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September

September 19 - 23 Gr. 6 students to Nature's Classroom

Tuesday, September 20 School Committee Meeting 7pm

Thursday, September 29
All School Sing 2:30pm

Friday, September 30 Caterpillar Lab at EES

Saturday, October 1
Erving Recreation Commission Fall Festival
Veterans Field

School Pictures
Friday, September 16

RESCHEDULED
Date TBD

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, picture day was cancelled today. It will be rescheduled at a later date to be determined.

Keep an eye out for the new date.



News from the Principal's Desk:

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

Over the course of the school year I am asked if our school would be able to offer support for local families. It may be helping out with transporting a family member to hospital (gas card), community service for an elderly neighbor, cooking meals for a family, or just offering to make somebodies day by sending an inspirational card from students. I am all in favor of these and so many more ways for us all to share our talents and gifts. Last week I mentioned that we would be looking for ways where our students and staff can extend their gifts out into the wider community. With this thought in mind, I would like to launch a 'Make a Difference' month, where students, staff, and community members reach out in any way possible to transform the lives of those around us. Our children care deeply about each other. I see it in their words and actions every day in how they constantly reach out to be kind and generous. If we happen to raise funds during this month through donations, events, or any other forms of support, we can then decide to help people with a small financial gift. It may be a gas card, donation of meals, item of clothing etc. I would love to hear your thoughts about this idea. I will be at our Open House so please give me your feedback. I will set out a table so that you can leave comments if we are unable to catch each other on the night.

On the topic of Open House our evening will begin at 6:30pm in the gymnasium. Classrooms will not be open until the meeting in the gym has finished. Please come early and stay late. This is a wonderful event where the whole community turns out to reminisce, share stories about their own time at Erving Elementary School, and of course witness the incredible work of our children. I look forward to seeing you at 6:30pm.

Mark your calendars! October 1 is closing in, which means the Erving Fall Festival will soon be upon us. The festival is a great place to relax

and have some fun. With a bit of luck the warm weather will stay with us. While we await the festival, enjoy these beautiful evenings by taking a favorite book out onto the porch or a piece of grass and read with your child. It is a great opportunity for them to show you what they are capable of, and for you to model the importance of reading.

Take care and enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

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Jim Trill

News from After School:

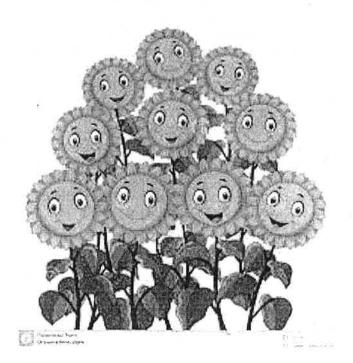
Happy Almost-Fall, Everyone!

This year's After School program is off to a great start and is shaping up to be a wonderful year with even more programs and offerings. Keep an eye out for additional updates in upcoming newsletters.

Did you know that students who attend After School programs have improved academic, social and behavioral success, performing better in school, having improved peer relations and exhibiting greater confidence all-around? The benefits are endless!

Registration forms are still available, so sign your child(ren) up for After School today! Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

See you at After School!



School Council

Parents and Guardians, we need your help.

Every successful school involves having parents connected to the school community. Three Erving parents can play a very important part at EES.

The school council is a very important group of parents that work with community and school personnel throughout the year. Please read the following information and consider becoming a member of the council. EES would like to have three parents working on this committee.

School Council:

- Consists of the principal, parents, teachers, and community members
- Four main responsibilities:

Adopt educational goals for the school that work with local educational policies and state standards

Identify the educational needs of the Erving students

Review the annual school building budget

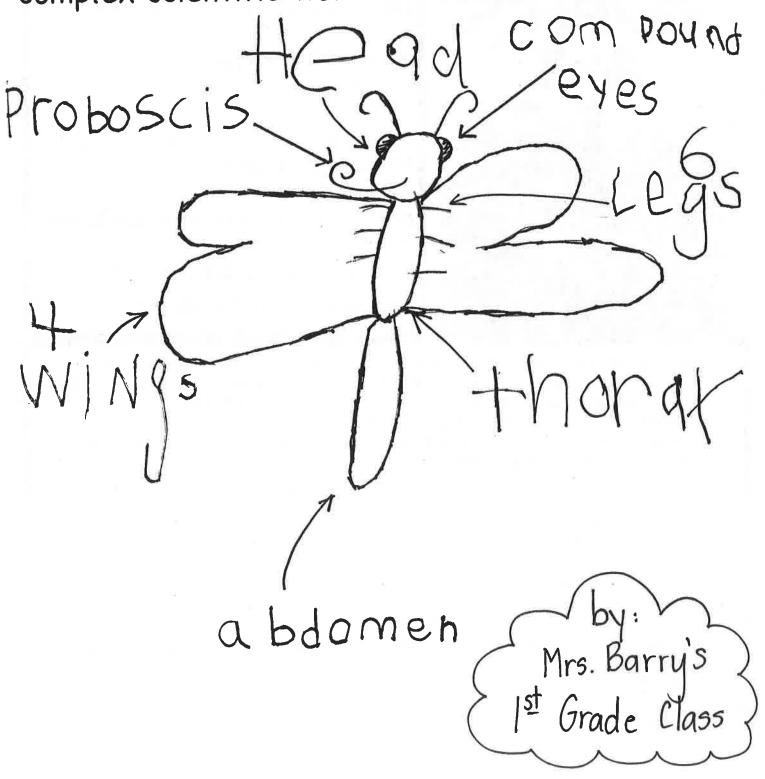
Write a school improvement plan

- New and current parents encouraged to participate; election of interested people held at the October PTO meeting.
- Any interested community person who has no child in the school is asked to join; contact the school at 423-3326
- Meeting dates and times determined by the newly formed council
- Terms of office discussed at the first meeting

If you are interested in "running" for a position on the school council, please fill out the form that was sent home in the 1st day of school packet or send in a note indicating your interest.

Parents who are invested in working to foster positive goals for the school are encouraged to consider the school council. A school council comprised of dedicated individuals is a wonderful addition to the school community.

The First Graders are busy scientists these days! We are carefully observing the life cycle of the monarch butterfly in cages placed throughout the entire school! Check out the complex scientific words we've learned so far!

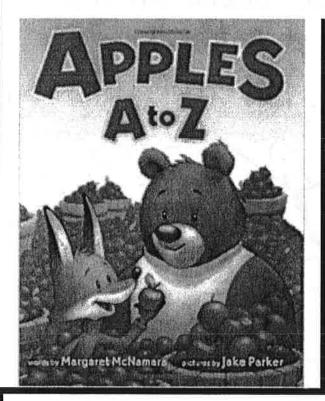


Union #28 Community Network for Children



Story Walk "Apples A-Z" At New Salem Preserves

Join us for a Nature Walk Led by "Ward of the Woods" aka Dawn Marvin Ward



Date: Sunday, September 18, 2016

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Location:

New Salem Preserves/ at the orchard 67 South Main Street
New Salem, MA
(off of Rte 202- through the New Salem Town Common)
For more orchard info:

www.newsalempreserves.com

Bring the whole family to explore and share the joy of nature in our own 'backyard'. Dawn will guide us as we visit this beautiful orchard overlooking the Quabbin. Learn more about apples and trees with family and friends on a casual ramble through the beautiful apple orchards at New Salem Preserves.

- FREE! Meet at New Salem Preserves (look for parking signs)
- Dress appropriately (closed toe, comfortable shoes; long pants) for adventure in the fields. Apply and bring sun/insect repellent for seasonal bugs.
- Back-packs/front-packs or wraps may be best for little ones.
- CNC will provide a simple snack (Apples and donuts!)
- Apples will be available to purchase if interested!
- Contact the CNC office to register (978) 544-5157 or <u>Budine@erving.com</u> to make sure we have enough snack!

We will walk in sunshine, cloudy or drizzles. If it is pouring rain we will cancel. Call the CNC office if you need directions or if weather is a concern and we will have a message to confirm the hike status.



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ERVING RECREATION COMMISSION FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 1st 10AM-4PM PUMPKIN DAY

(raindate October 2nd)

BOUNCE glitter balloon art



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BOUNCY

MUSIC Rock Climbing Wall have wrops caramel BADGE BADGE apples

Vets Field • Moore St. find us on FACEBOOK for updates and attraction times

