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Saturday, October 8

Erving Recreation Commission Fall Festival
Veterans Field

Monday, October 10

No School – Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 11

PTO Meeting 6:15pm

Monday, October 17

100-Mile Club Kick-off 2:00pm

Tuesday, October 18

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

Wednesday, October 19

Open House – 6:30pm – gym

Friday, October 21

No School – Curriculum Day for Staff

News from the Principal's Desk:

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

Students and staff at EES can now say that the world's largest caterpillar crawled across their hands! On Friday September 30, the Hickory Horned Devil came to visit Erving Elementary School as part of the Caterpillar Lab (Keene, NH) exhibition. Rinky Black and Ben Rubin wrote a grant to help cover the costs to bring this exciting program to our students. Throughout the school day every student had the opportunity to visit with guest presenters who captivated all of us with incredible facts about many of the caterpillars on display. Thank you Rinky and Ben for providing this educational experience.

The 100 Mile Club Kick Off has been scheduled for Monday October 17 at 2PM. All of the students, staff, and other community members will be asked to wear a sport/dance related shirt. It can be a local team or dance troupe, college or professional team. The Turners Falls High School Football team will help us break the ribbon to start the first lap. We will be sending out invitations to have community members join us from the: senior center, police and fire departments, recreation committee, town hall, select board, school committee, and central office

Congratulations to our students in Grade 2. Their recent book review on "School's First Day of School" by Adam Rex was published in the Hampshire Gazette. Here is an extract from their review: "School is a funny character whose face is sometimes happy, sometimes sad. He can talk, and he tells his friend Janitor all about his first day of school. It's funny how School starts out knowing nothing, but then he learns a lot about being a school..... He reminds us of our

**Veterans Day Program
Save the Date
Thursday,
November 10, 2016**



school!"

PARCC/MCAS test scores for 2016 are being mailed home to parents and guardians of students in grades 4-6. Please remember, this single assessment is only a snapshot of your child's progress. At Erving Elementary School we take the time to grow the whole child. We are very proud that our students have the opportunity to grow as artists, musicians, and athletes. We recognize the need to take time to celebrate kindness, effort, improvement, and build students' pride in themselves and their school. Many are showing great promise as future leaders! Maybe one day they will take on leadership roles within our community, or further afield like the White House? Please join us at our Open House on October 19. You will gain first hand knowledge of the many wonderful things that helps make Erving Elementary School such a special place.

Have a wonderful Columbus Weekend.

Sincerely,

Jim Trill

News from After School:

Greetings from After School! It's been a busy week and we have lots of great things planned for next week. Here's what's ahead:

Tuesday, 10/11: STEM Experiment: Crawling Colors

Wednesday, 10/12: Acorn Relay Races

Thursday, 10/13: Craft Stick Puzzles

Friday, 10/14: Lava Monster

There will be plenty of time for free play both before and after the planned activities.

Have a great week from all of us here at After School!

The 100 Mile Club®:

Ready, Set, Go!
The 100 Mile Club® Kickoff is Coming!

The 100 Mile Club® is scheduled to kickoff on Monday, October 17th! This will be a school-wide event so all children and adults will be participating. The community is strongly encouraged to join us!

On the day of the kickoff, please have your child wear a T-shirt that is sports or dance related or one that promotes physical activity. It could be an Erving shirt from playing on a local sports team, a high school or college shirt, a professional team shirt or a shirt from your local dance or acrobatic troupe. If your child doesn't have a T-shirt with any of the above – no problem! Please call Mrs. Dubreuil, the school nurse and she will find one for your child to use!

Haven't registered your child yet? A copy of the registration form with all the information about the program is attached to this newsletter. Thanks to a generous donation from the Erving Recreation Department there is no cost to the student, but you will still need to complete a registration form for your child to be able to receive the incentives at 25, 50, 75 and 100 miles.

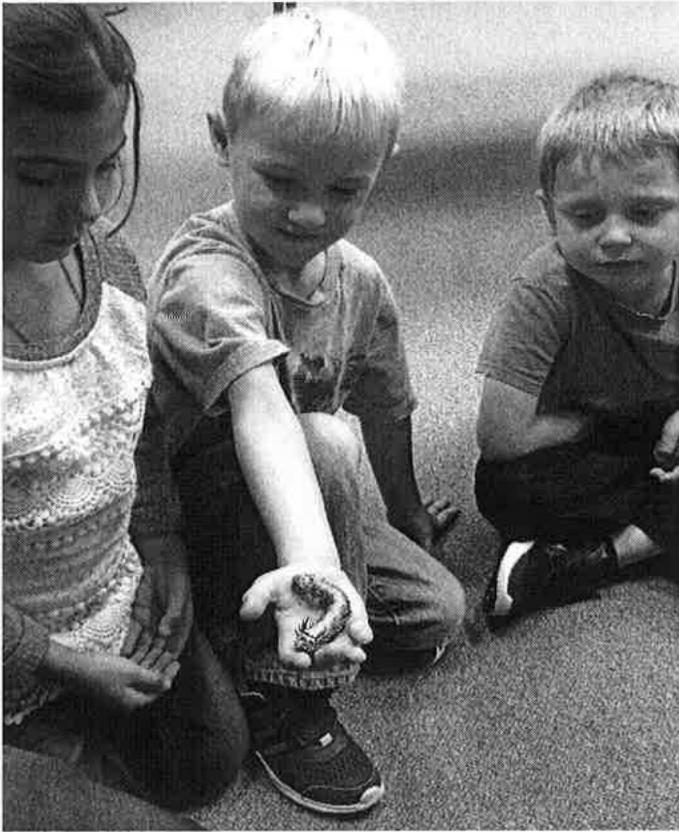
The Caterpillar Lab

The Erving Elementary School community would like to thank the Erving and Massachusetts Cultural Councils for their generous grant to host the Caterpillar Lab on Friday, September 30th.

The Caterpillar Lab connects people to the world around them using the art and science of native caterpillars through live caterpillar educational programs, research initiatives, and photography and film projects. They are based in Keene, NH.

The presenters focused on the life cycle of butterflies and moths, metamorphosis, and defensive adaptations. A variety of caterpillars and moths including the largest caterpillar in the world, the hickory horned devil, were highlighted.

Sam and Liz, the Caterpillar Lab's staff, were terrific! Their presentations were very informative and just right for each age group. All of the students participated in small groups throughout the day. There was very positive feedback from the staff and students.



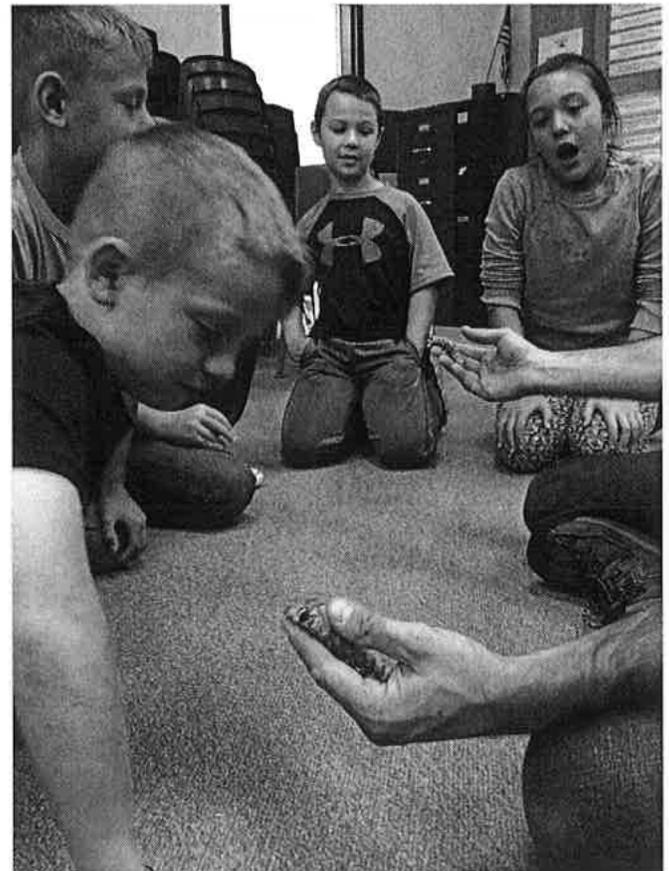
Here are some observations from fourth grade students:

"I was a little frightened to hold the largest caterpillar because it was so big and it looked like it had pinchers. I ended up holding it anyway and I was fine. It felt like it was tickling me and it didn't pinch me!"

"I saw a brown caterpillar on the branch of a tree that looked like a stick. I could see it latching onto the branch. It was trying to camouflage itself to protect it from predators."

"The moth that they had was very pretty. It had a lot of different designs and colors on it. The presenter put one on his finger and he said it would not fly away because it was too cold. It needed to beat its wings as fast as it could and then it could fly away."

"One of the caterpillars was white and fluffy. It was poisonous if you ate it and you could get an itchy bumpy rash if it crawled on your arm."



6th Grade Spends Week at Nature's Classroom



Our 6th Graders spent a gorgeous week - with temperatures in the 80's during the day and 70's at night - an hour away, at Nature's Classroom. A weeklong trip to Sargent Center, in Hancock, NH brought students out of the classroom and into the wilderness to learn cool and interesting information about science, social studies, physical education, and social and emotional growth. Students studied trees and plant life, aquatic bug life, and learned to live like pioneers. They also climbed a three-story tower and zip-lined 200 feet in distance some 35 feet in the air. Their minds and bodies grew through hands-on learning experiences!

FALL FESTIVAL ITENERARY

Saturday, October 8, 11am – 3pm



All Day Attractions (11am – 3pm)

Extreme Euro Bounce

Rock Climbing Wall

Giant Trike Races

Spongebob Bouncy Tent for Tots

Kaleidoscope Caricaturist 11am – 1pm

Kaleidoscope Face Painter Noon – 2pm.



Delectable Dishes from:

Poplar Mtn. Maple

Erving Fire Department

Relay Team Effort

*Rain will cancel the event, check our FB page for details

COLUMBUS DAY FUNDRAISER



Monday, October 10th, 10am – 4pm

French King Restaurant Rest Area

Pumpkins

Cornstalks

Indian Corn

Squash

Hamburgers

Hot Dogs

Cider



Come Support the 6th Grade NYC Field Trip!!



WELCOME TO THE CLUB

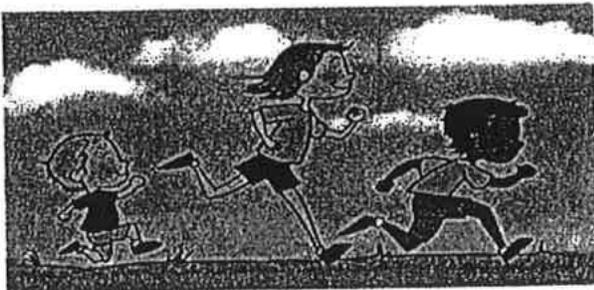
Erving Elementary School and the Erving Recreation Department are sending this information home to introduce the 100 Mile Club® to you and your family. Starting soon, participating students will go out to the playground, stretch out, and walk or run a little bit. The miles and love for running (or walking) begin to build almost instantly!

Upon joining, your child will receive an official 100 Mile Club® Challenge Accepted identification card.

Along the journey toward 100 miles, your child will practice personal goal setting, team spirit, perseverance, poise, confidence, and honest self-evaluation.

Throughout the year we will offer mile credits to students who wish to participate in designated sanctioned local events. You can also visit www.100mileclub.com to learn more. These events include charity walks and other organized walks and runs where you can join your child in their journey to reach their goals.

We look forward to celebrating your child's accomplishments both on the track and in the classroom.



When your child reaches 25 miles, he or she will earn an exclusive 100 Mile Club® T-shirt that is designed to show off their accomplishments during the year.

The first milestone earned is our signature T-shirt and serves as the students' "incentive chart" which they earn after logging 25 miles. To further reinforce the value of their perseverance, a golden pencil is awarded at 50 miles and a wristband at 75. All students receive a certificate of completion at years end.

When your child reaches 100 miles, he or she will be awarded a beautiful gold medal at our Year-End Medal Ceremony where every participant celebrates his or her total miles completed. The value of these simple tokens celebrates the milestones met. They also develop new confidence, poise, increase physical fitness levels, and self-esteem.

To sign up your child simply fill out the registration form on the back of this informational sheet and send it to school with your child. We encourage parents and entire families to enroll as well!

Industriousness Friendship Loyalty Cooperation Enthusiasm Initiative



100 MILE CLUB

Self-Control Alertness Intentness Condition Skill Team-Spirit Poise Confidence

Are you ready to
Accept the Challenge™? We are!

www.100mileclub.com

2016-2017 Registration Form

(Please Print)

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____
Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

The 2016-2017 registration fee of \$10.00 per student has been paid for through a generous donation from the Erving Recreation Department!

_____ \$10 Registration per adult (covers the cost of incentives)

_____ I am interested in making a donation to the 100 Mile Club fund (Please make checks payable to Erving Elementary School and indicate the 100 Mile Club in the memo line)

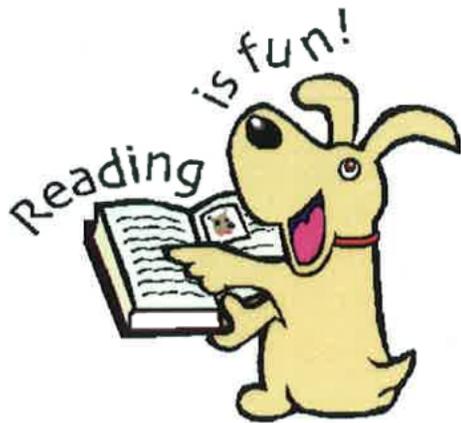
_____ I am interested in volunteering during the day and/or on weekends at Erving Rec Committee sponsored run/walk events. I can be reached at () _____ and/or by email at: _____

T-Shirt Size:

Child Sm Med Lg
Adult Sm Med Lg
 XL 2XL 3XL

*** Please encourage your child to set a personal goal for the 2016-17 school year. My child anticipates running/walking _____ miles during the school year.

BOOK FAIR AT ERVING ELEMENTARY!



Coming Soon
to a
school library
near you . . .

BEST BOOK FAIRS

from Woburn, MA

MONDAY, Oct. 17
Grand Opening of
BOOK FAIR
1:00-4:00 pm
in honor of
the 100-Mile Club
Kickoff

TUESDAY, Oct. 18
8:30 am-3:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 19
8:30 am-3:30 pm
and at OPEN HOUSE
6:30 pm-8 pm

THURSDAY, Oct. 20
8:30 am-3:30 pm

All students will bring home more info next week about when their class will visit the fair! Cash, credit cards & checks accepted.



Community Network for Children &
The Erving Elementary School invite you to

PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAYS

10:00-11:30

The program is intended for 0-5 year olds.

Facilitated by Emily Bouthillier Joseph

PLEASE CALL THE COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM WITH
QUESTIONS: (978) 544-5157



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