

EAGLE EXPRESS

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March

Tuesday-Thursday – March 14-16
Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences –
Student dismissal @ 1:15

Wednesday – March 15
"Savings Makes Cents"

Tuesday – March 21
School Council Meeting – 3:30 pm
School Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm

Parent/Guardian/Teacher conferences are next week (March 14-16). We will be planning lots of fun and engaging activities, so send your child(ren) to After School for all 3 days of the Conference for a special discounted rate of \$50 per student for drop-ins (regularly \$20/day/student) and \$40 per student for our Regular "Wednesday-only" students. Reserve your child's spot today!

Here's what's happening next week:

Monday, 3/13: "On the Menu" cooking class: Corn Dogs

Tuesday, 3/14: STEM experiment: Toy Zip Line Competition (from last week)

Wednesday, 3/15: Fishy Fishy

Thursday, 3/16: Cardboard Looms

Friday, 3/17: Closet Cleanout Day

Reminder: Afternoons (especially Wednesdays) can be very long for some students, leaving them tired and hungry. While we stock a limited amount of healthy snacks here at After School, it is sometimes not enough to appease some hungry bellies. Please be sure your students are well-equipped with their favorite snacks to keep them fueled throughout the day!

Have a great week!

News from After School

It's been a HUUUUUGE week at After School with the end of our first-ever Martial Arts class (info on second session coming soon!), the start of our awesome hoola-hooping class, and the beginning of our pilot tutoring program!



After School would like to give a GIANT CONGRATULATIONS to our first round of students who graduated with their white belts from the Shotokan karate class - WAY TO GO!!

We also started off hoola-hooping with a BANG - 13 students enjoyed trying out different-sized hoola hoops, learning basic moves and enjoying a performance by instructor Shenandoah. There's lots more fun coming in the weeks ahead!



**CONGRATULATIONS,
SHOTOKAN KARATE GRADUATES!
FROM ALL OF US AT
AFTER SCHOOL!**



News from the Principal's Desk:

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

On Wednesday, grade 3 through 6 students welcomed Sergeant Holst and Officer Loynd ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) liaison to Erving Elementary School. Our guests presented information to students in each classroom on the topic of Internet safety. My letter to parents in early February addressed the topic of Internet safety, and why we should closely monitor our children's activities whenever they are online. In the past few months there has been an increase in the number of social media sites aimed particularly at the younger generation. We are concerned that our children can be the innocent victims of cyberspace activity, lured into communicating with persons who are unknown to them. We will continue to provide a safe environment for our children, educating them about the potential dangers of the digital world. Erving Elementary School will be partnering with the ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) liaison to present additional information to parents and guardians about how they can manage their children's use of a digital platform. We encourage you to talk with your son or daughter about the potential danger of the Internet. Ask if they have a social media account. You may want to review his or her profile to ensure that no personal and identifiable information has been posted. We also encourage you to establish rules and guidelines to ensure the safety of your child while on the Internet.



On Friday last week, Erving Elementary School celebrated Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss Day. A number of people sent me comments about how wonderful the party was. It sounded like the library was packed with children, accompanied by parents, guardians, and grandparents. Our guest storyteller captivated the audience, and there was even time for all to decorate a yummy birthday cupcake. Thank you to the staff that came together to plan and support the party, especially Jane Urban.

Remaining on the topic of reading, tonight is the Battle of the Books! This Massachusetts Children's Book Award (MCBA) event will be held at Swift River Elementary School, beginning at 5:45pm. Any grade 4, 5 or 6 student who has read at least 5 MCBA books can attend. This promises to be an exciting evening with over 125 children expected to be in attendance. You may find out about Roller Derby, taste Indian food, or even try your hand at 'Minute-To-Win-It' games. I hope to see you there.

On Thursday, I had the opportunity to walk to the Community Center with our grade 1 students and staff. The students were visiting the center to interview our seniors, who we were informed are experts in the art of 'Creative Aging'. I was impressed with the respect that our students showed while talking with the seniors. I got to hear some very funny stories, one in particular made me laugh. Weston was telling his guest (June) about how he tied string around his tooth to pull it out. June told Weston that when she was young, she tied string around her tooth also, attaching it to a door and then closing it. Ouch!

Unfortunately, I missed the field trip with our preschoolers to Johnson's Farm Sugar House in Orange. From the reports it sounded like everybody had a great tour. They were taken up behind the sugarhouse so the children could see the trees, sap buckets, and the sap lines coming from the old trees. The staff at Johnson's were very welcoming in the sugarhouse. The woman in charge talked to the children about the process of boiling, making sure she explained information at their level and then showed them the pouring room where it gets bottled. When she finished she gave them a little cup with some fresh syrup in it. Next was taste time, and hot cinnamon donuts 😊.



Have a lovely weekend.

Sincerely,

Jim Trill

All-School Sing – March 9

The students enjoyed singing Irish songs during our March All-School Sing. Thank you, Mrs. Bosworth-Clemens, for a wonderful show.



100 Mile Club® News Update

We now have 20 students, 4 staff and 1 community member who have walked 25 miles. Great job!!



We have 4 students, 2 staff, and 1 community member who have reached 50 miles! Splendid!!



We still have 2 students who have reached 75 miles!!! Awesome!!



Altogether, our students, staff and participating community members have walked a total of 2,391 miles!!!



An Enjoyable Evening of Dr. Seuss - Friday, March 3





**KEEP
CALM
AND USE THE
SCIENTIFIC
METHOD**

5th graders are putting their curiosity to the test! Each 5th grader will prepare an individual project that uses scientific thought processes and the scientific method. What better to kick off our science fair experience than with some enthusiastic experimenting. Today we investigated the chemistry of polymers. Students hypothesized, tested, observed, and analyzed as they took turns piercing a plastic water-filled bag with a sharpened pencil. Can you guess how many pencils poked through the bag before it leaked? Ask a 5th grader!



**Mark your calendars for this year's science fair!
ALL DAY FRIDAY, MAY 26.**

News from Laini



the Library Lion

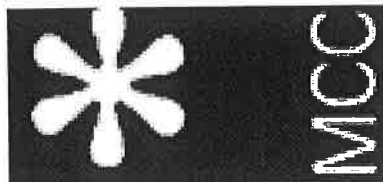
On Friday, March 17, Erving Elementary School is hosting locally-based and nationally-acclaimed storyteller Motoko Dworkin for a program of folklore from Asia. Thanks to a grant from the Erving Cultural Council, Motoko will be performing for all of our students, preschoolers up to 6th graders. Family and community members are also welcome to come hear her.

Her performances will take place in the school music room at these times:

- Grades preK, Kindergarten, & 1: 10:50-11:30
- Grades 2, 3 & 4: 9:40-10:30
- Grades 5 & 6: 11:35-12:30

For more information about Motoko, please visit her website:
motoko.folktales.net

The Erving Cultural is a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Introducing world cultures to our students is an important part of their education; support for programming such as this tells our children that their community also values this kind of learning.



massculturalcouncil.org

Art Room News

March 10, 2017



The third graders wrote words in a manner that illustrated their meaning.

Curricular Updates - Or, can you believe it's March already?

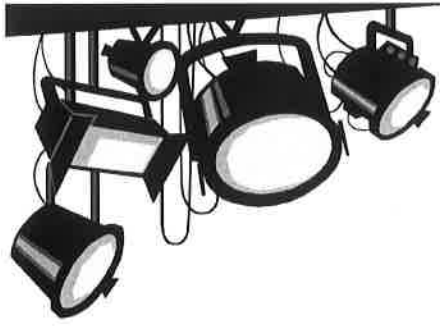
Clay has been a great favorite lately as students mastered techniques such as building a pinch pot and learning how to score, while also building up their hand strength with all the pinching and pounding and pushing. Other things we've been up to lately:

- **PRESCHOOL** has been exploring art materials outside; using snow paint, pushing sticks into clay, and building animal homes with their 6th grade buddies.
- **KINDERGARTEN** enjoyed a sewing unit, explored ways to attach cardboard to build a sculpture and made mosaics to think about how little shapes fit inside bigger ones.
- **FIRST GRADE** created paintings of their hopes for this world, and are now working on collaborative murals that challenges them to work together.
- **SECOND GRADE** designed and sewed their own stuffed animals, and are currently creating their own stop-motion animation videos.
- **THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE** did a major painting project, a sculpture challenge without hot glue, and tried the Japanese arts of origami, calligraphy, and sumi-e.
- **FIFTH GRADE** finished their drawings that created an illusion of depth, and are working on public art pieces for EES that they designed and proposed.
- **SIXTH GRADE** is curating thematic art shows of contemporary artworks in which one of the artworks featured must be their own work.

Please Note: I will not be in on the week of March 13-17 during parent-teacher conferences. I'm happy to meet with you to discuss the progress of your child in art, and will be available in the following weeks at your request.

THANK YOU all for your donations of recycled materials. We love them. Please keep them coming!

Emily Stewart



It's almost that time!

The All-School production of
The Ugly Duckling

will be Wednesday, April 12th at 10am.

We need your help costuming the cast. We are looking for:

scrubs (1, solid color, top & bottom)	White fleecy vest (1, for a sheep)
stethoscope (1)	Feather boas (5, any color)
Orange/Yellow/Peach socks (6 pairs)	black baseball hat (1)
Tall striped socks (tall, 1 pair)	baseball hat w/ UPS logo (1)
Old fashioned aviator goggles (1)	Solid color baseball hats (5)
Sling (as for a broken arm, 1)	Rainbow propeller hat (1)
Crutches (1 pair)	White sailor hats (3)

If you have any of these and are willing to lend them to us, please have your child bring them to the art room. I will mark them with your name and return ASAP after the play.

Thank you for your help!!

Emily Stewart

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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 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 28th 2017.

TINY TYKES

FUNDAMENTAL
SOCCER SESSIONS
FOR AGES 3-6

Erving Recreation is pleased to announce the return of the Challenger Sports' TinyTykes Program in association with Challenger Soccer Academy for Spring 2017.

TinyTykes is a new and exciting program that teaches basic soccer skills while developing strength, balance, coordination, listening skills and teamwork for children aged 3-6. The curriculum has been developed by soccer experts, child development professionals and experienced coaches, ensuring a positive soccer experience for your child!

Join us every Saturday morning for 6 weeks and interact with our licensed & Professional International coaches. Register online today!

Gain Soccer Skills, Develop Motor Skills, Have Fun, and become a TinyTyke for life!!

May 6th - June 10th
@ Veterans Field

9am-10am 3-4yrs
10am-11am 4-6yrs

\$80

FREE GIFTS!

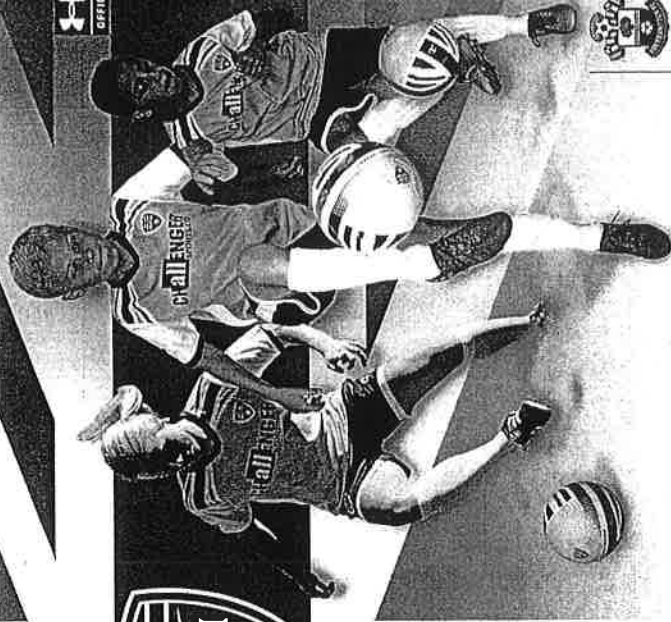


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*This Camp must comply with
Massachusetts State law and be
licensed by the local Board of Health
Department*



Erving Recreation

July 24th - July 28th
@ The Erving Elementary School, Erving, MA

Mini Soccer:	8am-9am	3-6yrs	\$85
Half Day:	9am-12pm	7-14yrs	\$145
Full Day:	9am-3:30pm	8-14yrs	\$190
High School:	5:30pm-7:30pm	13-18yrs	\$100

FREE GIFTS!

This camp includes a FREE Soccer Ball, Camp T-shirt, poster and access to TheChallengerWay.com

FREE SOCCER JERSEY!

Register online before June 9th to receive a FREE British Soccer Jersey (SSH fees apply)

REGISTER ONLINE AT
CHALLENGERSPORTS.COM

Erving Eagles

BASEBALL



& SOFTBALL

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NEW!! Sign up and pay online!

<https://ervingrec.wufoo.com/forms/baseball-softball-2016-registration/>

you can also access this link through the Erving Town Website, under Recreation.

Tball - Beginner Ages 4+

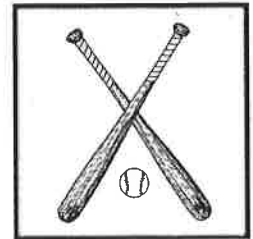
Rookie Baseball - Grades 1 & 2

Minors Baseball - Grades 3 & 4*

Majors Baseball - Grades 5 & 6*

Girls Softball - Grades 3 - 6

\$25



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Playing with the home team means...

Your child has the great opportunity to learn skills and teamwork.

The classroom community is supported on the field.

Our teams stick together for the duration of Elementary School.

Everyone plays in a fun, stress-free environment, with parent coaches who are invested in their team and Erving Residents.

You'll get to meet and build friendships with other parents in the community.

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SIGN UP TODAY thru MARCH 10!! - Forms and payment can be put
in the Rec drop box at EES or Erving Town Hall

* No child shall be allowed to practice or play games until sign-up fees or any other outstanding fees are paid.*

Erving Recreation Commission Child Registration Form

Player _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____

Program: (circle) baseball softball soccer basketball

Parent(s) _____

Mom cell # _____ Dad cell # _____ Home # _____

Best contact number: (circle) home mom cell dad cell

Can receive texts: mom yes no dad yes no Email address _____

Alternate emergency contact name & number _____

List Allergies: _____ Medications: _____

Release and Waiver of Liability:

I the undersigned would like my child to participate in the above named program and believe my child is physically able to participate in this activity. I understand that there are risks of injury in participation of activities of this type, and I assume these risks for my child, including the risk of transportation to and from this activity. I agree that the Town of Erving and its agents or employees are released from any and all liability for any injury to my child or to any other person as a result of injury to my child. I understand that the legal effect of this release is to enable the Town of Erving, its agents or employees to avoid any lawsuit for injuries to my child.

I understand that I will be responsible for the transportation of my child to and from practice and games, whether it be by me, by someone else, or I allow my child to walk.

Code of Conduct:

I the undersigned confirm that I have received a copy of the players' and parents' codes of conduct. We will abide by these codes of conduct and expect others to do the same to ensure a positive experience for all.

Can Erving Rec. place a group or individual photo of your child on its website. (circle) YES NO

I have carefully read and understand this agreement _____ Date _____

Uniforms: circle sizes

SHIRT

Size	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AXS	AS	AM	AL	AXL
Chest	34-35	36-37	38-39	40-41	38-40	40-42	42-44	45-47	48-50
Avg. Age	7-9	9-11	11-13						

PANTS

Size	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL
Waist	23-24	24-26	26-28	28-30	25-28	28-30	30-34	34-38
Avg. Age	6-8	8-10	10-12	11-13				



100 Mile Club® Update

The program is progressing well. We now have 20 students, 4 staff and 1 community member that have reached the 25-mile mark, 4 students, 2 staff and 1 community members 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.

I give permission for my child, _____ (please print student's name), to participate in the 100 Mile Club® Wednesday afternoon walking group on **March 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: