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Monday, December 18th

PTO Meeting 5:30 in Conference Room

Tuesday, December 19th

Student Council Mtg 3:30
School Committee Mtg 7pm

Wednesday, December 20th

“Savings Makes Cents”

Friday, December 22nd

Holiday Concert and Cookie Exchange
10:00am in the Gym
Early Dismissal: 12:15pm
No After School Program

Monday, December 25th –Tuesday, January 2nd

Holiday Recess, Happy Holidays

Wednesday, January 3rd

Welcome Back Students



As the weather keeps changing please be sure that you are dressing your students appropriately. The students participate daily in outdoor recess. Therefore, proper clothing is essential for the student to remain warm during their outside time. Please help your student to wear a winter coat when needed, long pants, hats, mittens and boots.

Erving Elementary School Cancellations

In the event of a school cancellation or delay, in addition to radio and television news stations, automated phone calls will be sent to your home and/or cell. If you have a question about a school closing, but have not received a call, use one of these other options:

Please note: Erving Elementary School is part of Erving School Union #28. School closings, delayed openings, or early dismissals can be found under School Union #28 and not under Erving Elementary School.

Radio Stations:

Greenfield WHAI - 98.3 FM WPVQ – 95.3 FM
Northampton WHMP – 96.9 FM WRSI – 93.9 FM
Orange WJDF – 97.3
Springfield KIX – 100.9 FM

Television Stations:

WWLP - Channel 22 – www.wwlp.com
WGGB – Channel 40 – www.wggb.com



Thank you to all who were able to help and support the Giving Tree. We appreciate your kindness and giving during the Holiday Season.

Early Release for December 22nd

Students will be dismissed at 12:15pm



News from the Principal

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

I wanted to share some of the work that EES staff has undertaken during our Wednesday afternoon professional development time. As previously mentioned, Erving Elementary School staff have been working with Chip Wood over the course of this past year. We will be continuing our work with Chip for the next 2 years. This critical work is tied to building adult community, which 'builds on thoughtful and actionable answers to important questions we can ask when we set out to improve education: What would it be like if the entire adult community of schools acted from their own identity and integrity on behalf of students? What are the best conditions we can create collectively to make it possible for everyone to bring their best selves to the enterprise of school?' (Parker J. Palmer). Yesterday, EES staff created guidelines that will help support and inspire our work together as we transform our school. In order to do this successfully, we have to first experience personal transformation. Over the past year, I have witnessed our staff go through this personal transformation, as we reflected on, and examined our work together. We are building trust amongst every person in our community. Relational trust and a successful adult community are not easily created, particularly in today's environment. I believe that we have taken some monumental steps towards creating the ideal environment at Erving Elementary School. Our next steps are to make sure that we bring our guidelines to life. I am confident that we can take the steps necessary to ensure our students are successful in learning and in life.

Erving Elementary School Guidelines:

Trust and appreciate that we can learn from our diversity

Be present and mindful and accept that teaching is imperfect and unpredictable

No idea is a bad idea – all staff have a voice that's valuable, and are integral to student success

Remain open to all ideas

Ms. Haggerty and I had a lovely time watching our younger students get ready to go play in the snow. We were in preschool the other day and had the pleasure of watching 3 and 4 year-old students get ready to venture out into the forest. My expectations were completely turned upside down! They have become so independent, getting their gear together, putting on snow pants, boots, gloves, coats and hats. Each one of them took turns to come to Ms. Haggerty, Mrs. Parse or myself, to have their gear checked, just to make sure they had their boots on the right foot, coats and pants zipped up, and everything tucked in. Kudos to Mrs. Parse for making this activity one of learning, as students sang merrily along to the Christmas tunes, lining up in order of the first sounds of their name. Every student was listening attentively, eager to get out into the cold ☺.

I hope you are wrapped up for the coming cold weather. Please enjoy this last weekend before the winter break. I look forward to seeing you all at the Winter Concert and Cookie Exchange next Friday.

Sincerely,


Jim Trill
Principal

After School Program



Hello from After School,

This weeks activities included a holiday bingo game with green and red M&M's as the prize. What a tough time we had using them as our chips prior to eating them. Kid approved Trail Mix was our cooking class this week on Wednesday, with Lego Robotics on Thursday. The students enjoyed completing their Bots. Due to the cooler temperatures we had some indoor activities game like dodge ball, don't let it drop and hula-hoop pass. Next week we will have a hot chocolate event, robotics class, and cookie baking with Mrs. Flaherty. Hope you all have a great weekend.

Michelle Fisher



Preschool Mrs. Parse



During Forest Friday the students collected pine to make a Christmas wreath for the office. The students came down to deliver the wreath and sang some Christmas Carols. Thank you Preschool for your lovely gift and cheer.





Erving Elementary would like to invite
you to our:

Holiday Concert and Cookie Exchange

Friday, December 22, 2017

10:00am – gym

You are invited to our Holiday Concert and Cookie Exchange. All classes in grades Preschool-6 are participating in addition to a performance by our band and chorus students.

Following the concert our cookie exchange will take place. Our families and staff donate hundreds of homemade cookies, because of this, everyone can take home a special treat. What a sight it is to see!



Cookies Needed For our Annual Cookie Exchange



**We would like to invite you to our annual
Holiday Concert and Cookie Exchange.**

Erving Elementary School - December 22 at 10am

All students preschool - 6th grade will perform
in the Holiday Concert.

Following the concert, our cookie exchange will take place, and our
students and guests can participate.

Hundreds of homemade cookies are donated by our families, and
staff. What a sight it is to see! Because of this everyone can take
home a special treat.

Please cut and return.

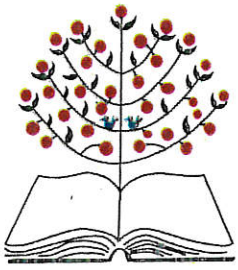
COOKIE EXCHANGE DONATION

We are asking for each family to donate two-dozen homemade
cookies for our celebration

YES- my family will donate two-dozen homemade cookies for the
cookie exchange on December 22.

Family Name

Please return the slip by Friday, December 15th



FAMILY TREES

The 22nd Annual Celebration of
Children's Literature at the
Concord Museum

November 22, 2017 through January 1, 2018

38 trees of all shapes & sizes ornamented
with inspiration from contemporary
& classic children's picture books



Visit concordmuseum.org for hours & admission prices
not a school-sponsored event

Dismissing your child after the Cookie Exchange and before lunch?

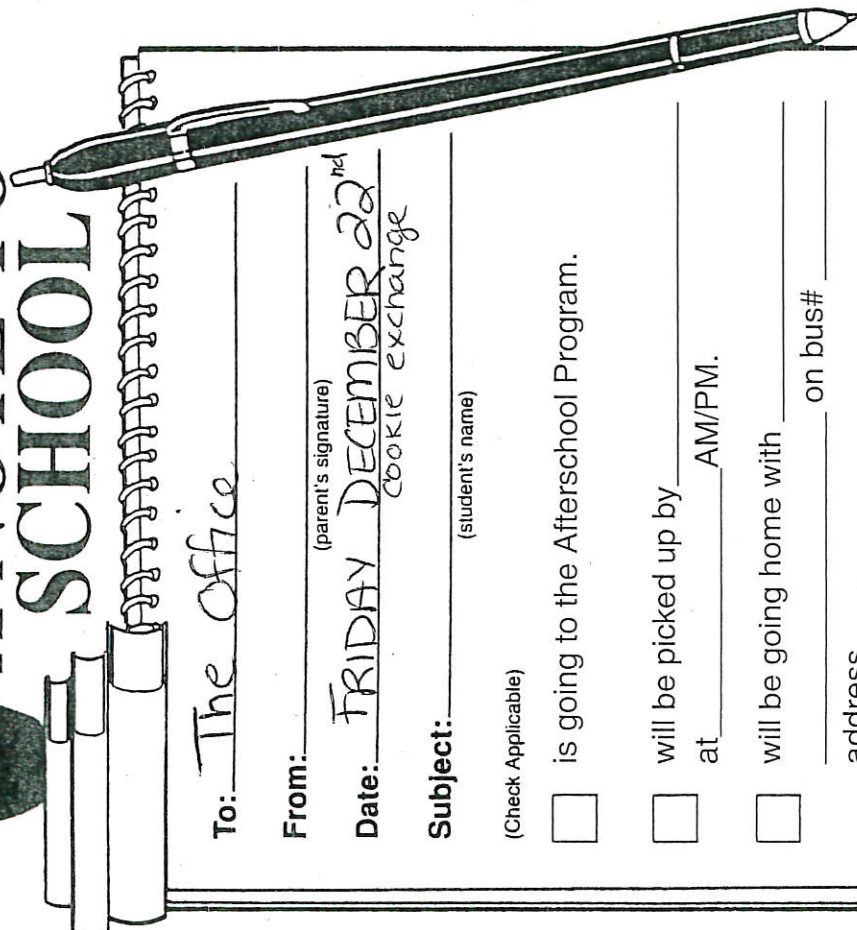
For your convenience, in an effort to make it easier to let us know you are dismissing your child early on Friday Dec 22nd, we have provided a copy of our "note to School. Please complete and return to school ASAP.

Schedule for the days events are as follows:

- 10:00am concert
- Following concert-Cookie Exchange
- All guests will collect cookies at the table in the hall by the computer lab.
- All students will go back to class, a volunteer will let the classes know when to proceed to the appropriate cookie table
- 11:45 - Lunch for all students - bag lunches: Ham and cheese sandwich.
- 12:15 - Students dismissed



A NOTE TO SCHOOL



To: The Office

From: _____
(parent's signature)

Date: FRIDAY DECEMBER 22nd
COOKIE EXCHANGE

Subject: _____
(student's name)

(Check Applicable)

is going to the Afterschool Program.

will be picked up by _____
at _____ AM/PM.

will be going home with _____
on bus# _____
address _____

is returning to school after an absence of _____
days due to illness.

(other) _____

Support The PTO
Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the Month at 6:15 p.m.

