An Erving Elementary School Weekly Parent Newsletter
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April 16th – 20th April Vacation week-No School

April 23rd
Welcome back students

Monday, April 23rd
MCAS Testing resumes
PTO Meeting
5:30pm Potluck dinner and child care available

Back By Popular Demand!



The 100 Mile Club® after school walking group starting again on Wednesday afternoon with 28 kids and 7 adults in attendance! The weather was great and the energy and enthusiasm were incredible! Please consider joining us when we walk again on Wednesday, April 25 from 1:30–2:30. A permission slip can be found in this newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Gail Dubreuil, the school nurse at (413) 423–3326 or by email at dubreuil@erving.com.



Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

Thank goodness! Warmer weather, a win for the Bruins, Red Sox winning, maybe a win for the Celtics on Sunday, and of course VACATION TIME ©.

We have had a wonderful spell at school over this past month or so. Our students have studied hard, rehearsed long into the afternoon, at times endured each other, but most importantly kept their smiles and respect. We are ready for a well-deserved break. Thank you everybody for all of your support, encouragement and patience.

Have a lovely week ahead and we look forward to seeing you on Monday, April 23rd for the final 9 weeks.

Jim Trill Principal



Grade 6 Students

If your 6th grade student will not be attending the Great Falls Middle School in the fall, please call the school to let us know. Please call the office at 413-423-3326. Thank you.

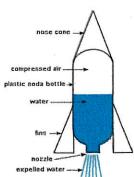


Good Afternoon from After School,

With MCAS testing starting this week I found my some of my older students really needing a break from the structured activities. This week we spent more time outside playing games than anything at all. We have a guest recycled rocket builder come in and show the students how to build a water-propelled rocket. What a blast they had. We only had time to set off 3 of them so our guest will be returning at a later date to send the rest off (when its warmer outside ©). We talked about how the pressure builds up inside and this is the force the rocket uses to take flight. We also talked about how the design of fins and nose cone change the speed of their rockets. For those students who sent theirs off, they will have time to modify their design and try again. Very exciting. Some of the students have started MCAS testing and enjoyed making a stress ball balloon. They didn't seem to hold up all that well so we will revisit this project when we come back from vacation week. Next week is school vacation. I hope you all enjoy the time off.

Michelle Fisher



















MCAS Testing will continue through May. Testing will is for student's grades 3-6. Please help your child perform to the best of their ability by encouraging them to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. According to Food Research and Action Center, students who participate in school breakfast show improved attendance, behavior standardized achievement test scores as well as decreased tardiness.

Summer Park Program

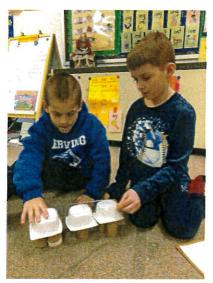
It's that time of year again. The Recreation Commission is now accepting applications for the upcoming summer park season. Applications are available on line at re@erving-ma.org or at the Erving Elementary School front office.



Second Graders are exploring ENGINEERING!

We are following an engineering cycle to conquer some real life challenges. We begin with a question to think about. We then imagine our plan to approach the challenge. Following the documentation of our plan (labels included), we start creating from your donated recycled materials! As we create, we have run into some challenges with our designs that led to creative changes due to structural needs. When we feel we have created a sound structure, we test it! More often than not, this motivates more structural changes and a final test. We have used amazing teamwork and flexibility with our designs and ideas with our partners. Check out our second challenge!

<u>Challenge</u>: How could you build a roof for a structure? How will you build it so the contents under the roof stay dry during a rainstorm?





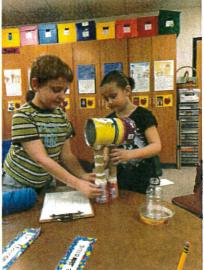
















Time to test...











The PTO raffle calendar winners for this week are:

8th-MaryJo Baranoski

9th-Michael Mitchell

10th-Trisha Warger

11th-Mark Cadran

12th-Janice George

13th-Laurel Stafford

During the week a student here at EES will be selected to draw a ticket. The PTO will contact the winners and prizes are available for pick up in the front office. Good luck to those of you who purchased tickets. Vacation week tickets will be pulled on Monday once we return to school.

PTO Meeting

The next PTO meeting Monday, May 23, 5:30pm dinner and at 6pm the meeting will begin. We are always seeking new members! Topics to include:

*May Hanging Flower Basket Fundraiser: forms will go home with students after school vacation and due back to school by April 30

*Teacher Appreciation Week

*99 Restaurant Fundraiser

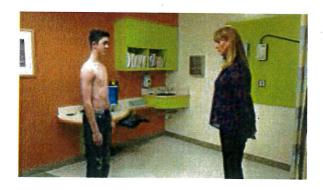
*End of year family night - tentative date of June 13; and end of year student congrats.

Thank you *Friends of the Erving Public Library* for this amazing program about Sally Ride, the first American female astronaut, brought to life by actress Sheryl Faye!!





5TH and 6th Grade Postural Screening Date Change



Due to a scheduling conflict, the annual postural screening of the 5th and 6th grade will be moved from Thursday, April 26 to Thursday, May 3. This screening is required by the Department of Public Health. Exemption from this screening is allowed only if a written notice from the physician is mailed or faxed (423-3648) to the school prior to the screening.

Please call Gail Dubreuil, the school nurse if you have any questions (413) 423-3326.

HAND WASHING STEPS



6th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation

On Monday evening last week, students in Mr. Burnett's sixth-grade class graduated from the 10-week Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) course, at the French King Bowling Center, where they celebrated with pizza, drinks and bowling! A partnership between the Erving Police Department and Erving Elementary School, D.A.R.E. is a 35 year-old program, and has 36 million students enrolled worldwide, teaching them how to advocate for their own best interests.

Erving Police Sergeant Robert Holst, the course instructor, awarded diplomas and discussed the important connection between students, parents, the school, and police department in working together to help students find strategies to deal with difficult situations. He thanked students for being invested in the program and its ideals.



Students and Sgt. Holst posing in new shirts they just received for gradaution.

Thank you to Sergeant Holst for giving his time and expertise to students, to Mr. Trill for allowing the program and, lastly, a <u>HUGE</u> thank you to Erik Semb and Tracy Saharceski (Ms. S) at the French King Bowling Center for again providing the facility, pizza, drinks and bowling to our graduates and families, along with giving up your evening for us. Your donation of resources and time is truly appreciated!!!

Mr. Burnet and Ms. Galvin

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100 Mile Club® Wednesday Afternoon Walking Club

The Erving Recreation Committee is offering an opportunity for students to gain miles for the 100 Mile Club®. Every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30-2:30 will be designated to allow kids to walk and/or run to log miles toward their incentives! 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 walking on Wednesday afternoon, please complete the permission slip below and have your child turn it in to the office no later than Wednesday morning. Children cannot participate without a signed permission slip. Participants will meet in the gym at the end of the day for instructions from the adult responsible for the group. The plan is to walk outside whenever possible so please be sure that your child comes dressed appropriately. A water bottle is strongly encouraged. Students can be picked up at 2PM or 2:30PM but must remain with the walking group until an adult picks them up. They will not be allowed to play on the structures or blacktop due to limited adult supervision in these areas.

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 April 25, 2018 from 1:30-2:30PM.
I will be joining my student in the afternoon walking.
My student will be picked up at by (name of adult) at 2:00PM or 2:30PM (please circle a time)
Parent Signature:

The Erving School District assures that all programs, activities, and employment opportunities are offered without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, disability, economic status, homelessness, religion or sexual orientation.

Erving Recreation Commission



July 2 - August 10th

8:30 am - 3:15 pm

Now Accepting Applications

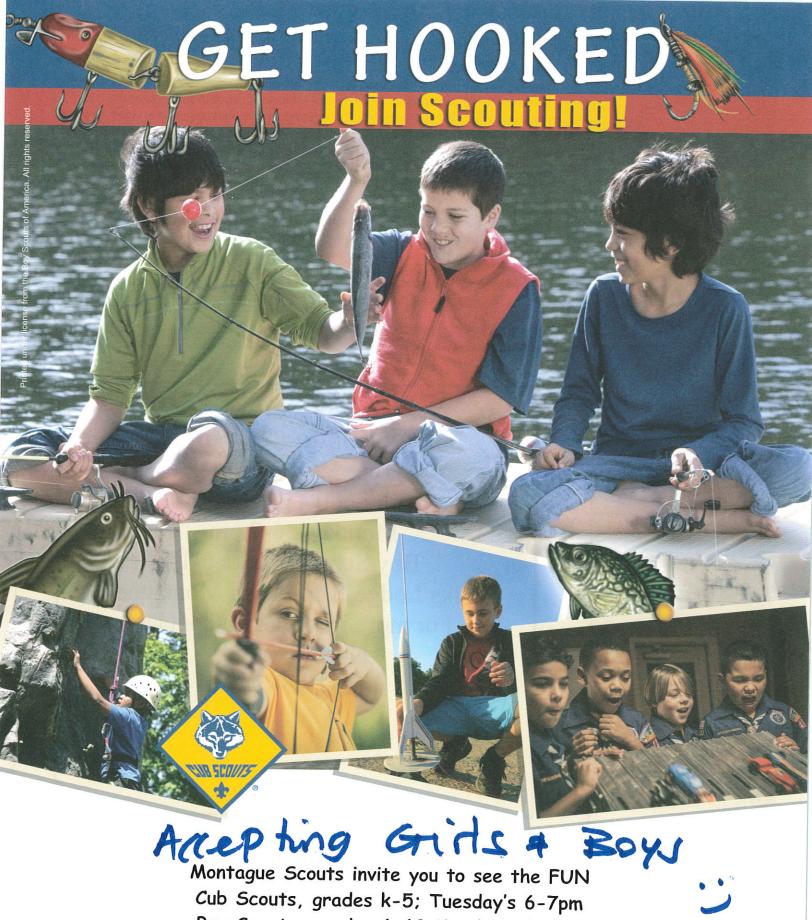
Ages 5 and entering K - any age entering 6th

The summer program is held at the Erving Elementary School (in the gymnasium, cafeteria, and outside on the playground and under the tent.) Activities consist of Arts & Crafts, Sports, Field Trips on Wednesdays, Swimming at the Lake on Fridays, and more.

Applications are available at Erving Elementary School, Erving Library, Erving Town Hall, or at www.erving.ma.org (to download and print).

\$10.00 Registration Fee per application (this includes a t-shirt)

\$75.00 per week for Erving residents. \$150.00 per week for non-residents. rec@erving-ma.org



Boy Scouts, grades 6-12 Monday's 6-7pm Montague Elks Lodge; 1 Elk Ave Turners Falls



SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law: To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

> Cub Scouts is open to boys-K-5 grade. - Cub Scouts meet weekly with a group of boys in their age group and work on activities that build confidence and teaches skills.

Boy Scouts is open to boys 6-12 grade. -Boy Scout Troops are boy led while being guided by adults. Boy Scouting teaches boys leadership while enhancing core values.

Scouts of all ages; learn outdoor survival skills, team building, leadership skills and some much more.

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Dear Parents:

In today's modern world, childhood seems to fly by for our youth, leaving parents with little time and the difficult decision of how to best influence their child and prepare them for their future. For over 100 years, the proven Scouting programs have helped youth develop academic skills, physical fitness, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives. In Scouting, boys and their families have fun and adventure in a program that builds character and instills values. These values come to boys in all parts of the Scout program - all while your son is having a great time with their friends and your family!

While various activities and youth groups teach basic skills and promote teamwork, Scouting goes beyond that and encourages youth to achieve a deeper appreciation for service to others in their community and the importance of family.

It's time to come and see all that Scouting has to offer for your son's present and future - it is sure to be great fun for the entire family!

Scouting in Montague

Tuesday's 6-7pm-Cub Scouts grades K-5 Monday's 6-7 pm-Boy Scouts grades 6-12 Elks Lodge, 1 Elk Ave. Montague For more information contact Norm Emond (413) 824-9494



Join in on the FUN!!

Registration fees vary by area, but no child will be turned away because of finances. Financial Assistance is available to families with need. This is not a school sponsored event.