

# EAGLE EXPRESS

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## February

**Wednesday – February 15**  
"Savings Makes Cents"

**Thursday – February 16**  
All-School Sing – 2:30 pm – gym  
Preschool Coffee Hour – 5:30 pm

**Monday-Friday – February 20-24**  
February Vacation – No School

**Monday – February 27**  
School Council Meeting – 3:30 pm  
School Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm

**\*\*NEEDED\*\*** Magicians, photographers, sewing masters, etc! After School would like to cordially invite a whole host of guests with special talents to share their experience with our students and teach them some new skills. If you or someone you know has a special gift that you would like to share with us here at After School, please contact Stephanie at [mitchell@erving.com](mailto:mitchell@erving.com).

Thanks and have a great week! Spring is around the corner!

**100 Mile Club®**



Morning walking/running club continues to meet every Monday, Thursday and Friday that school is in session. Children that arrive at 8 AM will be expected to participate in the 100 Mile Club activity until 8:30 AM. We will earn laps by walking a course inside the school, so please be sure that your child is wearing sneakers.



### News from After School

What a week here at After School - the return of our "On the Menu" cooking class (we made yummy cheese pizzas!), a Super Bowl parade day off,

a spectacular basketball game and a snow day! This week had it all!



Check out what's happening next week:

**Monday, 2/13:** "On the Menu" cooking class: Kid-Friendly Hummus & Pita Chips

**Tuesday, 2/14:** STEM experiment: Magic Magnets (from last week)

**Wednesday, 2/15:** Basketball

**Thursday, 2/16:** Felt Butterflies (from last week)

**Friday, 2/17:** Friday fun day



## News from the Principal's Desk

### Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

Due to the recent weather cancelations we have rescheduled our planned partnering with the local ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) liaison to present information to our grade 3 through 6 students about how they can manage their use of a digital platform. We are hoping to hold the presentations within the next two weeks. We are also planning an evening forum for all parents and guardians, details of which will be sent home in a separate flyer. Please feel free to give me a call should you want to talk further about this topic.

The Preschool classroom has been following Bill Danielson's articles in The Recorder. Mr. Danielson has worked for the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service and the Massachusetts State Parks. He has been a writer and nature photographer for 19 years and he also teaches high school biology and physics. He writes a section called "Speaking of Nature" on Mondays which is on the front page of the Outdoor Section of The Recorder. He also writes articles about nature and has them in the "Valley Kids" newspaper that is printed periodically as a part of The Recorder. In the Valley Kids, Mr. Danielson wrote an article about cardinals and challenged kids to send in pictures they had made. Our preschool students have seen a female and male cardinal at the bird feeder that was placed outside of their class. Mrs. Glabach decided to have the students draw pictures and send them in to Mr. Daniels. Mrs. Wheeler sat with the four/five year olds and they talked about drawing shapes to create the outline of the cardinal and then they colored in their shapes and added details. If you go to [www.speakingofnature.com](http://www.speakingofnature.com) and then go to the Speaking of Nature Directory and click on the Reader's Corner that will take you to the next section and click on Kids Corner! New! It will take you to their pictures. It has a picture of their bird, their first name. Up above the pictures it states, "outstanding drawings sent in from Erving Elementary School".



Nate Gaetano (Gym Teacher) is working with the American Heart Association to bring a Jump Rope event to EES and Swift River. It sounds like the students will be having a lot of fun while at the same time getting educated about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

The snow days are eating into the summer. The expected last day of school has moved to June 21 with the 5<sup>th</sup> snow day on Feb 9. I am sure that the way things are working out we will be adding a few more days!

MCAS 2.0 is on the horizon for all students in grades 3 through 6. Students in grade 4 will be required to take the tests on a computer. Grades 3, 5 and 6 will take a paper test. All students will be tested in the areas of E.L.A. and Math. Grade 5 students will also take the Science, Technology and Engineering test. The tests will be administered during the testing window of April 3 through May 26. Students will spend approx. 6 hours testing (grade 5 will test for 7 hours).

Preschool students will be out walking in the deep snow, thanks to a recent grant that was secured by Kerri Lapointe. Kerri applied to the Chase Your Dreams/Jill Harrington Foundation on behalf of the preschool students. She was successful in securing a check for \$500 which went a long way to purchasing LL Bean snowshoes for a whole class. Thank you Kerri.



Thank you for all of your support at home. Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Trill



The Erving Recreation Commission presents...

**February 18**

**10am - 11am**

**Erving Elementary**

**WINTER  
BREAK  
Kick-off**

An opportunity to earn some miles and start your vacation off on the right foot! Dress warm for walking outside. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



**100 MILE CLUB**

**UPCOMING DATES:**

March 4th at EES  
April 1st at Old Deerfiled  
and every Wednesday  
at EES 1:30-2:30

The Erving Recreation Commission

*presents*

WINTER BREAK  
**MOVIE**  
PIZZA

Wednesday, February 22, 10am - 1pm  
Erving Recreation Center, 18 Pleasant Street  
FREE ADMISSION!!

No drop offs under age 5  
Children under 12 must be signed in/out by an adult  
Pizza Party and Dessert!!

**TROLLS!**

ERVING RECREATION  
**SNOWTUBING** 10am to noon  
**OUTING FEB 21**  
**BERKSHIRE EAST**

\$5 per person is due by February 17th  
Submit payment with signed waivers  
in the EES drop box or at Town Hall.  
Make checks to the Erving Rec Comm  
questions: [rec@erving-ma.org](mailto:rec@erving-ma.org)

All riders must be at least  
42" to participate!  
No tandem riders!

**\$5 for Erving  
Residents!! \$10  
for non-residents**



**Berkshire East LLC**  
**Snowtubing Release from Liability**

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*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING*

1. I accept the use of a snow tube and accept full responsibility for the care of the snow tube while in my possession.
2. I understand that there are inherent and other risks involved but are not limited to; variations in snow, steepness and terrain, ice and icy conditions, moguls, rocks, trees, and other forms of forest growth or debris (above and below the surface), bare spots, other forms of natural or man made obstacles on and/or off chutes, as well as collisions with equipment, obstacles or other snow tubers. Snow chute conditions vary constantly due to weather changes and snow tubing use. Be aware that snowmaking and snow grooming may be in progress at any time. These are some of the risks of snow tubing. All are inherent risks of snow tubing present the risk of serious and/or fatal injury.
3. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify Berkshire East LLC, and/or any employee of and aforementioned for the loss or damage, including and loss or injuries that result from damages related to the use of the snow tube or lift.
4. I understand and am aware that snow tubing is a HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY. I understand that snow tubing and the use of snow tubes involves a risk of injury to any or all parts of my body. I hereby freely agree and expressly assume and accept responsibility for any and all risks of injury or death while participating in this activity. I have explained the aforementioned risks to my child and believe that my child has the ability to appreciate these risks. \_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial).
5. As purchaser of this ticket, I agree that all disputes arising under this agreement and/or from my use of the facilities at Berkshire East LLC shall be litigated exclusively in the Court of Franklin County, Massachusetts.
6. Snow tubes are to be used on designated snow tubing hills only. Anyone using a snow tube outside of the designated snow tubing area will lose his or her snow tubing ticket.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THEM:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (         ) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian if Under 18 years old:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Opportunities**  
**Erving Teachers' Association**  
**Erving PTO**

**The Erving Teachers' Association and the Erving PTO are pleased to announce two scholarship opportunities. Students need only submit one application to be considered for both awards.**

**Winners of an ETA scholarship of \$300 and a PTO scholarship of \$200 will be chosen after the receipt of a complete application. The scholarship is available to any June 2016 or 2017 high school graduate who has attended Erving Elementary School.**

**Each application will be judged on academic performance, citizenship, and school and community involvement. Applications are available at the Erving Elementary School office, at your high school guidance office or can be downloaded from the [erving.com](http://erving.com) website.**

**Completed applications must be mailed to Erving Elementary School by Friday, April 28, 2017.**

## **EES PTO scholarship**

### **Franklin County Technical School**

#### **2017 EES PTO Franklin County Technical School Scholarship**

The Erving Elementary PTO will be awarding (1) \$200.00 scholarship to a graduating senior of the Franklin County Technical School. The scholarship is available to any June 2017 graduating senior, residing in Erving, who has attended a minimum of one year at the Erving Elementary School.

Each application will be judged on academic and trade performance, citizenship, school/community involvement, and how they will use the money awarded to purchase tools/materials for their trade/field.

Applications are available at the Erving Elementary School office and at the FCTS guidance office.

Completed application forms must be returned to the Erving Elementary School office by Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2017.



Mark your calendars now for  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017**  
**6:15-8:00 pm**



Help us celebrate  
Dr. Seuss's Birthday with  
a party for ALL AGES!

Get *WILD ABOUT BOOKS*  
with author-storyteller  
Jennifer Swender.

We'll read, sing, dance &  
make our own books!



Decorate a yummy  
birthday cupcake!



Buy some books  
at our very own  
**WORLD EYE BOOK FAIR**

It's a family-friendly event all about **BOOKS**  
Erving Elementary School 28 Northfield Rd.

**DON'T MISS IT!**

Jen Swender's performance at the birthday party is supported by  
the Erving Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the  
Massachusetts Cultural Council.

This event is co-sponsored by the EES Library & PTO





## 100 Mile Club® Update

The program is progressing well. We already have 6 students and 4 staff that have reached the 25-mile mark and 2 students who have reached 50 miles! Great job everyone and keep up the good work!

Is your child looking for more opportunities to walk and gain miles? Members of the Erving Recreation Committee are offering a walking time every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30-2:30 PM. Families are also strongly encouraged to join their student and log their own miles. Remember that incentives are given for walking 25, 50, 75 and 100 miles.

If your child is interested in joining the Wednesday afternoon walking group, please complete the permission slip below and have your child return it to the office no later than Wednesday morning each week. Please note: parents will have to **sign a new permission slip each week**. Check in Friday's Erving Express Newsletter for the weekly permission slips.

The plan is to walk outside whenever possible so please be sure that your child comes dressed appropriately - sneakers, winter jacket, hat and mittens. In the event of inclement weather, the group will walk in the school. A water bottle is also strongly encouraged. All students must be picked up by 2:30 PM.

If you have any questions please contact Gail Dubreuil, School Nurse at (413) 423-3326.

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I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print student's name), to participate in the 100 Mile Club® Wednesday afternoon walking group on **February 15, 2017** from 1:30-2:30 PM.

I will be joining my student in the afternoon walking.

My student will be picked up at 2:30 PM by \_\_\_\_\_

My student will be going to the After School program at 2:30 PM

Parent Signature: