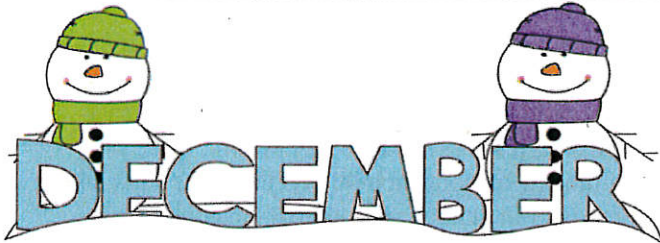


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Monday, December 25th – Tuesday, January 2nd
Holiday Recess, Happy Holidays

Wednesday, January 3rd
Welcome Back Students

Friday, January 12th
Math Coffee Hour
8:30am – 9:30am Conference Room

Monday, January 15th
No School for Observation of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 22nd
PTO Meeting at 5:30pm

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 our 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



Keeping our fingers crossed that the weather will cooperate for Fridays Festivities.



Thank you for all of your donations to the 6th grade Bazaar. The 6th grade students were able to raise \$900.00 to put towards their class trip to New York. Thank you to all the families who allowed students to purchase an item at the Bazaar and we hope all families enjoy the lovely gifts students purchased for their family.





Hello from After School,

This week was a shorter week with Friday being an early dismissal for the Holidays to officially begin ☺ The students enjoyed making Grinch Popcorn during Wednesdays cooking class and also enjoyed hot chocolate and the Movie Snow Day. Thursday's Robotics class involved the students being able to connect to their bots and move them around. STEM project of build your own Christmas tree out of pipe cleaners was a fun activity for the students as well. We made reindeer food so that Santa will find them. And last but not least, some fun in the snow with building a snowman and Reid and Hunter making snow angels. I hope every Erving Family has a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Michelle Fisher






REINDEER FOOD
 Sprinkle on the lawn at night.
 The moon will make it sparkle bright.
 As Santa's reindeer fly and roam,
 This will guide them to your home.



Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

The holidays are filled with excitement and thoughts of gift giving. One of the most important gifts we can give our children is the gift of our time. In this fast-paced world, it is easy to lose sight of the value of taking time to be with each other. Thank you for taking time to visit our school and support the educational process. Thank you for taking the time to recognize our wonderful staff for their dedication to our students. Thank you for your positive encouragement and respect.

On behalf of our staff, we send our Erving families best wishes for a safe and joyful holiday season! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in 2018!

Sincerely,

 Jim Trill
 Principal



News from PTO

Officer Updates: PTO met on 12/18 and had a wonderful turn out and some scrumptious food! We were able to make some changes to present officers: Dulcie McAndrews is now Treasurer and Maggie Towne has joined Jess Allen as co-president. Cate Avery-Jagla remains secretary. Jen Hyatt and Chris Thurston have been essential members of the group. We appreciate all the enthusiasm and teamwork!!

Fundraiser Update: We will be beginning a new fundraiser, **A Cash and Prize Calendar Raffle**, to be held, daily, in April, and sold by students in February/March. We are presently seeking donations of any kind to be drawn on days not offering cash. The more exciting and unique the donation, the hope is the more raffle tickets we will sell, and the more money donated to each class. Please see attached donation flyer and/or contact the PTO with any questions at: ervingpto.ma@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook at EES PTO. The next PTO meeting will be Monday January 22, 2018 at 5:30 pm

♥ Welcome to Preschool!

Preschool – Mrs. Glabach, Mrs.
Wheeler & Mrs. Flaherty

The preschoolers have been busy the last couple of weeks reading different versions of the fairy tale The Gingerbread Man and reading stories and learning about the different holiday traditions. This month the preschoolers have also experienced the holidays with their five senses. The children made cinnamon-applesauce ornaments to take home and hang on their trees. They decorated gingerbread houses with Jill Betters and Brittanie Mimitz. They also tasted latkes with sour cream and applesauce. We had pajama day and a special treat of hot chocolate and cookies while watching The Polar Express. Thanks to Jill Betters for volunteering and making s'more cookies and sugar cookies with the children for the Holiday Cookie Exchange. Thanks also to Brittanie Mimitz for volunteering in our classroom on Wednesday mornings and helping us with special activities. Each family contributed a page that shared their family holiday traditions for our Preschool Family Tradition booklet. We wish you all peace and happiness during this holiday season and throughout the New Year!



What's with this "new" math,
anyway?!

COFFEE HOUR

When: Friday, January 12, 2018, 8:30-9:30am.
This will be the first of what we hope to be a monthly gathering (possibly the second Friday of the month).

Where: Conference Room

Who: Families and community members, who are interested in learning more about elementary mathematics - all ages are welcome.

What: Join us for coffee and a fun, informal conversation about math teaching and learning. We'll think together about ways to help your child at home.

Be there or be square!

Assessment: 34 x 68
Solve this problem and show your solution.

34 x 68 = 2,312

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From the Staff at Erving Elementary
School.



