

# EAGLE EXPRESS

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## February

**Monday-Friday – February 20-24**

February Vacation – No School

**Monday – February 27**

School Council Meeting – 3:30 pm  
School Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm

## March

**Wednesday – March 1**

“Savings Makes Cents”

**Friday – March 3**

Dr. Seuss Party – 6:15-8:00 pm

**Thursday – March 9**

All-School Sing – 9:30 am – gym

**Tuesday-Thursday – March 14-16**

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences – Student dismissal @ 1:15

### News from After School

Martial Arts class extended! Due to the recent snow days, there will be THREE make-up days for the Shotokan Karate class - Tuesday, 2/28, Thursday, 3/2, and Tuesday, 3/7. If your student is enrolled in this program, please be sure to note these dates and have your child attend all 3 make classes!

Hoola hooping is coming to After School! Starting on Wednesday, March 8, After School will be

offering an amazing 6-week hoola-hooping course on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 pm where students can learn all about hoola-hooping, make their own hoola hoop and play with/showcase their work! The sign up sheet is at the back of this newsletter and needs to be completed and returned to the office by Wednesday, March 1. **Please note that this program is generously funded by the school. Students who register must attend all 6 classes.**

**\*\*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).

Have a WONDERFUL vacation!



**Six hours of reading for a Six Flags Ticket!**

**Important Date:**

All Reading Logs must be returned by

**Monday, February 27.**



## News from the Principal's Desk:

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

One thing is for sure, I can promise you no snow calls next week!! With vacation week upon us our custodians will have a little breather, and then back to clearing the snow piles that have built around the car park. This week Thomas has been working double duty, in the building and then on top of the building. He has spent many days working on the roof, clearing off as much of the snow-load as possible. Three back-to-back storms have dumped in excess of 30 inches of snow onto the roof. A combination of shoveling and snow-blowing heavy snow certainly takes its toll on the body. Thank you Thomas for all that you have done to make sure the school building maintains its structural integrity.



A series of cancelations and delays have posed scheduling difficulties for all connected with the school. We have had to reschedule critical meetings, postpone events, and even re-route our 100 Mile Club. I would like to thank everybody for your patience and support. Notwithstanding these interruptions our walkers have been able to rack up an impressive number of miles. To date we have accumulated 2152 miles! Thinking of a warm sunny place, those miles would get you from Erving to Phoenix, Arizona. During yesterday's All School Sing, we were able to recognize 17 students, 4 staff, and 1 member of the community who have achieved the goal of 25 miles. Also, 3 students have reached 50 miles and 2 have already surpassed 75 miles. Congratulations to the whole team.



I would like to pass along my sincere appreciation to all of the students who took the time to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brown Bag Lunch Challenge. A number of classes worked in teams to fill brown bags with a variety of healthy food items. Thank you to our staff and parents for their generosity in donating boxes of food items that were used to fill the bags.

On behalf of the staff I wish everybody a safe and restful vacation time.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Trill

Erving Elementary School participates in the 2nd Annual February Brown Bag Lunch Challenge!

The goal is to collect 400 brown bag lunches to be handed out to local homeless/hungry people in Franklin County via the Franklin County Community Meals Program.



The mission of this program is an important one---last year they served over 18,000 meals to local seniors, adults and children who were in need of food. This program relies on the generosity of volunteers.



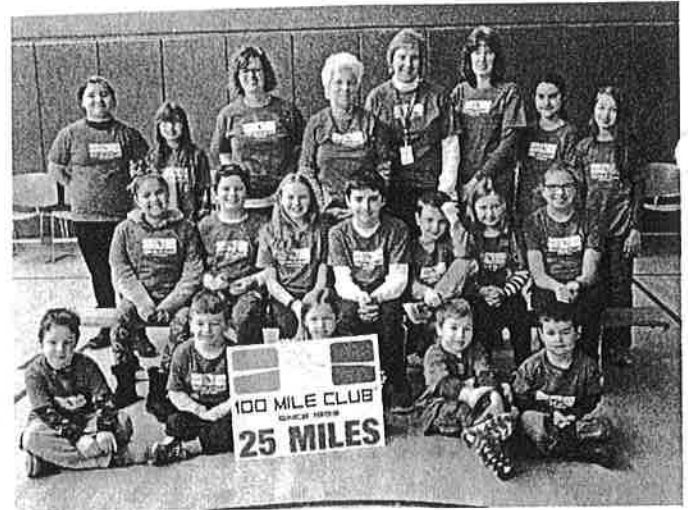
First grade and fifth grade students work together filling brown bag lunches.



A special "Thank You" to Kerri Lapointe for bringing this wonderful program to our attention and thank you to all staff members, students and families for helping us to support this worthwhile cause.

## All-School Sing – February 16

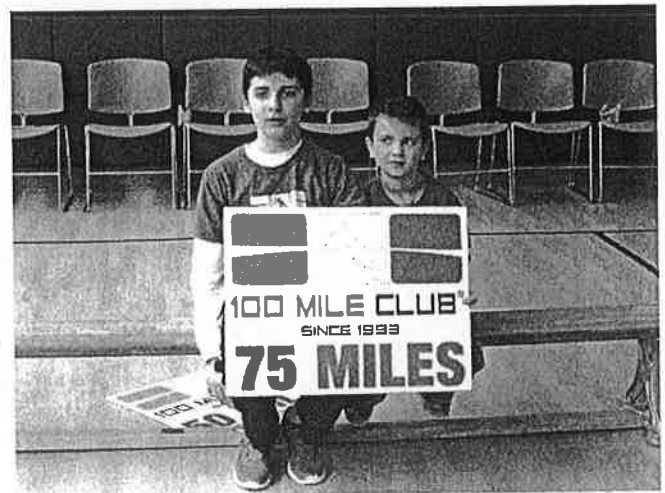
The students showed their beautiful voices during our February All-School Sing once again. Thank you to our talented music teacher, Mrs. Bosworth-Clemens, for teaching our students to enjoy music.



We have 3 students who have reached 50 miles!  
Great job!!



Wow, we have 2 students who have reached 75 miles!!! Awesome!!



Altogether, our students, staff and participating community members have walked a total of 2,152 miles!!!



### 100 Mile Club® News

We now have 17 students, 4 staff and 1 community member who have walked 25 miles. Way to go!!



# If you *don't* snooze, you lose!

## DO

- Go to bed around the same time every night.
- Follow a calm bedtime routine, like taking a bath or reading a book.
- Get comfy – not too hot or too cold.
- Talk with a parent or guardian if something is bothering you.
- Sleep in a **quiet** room.
- Sleep in a **dark** room.



## DON'T

- Watch TV, play video games, or use a phone, tablet, or computer right before bedtime.
- Play loud music or watch a scary movie.
- Sleep with your dog, cat, or goldfish.
- Drink soda, iced tea, or other drinks with caffeine.
- Sprinkle sugar on your head to have sweet dreams!



KidsHealth

KidsHealth.org

Most kids need **10 to 11 hours** of sleep each night to help them do their best at school.

# Hoola Hooping



at  
After  
School



Hoola Hooping is coming to After School! Children will learn all about hoola-hooping, make their own hoola hoop and play with/showcase their work.

The program will run from 2:30-3:30 PM on Wednesdays starting on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Remaining dates will be 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5 and 4/12.

If your child is interested, please complete the form below and return to the school by Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. *This program is generously funded by the school.*

Students who sign up for this program must attend all 6 classes and be registered in the After School program. Regular daily After School rates apply.

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## HOOLA HOOPING SIGN-UP

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, will attend the Hoola Hooping class at After School on Wednesday afternoons (3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5 and 4/12).

I understand that my child must attend all 6 classes.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

**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.



## 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:  
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# SNOWTUBING OUTING

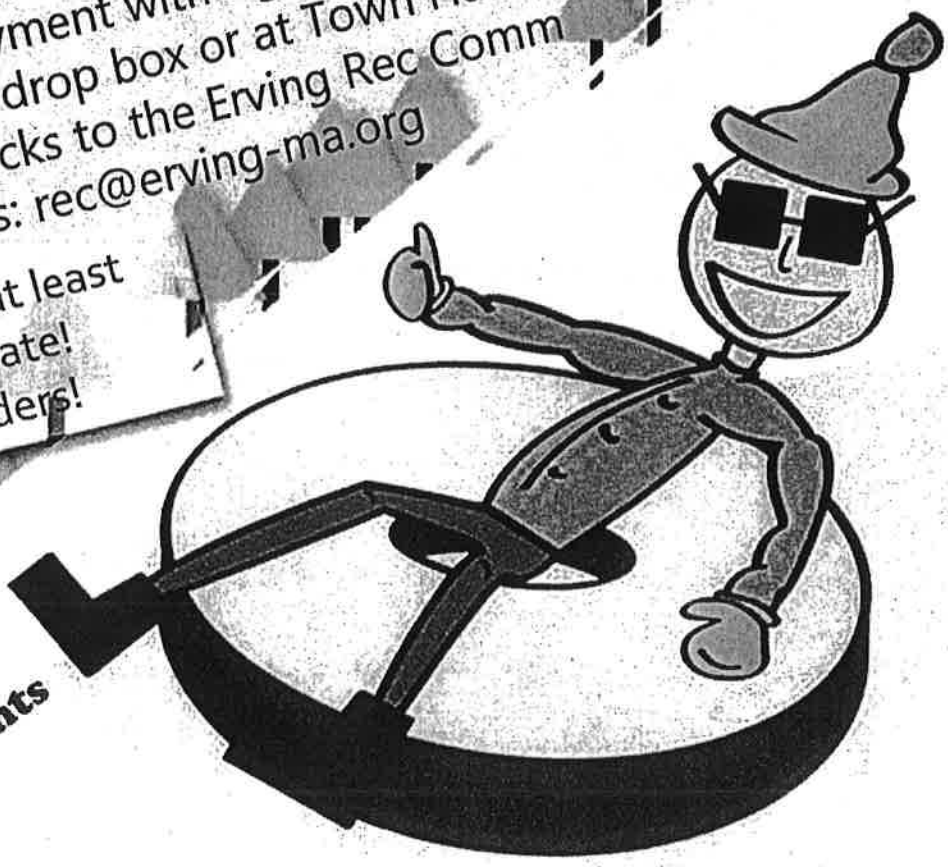
**10am  
to noon**

**FEB 21**

\$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**



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!**



The Erving Recreation Commission presents....

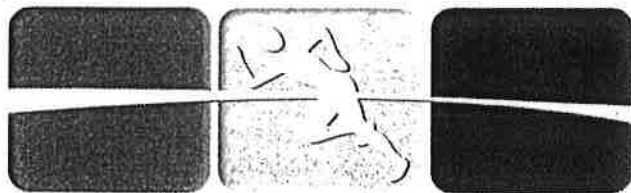
**February 18**

**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 Deerfield

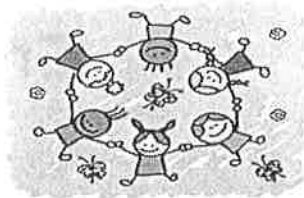
and every Wednesday

at EES 1:30-2:30

# Register

for

# Kindergarten



Do you live in the town of Erving and have a child that will be 5 years old by September 1, 2017? Then your child is eligible to attend Erving Elementary School this fall.

Please contact the school at (413) 423-3326 and request a registration packet. Please return all forms by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**If your child is currently attending Erving Elementary School, he/she will be automatically enrolled for kindergarten and a registration packet will come home in his/her backpack in April.**

If your child will not be attending Erving Elementary in the fall, please call the school and let us know.

If you have any questions about the kindergarten program, please email Mackensey Bailey, Early Childhood Coordinator, at [bailey@erving.com](mailto:bailey@erving.com)



...a fun place to  
play and learn!





# Erving Elementary School Preschool Registration

Erving Elementary School is beginning to register preschoolers for the 2017-2018 school year.

If you have a child who will be either 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2017 and you live in the town of Erving, he/she is eligible to attend preschool at Erving Elementary School.

Please call the school at (413) 423-3326 to have a registration packet sent to you.

**Families that currently have a child attending preschool at Erving Elementary School are automatically enrolled for next year and a registration packet will be sent home at the beginning of February.**

All registration packets need to be returned by March 10, 2017.

If your child is preschool eligible but will not be attending Erving Elementary School, please call the school and let us know.

If you have any questions, please email Mackensey Bailey, Early Childhood Coordinator, at [bailey@erving.com](mailto:bailey@erving.com)



## Family and Community Fun Walk/Run Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Do you like to walk or run? Looking for a way to get more exercise? Like to spend time outdoors? Come join members of the Erving Recreation Commission, students and families of Erving Elementary School and community members for a monthly walk/run and help log miles for the 100 Mile Club®.

On Saturday, March 4th the Erving Recreation Commission will host a walk/run from 10-11AM at Erving Elementary School. Meet at the front of the school dressed for the weather since the walk/run will take place around the school building and playground. If you or your student is a member of the 100 Mile Club®, miles will be posted to your total. Not a member? You can still join for an hour of exercise and camaraderie!

In the event of questionable weather, please refer to the Erving Recreation Commission's Facebook page.

**Please note:** an adult must accompany all students/children.

Come to our FREE event on  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017**  
6:15-8:00 pm at Erving Elem. School



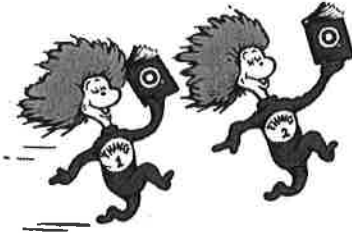
Help us celebrate  
Dr. Seuss's Birthday with  
a party for ALL AGES!

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 all happening at  
our school library: 28 Northfield Rd.

any questions? call or email:  
423-3326 ext. 103 OR [urban@erving.com](mailto:urban@erving.com)

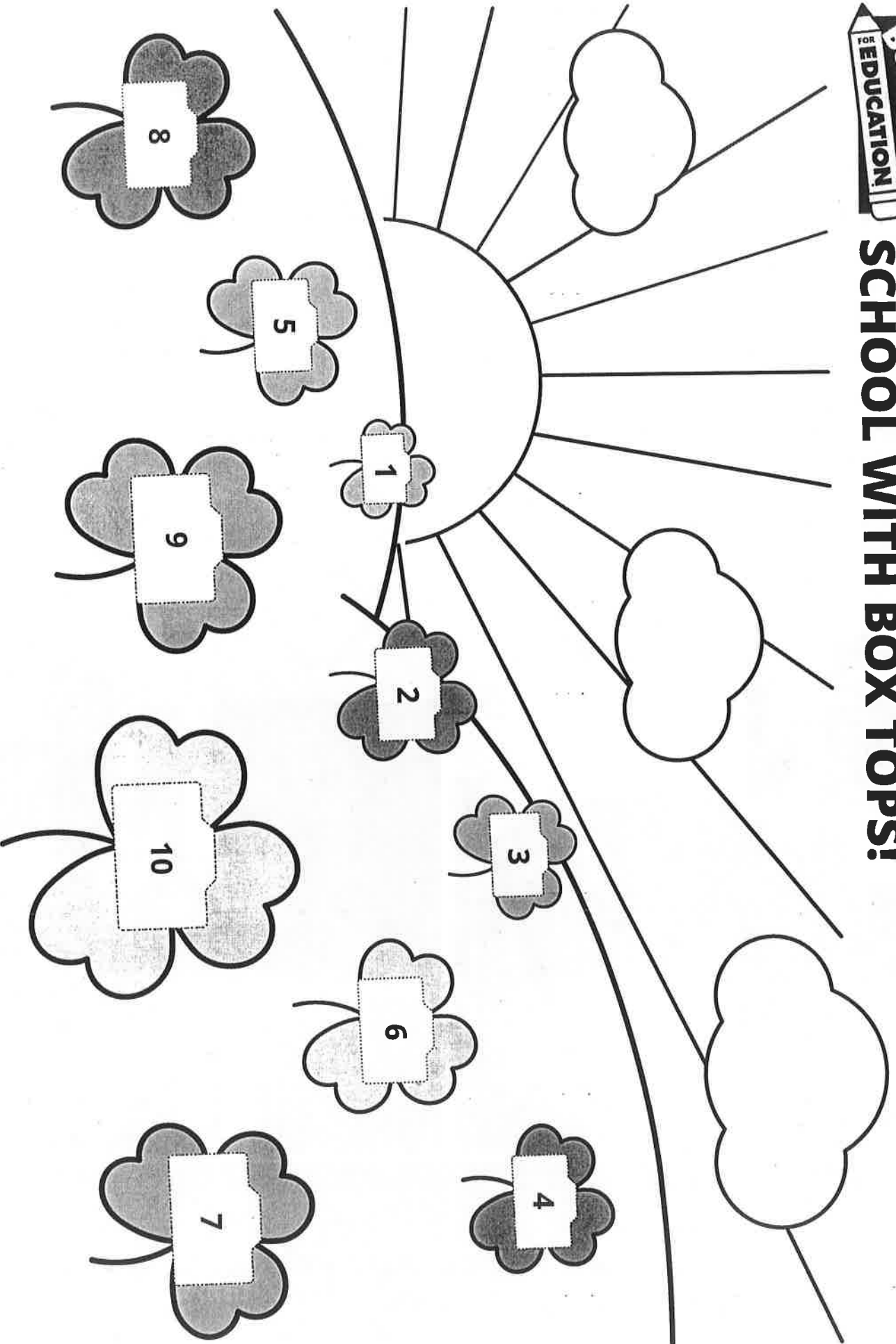
Jen Swender's performance at the birthday party is supported by  
the Erving Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the  
Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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





# SEND GOOD LUCK TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH BOX TOPS!



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet – please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to [BTfE.com](http://BTfE.com).



**100 MILE CLUB®**  
SINCE 1993

## 100 Mile Club® Update

The program is progressing well. We now have 17 students and 4 staff that have reached the 25-mile mark, 3 students who have reached 50 miles, and 2 students who have reached 75 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 **March 1, 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: