

EAGLE EXPRESS

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Tuesday – April 4
MCAS Testing begins

Wednesday – April 5
"Savings Makes Cents"

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

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

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 March 29, April 5, 12, and 19

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

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 flyer)



News from the School Nurse

Illness Update

By Erving Elementary School standards we have a lot of sickness going around! Students and staff are predominantly being hit by a cold with a lingering, moist, non-productive cough and fever that appear flu-like in nature. Also making an unwanted appearance, but to a lesser degree, is the fever and vomiting bug followed by diarrhea.

To slow the spread of illness, please keep your child(ren) home if they are feeling under the weather. School policy is that kids must be fever-free (under 100 degrees) without medication for a full 24 hours before returning to school. The same goes for vomiting. They may return only if they have not vomited within the last 24-hour period. Please remember that giving your child ibuprofen or Tylenol in the morning will not guarantee that they will be well enough to attend school. The medication wears off after a short time and then they are miserable, unable to participate and, often, this prolongs the illness because they have not been home resting, hydrating and recuperating. If you have any questions please call Gail Dubreuil, the school nurse at (413) 423-3326.

Please help us break the cycle of illness and return Erving Elementary School to a healthy environment full of happy students ready to learn!

News from the Principal's Desk

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

Thank you to all of our kindergarten and grade 1 families who turned out in force for the Kindergarten and Grade 1 math night. It was a full house; with plenty of engaging activities, smiling faces, and students eager to showcase their talents and knowledge to family members. The wonderful turn out demonstrates that Erving families are fully invested in their child's education. A special thank you to all of our staff who took the time to put this event together.

I am happy to inform you that Mary Glabach's preschool class has been awarded a grant toward the purchase of seed starting materials, seedlings, and gloves. The Greenfield Garden Club has awarded us this grant, which supports the Erving Elementary School's grant project titled "Building Bridges with Planting Partners". Older students within the school will partner with Mrs. Glabach's preschool students working on some planting at the school.

Our students have been rehearsing diligently for our upcoming All-School play entitled "The Ugly Duckling". Please save the date – Wednesday, April 12. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Have a wonderful weekend. 😊

Sincerely,

Jim Trill
Principal

MCAS Testing

Erving Elementary students Grades 3-6 will be participating in MCAS testing beginning on April 4. Please help your child perform to their best ability by encouraging them to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast. As a reminder, we offer free breakfast everyday for all students. According to the Food Research and Action Center students who participate in school breakfast show improved attendance, behavior, standardized achievement test scores as well as decreased tardiness.

Grade 6 Students

If your 6th 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.

LOST AND FOUND



We urge you to stop in and check the lost and found for items that students may be missing. We will be donating the lost and found items to charity on April 14th.



Nationally-acclaimed storyteller Motoko Dworkin captivates Erving Elementary students.



Last Friday students heard stories from Japan of magical geese, sumo-wrestling mice and international friendship during the Japanese tsunami of 2011. Thanks to our storyteller Motoko, many of us can now say a few words in Japanese, such as "konnichiwa" [hello] and "arigato" [thank you], not to mention counting up to 100--just ask your student! A truly wonderful time was had by all students--from the smallest pre-schoolers all the way up to the 6th graders. Thanks again to the Erving Cultural Council and PTO for funding Motoko's visit.

The Erving Cultural Council is a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



PRESCHOOL NEWS FOR MARCH

Happy Spring! The preschoolers are excited that spring has arrived according to the calendar even though they are still wearing their winter gear outside! At the beginning of March, they learned about the idiom “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb”. We will be checking at the end of March to see if there is any truth to this idiom by graphing our “lion” and “lamb” weather days!

Both preschool classes enjoyed a field trip to the Johnson’s Farm Restaurant/ Sugar House in Orange and learned about the maple sugaring process. A special thank you to the School Committee and Administration for funding this educational experience for our preschoolers.

The children are learning about wind and created some beautiful “wind paintings” by blowing through straws creating swirly designs. We are looking forward to warmer weather and starting some gardening projects with planting buddies.

The preschoolers have been practicing their part for the 10:00 morning performance in the All School Play scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th.



Westin – wind painting



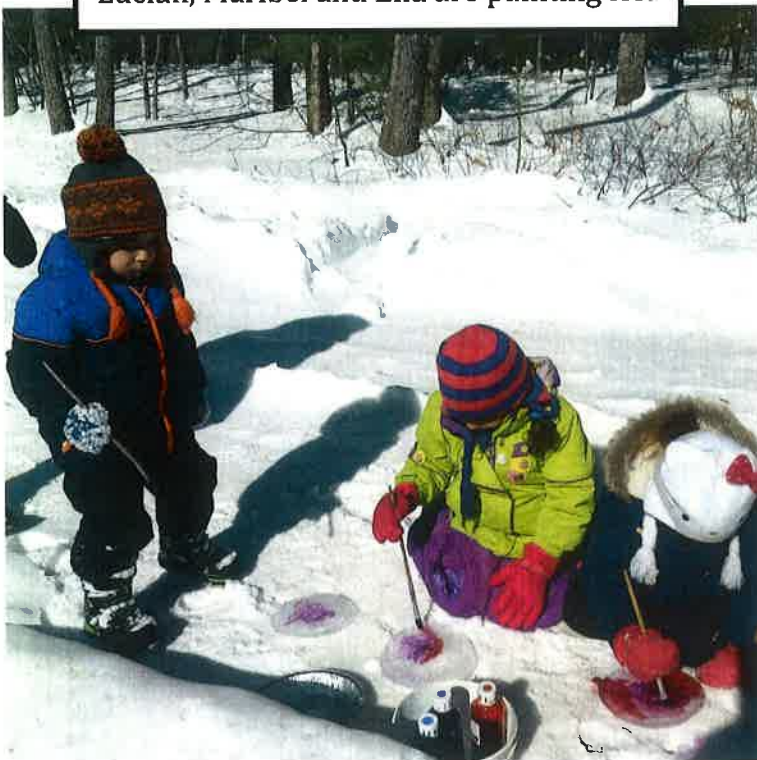
Cooper, Logan, Hunter and Ariel painting outside in art class.



Ben is playing with magnets.



Lucian, Maribel and Ella are painting ice.



Emma is enjoying a donut and hot cocoa.



Play News: Costume Needs!

The all-school play “The Ugly Duckling” is scheduled for April 12th!

Below, you will find costuming needs for each grade as well as a synopsis of our story with the special part for each grade noted. (Speaking parts are grades 5/6; all grades have a movement part.)

No writing or pictures on clothing, please. Clothes may be worn inside out if necessary.

Grade 5 + 6: Will be consulting with Ms. Stewart for their individual costumes.	Grade 2: Birds: Red – Frogs: Green – Clouds: Blue – Flowers/Plants: Bright colors
Grade 4: White shirt, black pants. Black shoes, or socks, or bare feet.	Grade 1: Brown colors
Grade 3: All black.	Kindergarten: Will be consulting with Mrs. Stewart to pick a barn animal and find out more about their costume.
	PreK: Will be consulting with Mrs. Stewart to pick a barn animal and find out more about their costume.

Please let us know if your child does not have the right color clothes, or if you have extra that others could borrow. There is no need to make a special purchase. Thanks for your help!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH: COSTUMES, MAKE-UP, LIGHTING, ANYTHING!! Leave your name with Pat Nauman in the front office.



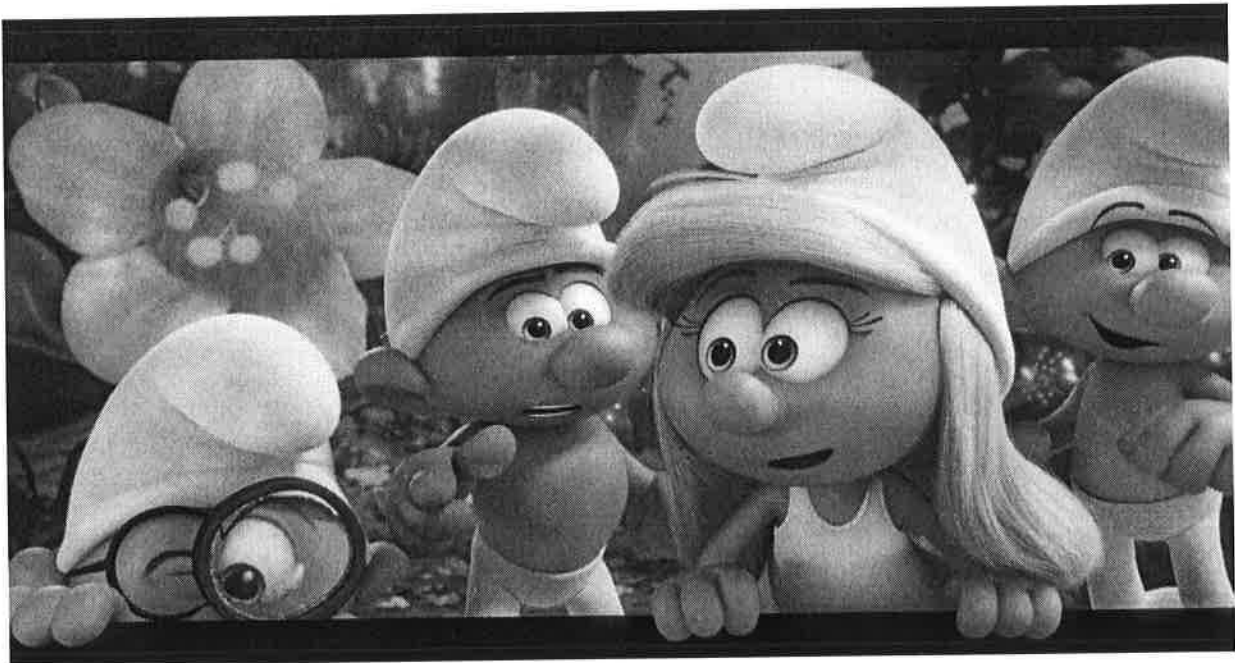
Synopsis: Our story begins with the song “There Once Was An Ugly Duckling” as a review of the familiar tale, which we have adapted for our play. We then have a dance for spring (*Spring Dance, 2nd Grade*) to set the scene for Mother Duck. Mother Duck is very proud of her 5 eggs, but we soon discover that a 6th 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, 4th Grade*), songbirds (*Rockin’ Robin, 1st 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, and winter (*Winter Dance, 3rd Grade*) turns to spring (*Maypole Dance, 3rd 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, 5th/6th 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 12th! We look forward to sharing it with you!

Come Support The Erving PTO

Smurf's 3

The Lost Village



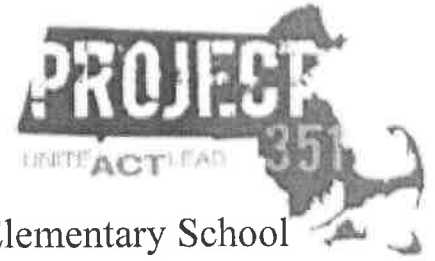
When: Saturday April 15, 2017

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

Time: 9:30 am

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Project 351 Spring Service



Dates: March 27th – April 5th

Where: Great Falls Middle School, Erving Elementary School
or Our Lady of Peace Church

What to donate: New and gently used children's clothes (newborn sizes
to adult medium) and shoes

Pajamas, socks and underwear must be new in package.

What is Project 351?

Project 351 is a nonprofit organization based around the belief that eighth graders have the potential to change the world. In each city or town in Massachusetts (hence the name "351"), one student is chosen by their educators to represent their community. My name is Catherine Bezio, and I was chosen to represent Erving. For the next year I will work on service projects throughout Massachusetts. This journey is designed to create leadership and unity among the students as we provide service to others.

Economic difficulty is a big problem in Massachusetts with more than 305,000 young people age 12 and under living in low income households. That is a little over one in every seven kids living in poverty. I have a chance to serve, but I can't do it without your help. Thank you!

What is Cradles to Crayons?

Cradles to Crayons is a nonprofit organization which helps children in low income situations get the tools they need to learn, play, and thrive. They give young people clothes, shoes, toys, books, and other necessities for free with lots of help from volunteers. One of their main values is "quality = dignity," and they make sure to provide outfits that the child will feel safe, warm, happy and proud in.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with the Spring Service Project. One student can make a difference, but an entire town of support will make a lasting impact.

Let's prove that Erving truly is a great place to live.

For more information please contact me at catbezio@comcast.net or (413) 423-3283

**Cradles
to Crayons**



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 or 978-544-5157

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

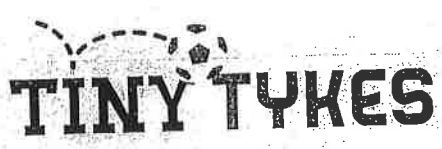
2017 EES PTO Franklin County Technical School Scholarship

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' Tiny Tykes Program in association with Challenger Soccer Academy for Spring 2017.

Tiny Tykes 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!

Build Soccer Skills, Develop Motor Skills, Have Fun and become a Tiny Tyke for life!


May 6th - June 10th
@ Veterans Field

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

\$80

FREE GIFTS!

REGISTER AT WWW.CHALLENGERSPORTS.COM



BRITISH SOCCER

WIN A TRIP TO ENGLAND TO WATCH PREMIER LEAGUE TEAM SOUTHAMPTON FC!

For more information please contact your local Challenger Sports Regional Director, Mo Abarak: # 401-213-0455 @ moabarak@challengersports.com

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	6-14yrs	\$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 (size 11-18 only)

REGISTER ONLINE AT CHALLENGERSPORTS.COM

The Most Popular Soccer Program in North America!

CHALLENGER SPORTS



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 29, 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: