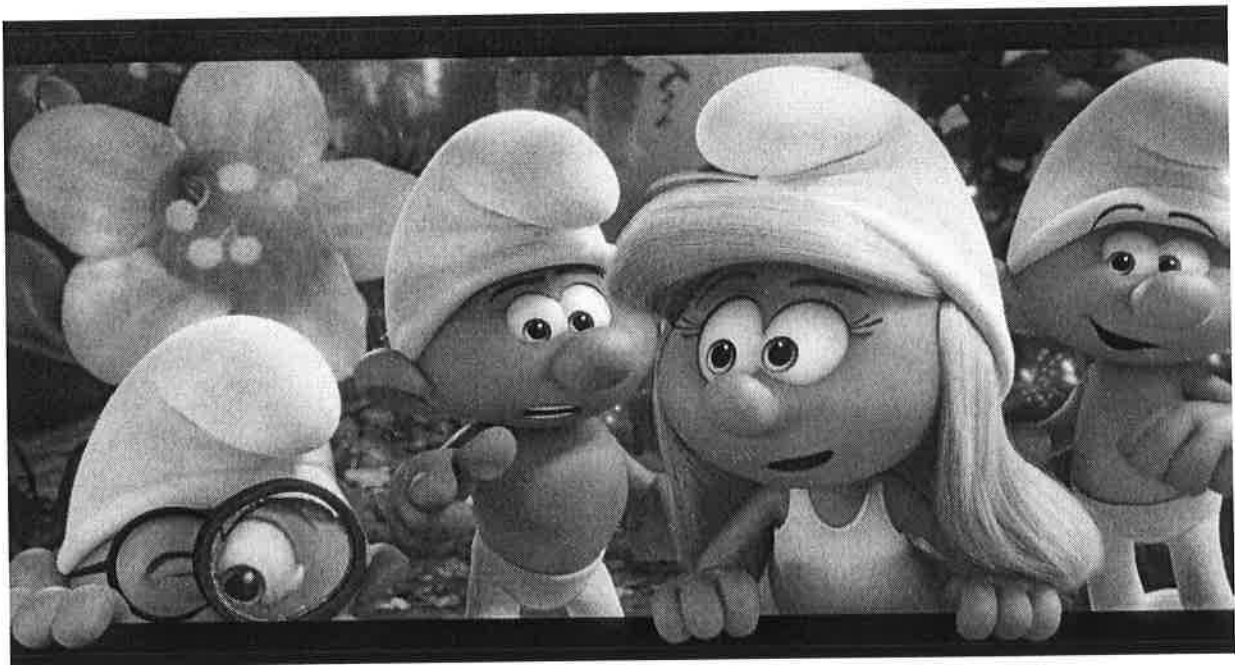
*Erving students that participate that get their miles logged by presenting their race bib to Mrs. Dubreuil!!*



# **Come Support The Erving PTO**

**Smurf's 3**

**The Lost Village**



**When: Saturday April 15, 2017**

**Where: The Greenfield Garden Cinema**  
(361 Main St, Greenfield Ma)

**Time: 9:30 am**

**Cost: \$5.00 per person**

# FAMILIES CONNECTING

**Free series of discussion groups with family dinner, child care, and facilitated discussion time.**

**TUESDAYS, 5:30-7:30 @ Swift River School, New Salem**

**March 14th** \* Making Connections- at home & in our community

**March 28th** \* Home Safety- be prepared- Wendell/New Salem Fire

**April 11th** \* Positive Behavior- the whole family

**May 23rd** \* Making a plan- What to discuss next?

**"So helpful to know you are not alone on this parenting journey."**

Each session will begin with a free family meal, then break out to child care/ adult discussion group. Each session will have a topic to discuss with an opportunity to share, touch base and help decide the next sessions topic. Possible discussion topics: effective parenting skills; accessing community resources; managing behaviors; setting realistic family rules; family health, nutrition, safety; school readiness; importance of play; managing stress; supporting your child's social emotional growth. We will use the Positive Solutions for Families Parent Guide and related resources to help guide our discussions.

Focus on families with children 0-8 years of age. Bring a friend!

**Contact the CNC Program TO REGISTER FOR DINNER & CHILD CARE [budine@erving.com](mailto:budine@erving.com) or 978-544-5157**

# Friends of Many Stripes

with Dorothy Cresswell

**FREE!**

**APRIL 19TH (School vacation week!)**

**11:30-12:15 (following CNC Playgroup)**

**at the WENDELL LIBRARY**

**for young children (preschool-middle elementary)**

- \* Dorothy holds a musical conversation with children using songs about taking care of ourselves, each other, and the wider world through friendship.
- \* Engaging props, including a very large Curious Giraffe, shakers and scarves to get the kids moving and shaking, puppets, and percussion.
- \* Dorothy will sing traditional and her own songs engaging the children to take part in singing about friendship and all the kinds of friendship there can be.

**BRING A FRIEND!**



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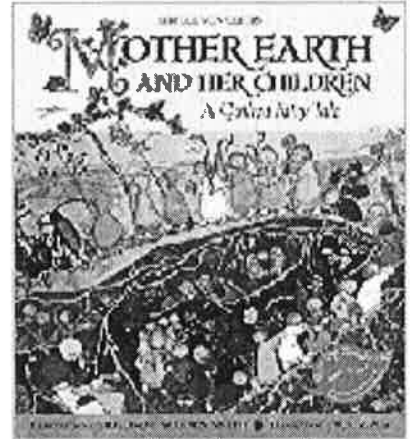
# FAMILY HIKE

Join us for a Family Ramble and Nature StoryWalk© *Mother Earth and Her Children* led by “Ward of the Woods” aka Dawn Marvin Ward

**Date:** Sunday, April 23, 2016 (Rain date April 30th)

**Time:** 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Leverett Library, 75 Montague Road



Bring the whole family to explore and share the joy of nature in our own ‘backyard’. Dawn will guide us as we look for the signs of creatures, signs of the change of seasons, and spend time relaxing with family and friends on a casual ramble through the trails. Maybe we will even find a woodland creature or fairy.

- Meet at the Leverett Library parking lot for a gentle hike/stroll. Dress appropriately (closed toe, comfortable shoes; long pants) for adventure in the woods. Wear layers.
- Back-packs/front-packs or wraps may be best for real little ones.
- CNC will provide a simple snack.
- Contact the CNC office if you have questions (978) 544-5157 or [Budine@erving.com](mailto:Budine@erving.com)

We will be hiking in sunshine, cloudy or drizzles, but if it is pouring rain we will re-schedule. Call the CNC office, or check CNC Facebook page if weather is a concern and we will leave a message to confirm the hike status.



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# Erving Recreation Commission



## **SUMMER Park Program**

July 5 - August 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - 3:15 pm

**\*Introducing Free Breakfast & Lunch!!**

**Now Accepting Applications**

**Ages 5 - 12 years old**

The summer program is held at the Erving Elementary School (in the gymnasium, cafeteria, and outside on the playground). Activities consist of Arts & Crafts, Sports, Field Trips on Wednesdays, Swimming at Lake Wyola on Fridays, and more.

Applications are available at Erving Elementary School, Erving Library, Erving Town Hall, or at [www.erving.ma.org](http://www.erving.ma.org) (to download and print).

\$10.00 Registration Fee per application (this includes a t-shirt)

\$50.00 per week for Erving residents.

\$75.00 per week for non-residents.