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.

Gerbusters
How to Wash Your Hands

1. Wet hands
2. Soap
3. Wash at least 20 seconds
4. Rinse
5. Dry Hands
6. Turn off water with a paper towel

Washing your hands is easy and is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germ and protect you and your family from getting sick.



50 Point Club Inductees

These Readers Rock!

Students celebrated students in the Well, on Wednesday, as the 5th and 6th grade held the induction ceremony for Accelerated Reader's (AR) prestigious 50-point club.

Accelerated Reader is a software program students use to take a brief quiz on books they've read. The range of point values goes from a fraction of one point to above 20 for very large books. A typical 5th grade level book has a value between 4-7 points. Mrs. Flaherty and Mr. Burnett have challenged their students to set a goal of reaching 100 AR points by the end of the year.

On average, this term, students have read 10 books each to make it into the 50 point club. They have really taken on the challenge, making individual goals above and beyond 100 points. Many even pushed themselves on Monday and Tuesday of this week to make it to the next level. Sixth-grade students have taken 287 AR tests, earned 2058 points and get this..... read over 14,390,000 words!!!

Congratulations to all those who have entered the 50 point club and beyond! To those that are working on entering the club, keep reading, reading, reading!

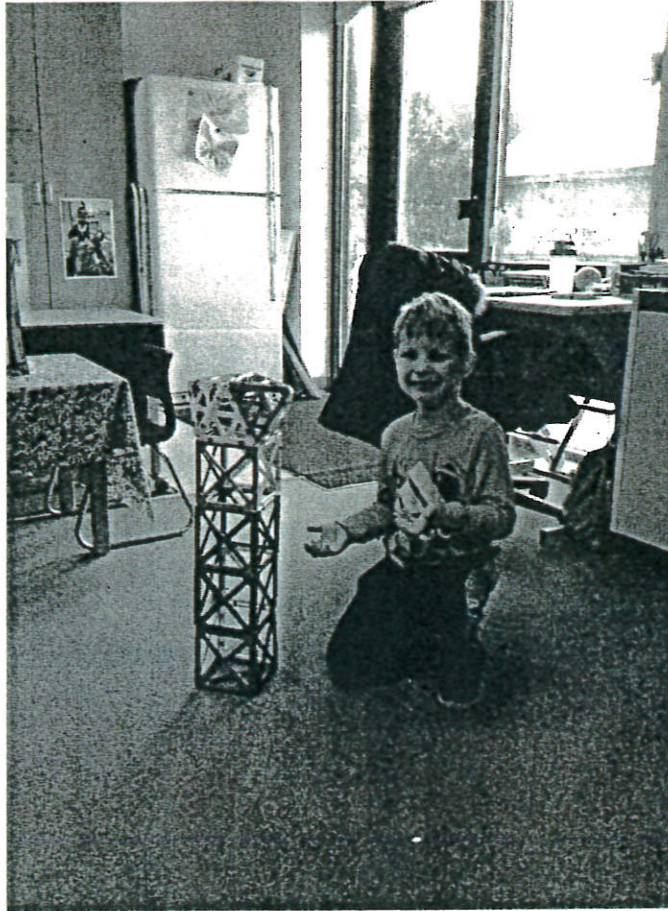


Front row: (50 point club) L to R

Logan Johnson, Ian Bastarache, Logan Franklin, Taryn McDonough, Trevor Brunette, Deven Sloan, Cameron Burnett

Back Row: L to R

Aiden Bailey (100), Audrey Lapinski (100), Anne Kolodziej (200), Eli Petraccia (600), Ella Kolidziej (150), Holly Meyers (300), Avery Tela (100)



Cooper can get very creative with the magnets!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS
December 15, 2017

Greetings from Kindergarten! The holidays are in full swing in our classroom, as we “wrap” up our gift we made for our families and shop at the Holiday Bazaar. The kindergartners are all very excited, but continue to be wonderful students. Thank you so much for making sure your child is dressed for the snow and the cold. Our recess time has been so much fun on our snow covered playground!

Echo the Owl has finished the alphabet cards with us and now the kindergartners are working on applying what they have learned. We practicing sounding out words, isolating vowel sounds, and deciphering consonant-vowel – consonant words (CVC), such as /p/ /e/ /t/ ...pet! This is such an amazing process for all kindergartners.

Block Print Cards Are Here!

\$2

Need a card and envelope for that special occasion? Want to drop a handwritten note to a friend? Why not buy a handmade block Printed card made by none other than our own sixth-grade students.



These future Picassos worked diligently on the project, carving linoleum blocks - creating a master to print or stamp from - and then printed a variety of cards.

They are for sale in the front lobby, to the right of the office desk. For just \$2 you can buy a card. All proceeds go toward helping fund the 6th grade trip to New York. Please leave payments at the front office.

Thank you for your support! Also, a huge thanks you to our amazing art teacher, Mrs. Emily Stewart for tackling this extensive project!

