

Winter Break



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FEBRUARY

February 19th - 23rd

Winter Break

Friday, February 23rd

Erving Recreation Commission Tubing event
At Berkshire East

Monday, February 26th

PTO meeting at 5:30
Childcare available

Tuesday, February 27th

School Council Meeting 3:30 pm

Sunday, March 4th

The Dr. Seuss birthday event
At EES 2- 4 pm in the cafe'

Interested in learning about how to keep your children safe?

- From situations where they may become targeted.
- From situations where they are exposed to inappropriate media, or information.
- From situations where they may be vulnerable to sexual abuse.

Join Pam Ososky, our School Psychologist and Brenda Mozdzierz from the Greenfield DCF at the Erving Elementary School on **Tuesday, February 27th at 6pm**, in a discussion about personal safety, and learn about the curriculum the school uses to teach children how to protect themselves. Coffee and light snacks will be provided.

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

This week's tragic incident at a high school in Florida has many of us wondering about our own children's safety while at school. In light of the public nature of our newsletter I am only able to provide you with a brief overview of the measures we have in place, and as always I am available to discuss this in more depth during a private meeting at the school.

Erving Elementary School is fortunate to have a community that set aside a budget to cover many of the safety procedures we have in place. We installed a number of cameras inside and outside the building. These high definition cameras provide us with a complete coverage of the exterior doors, roadways, and playground area, in addition to all of the hallways throughout the school. The entrance doors are locked, with public access permitted only through an electronic buzzer system. Our administrative team knows over 90% of our visitors, with the remainder being guests or members of the public who have a confirmed appointment. It is very rarely that we have somebody come to the door that is unknown. We take the time to check their identity prior to buzzing them in. We ask for your patience while this happens. I would rather have you wait 30 seconds, than expect an immediate response to a buzzer they keep pressing! The school is alarmed and protected by a local security company 24/7. We work closely with the local/state police and fire departments, training staff and students on entryways, lockdowns and fire drills.

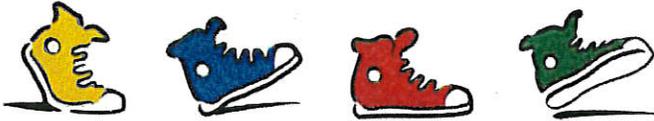
We ask for your help in keeping our school secure:

- Please do not let somebody into the building unless you are sure of their identity. It would be better to find a member of staff and let them take on the responsibility of checking identities first.
- Upon entry, please wait at the front desk. Do not walk through the school unless accompanied, or have a visitors pass.
- We check the identification of those people we may not know. Preschool pick up always checks in with the office prior to releasing students to new faces.
- Guests and students arriving for afterschool basketball/sports activities need to check in at the office first.
- Please provide the office with a note should you be dismissing your child early.

Thank you for your support and feedback on all matters involving the safety of our children.

Have a lovely vacation week.
Sincerely,

Jim Trill
Principal



100 Mile Club® AM Morning Walking March Dates

Do you want a great way to start your day? Please consider joining a diverse group of kids and adults for a morning walk inside the school! We meet in the foyer at 8AM and walk until 8:25AM. We talk and laugh and get in some exercise without even realizing it! The walk is low-stress, non-competitive and requires no athletic ability. Research shows that walking in the morning helps to kick-start your brain for a more productive day – and it costs nothing!

During the month of March we will be walking on:

- Thursday, 3/1
- Tuesday, 3/6
- Wednesday, 3/14
- Thursday, 3/22
- Monday, 3/26

Scholarship Opportunities Erving Teachers' Association Erving PTO

The Erving Teachers' Association and the Erving PTO are pleased to announce two scholarship opportunities. Students need only submit one application to be considered for both awards. Winners of an ETA scholarship of \$300 and a PTO scholarship of \$200 will be chosen after the receipt of a complete application. The scholarship is available to any June 2017 or 2018 high school graduate who has attended Erving Elementary School. Each application will be judged on academic performance, citizenship, and school and community involvement. Applications are available at the Erving Elementary School office, at your high school guidance office or can be downloaded from the erving.com website.

Completed applications must be mailed to Erving Elementary School by Friday, April 27, 2018.

Scholarship Opportunities Erving Teachers' Association Erving PTO, for Franklin County Tec School

The Erving Elementary PTO will be awarding (1) \$200.00 scholarship to a graduation senior of the Franklin County Technical School. The scholarship is

available to any June 2018 graduating senior, residing in Erving who has attended a minimum of one year at the Erving Elementary School. Each application will be judged on academic and trade performance, citizenship, school/community involvement, and how they will use the money awarded to purchase tools/materials for their trade/field. Applications are available at the Erving Elementary School office and at the FCTS guidance office.

Completed applications must be mailed to Erving Elementary School by Friday, April 27, 2018.

Jeff Mack comes to Erving Elementary Many thanks to the Erving Cultural Council and the EES PTO!

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, all EES students had a great time with author-illustrator Jeff Mack, the creator of over 30 books. He told us all about the ins and outs of illustrating, writing and trying to convince publishers to pay for his work--and we are glad he keep at it! In fact, his most important message to all of us was to keep trying, work hard, and don't give up--you never know where it will lead!

Even before his visit, students were getting ready by reading and sharing their favorite Jeff Mack books. 3rd graders read to 1st graders who then read to preschoolers. Some 2nd graders even gave up a recess time to practice reading his books. And many students have been reading the *Clueless McGee* series. Most of Jeff Mack's books are available in our school library and also through the public library system. They are definitely worth *checking out!*



The Erving Cultural Council is a local agency supported by the Mass. Cultural Council

THANK YOU MOTOKO

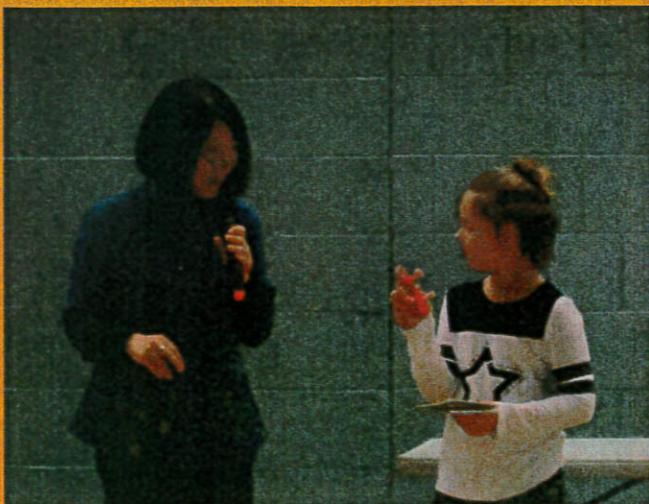
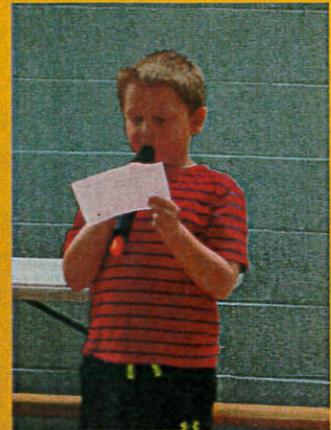
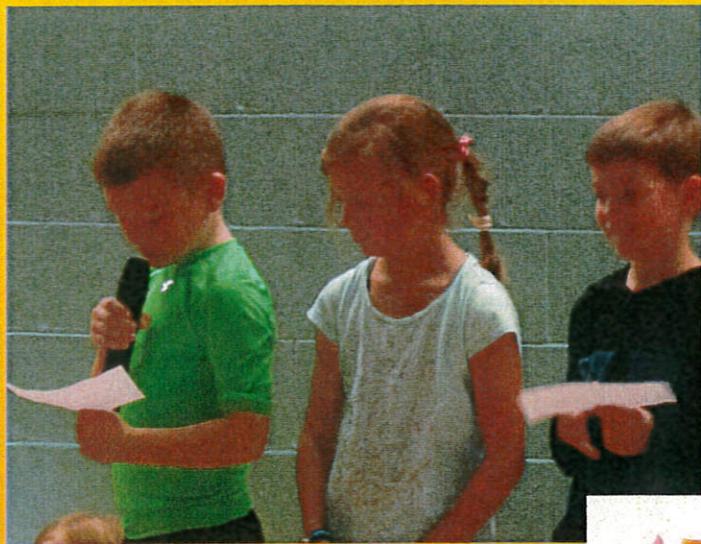
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On Thursday we had a wonderful assembly with Motoko and our students. Each grade had lovely stories that they shared. Motoko Dworkin, an Japanese storyteller has been working with the students at Erving Elementary for the past month teaching them Japanese words, history, culture and folk knowledge, and teaching them important life lessons that transcend cultural barriers. We are thankful to the Mass Cultural Council and the grant that allowed her come and work with our students. We hope that you enjoy these photos as much as we enjoyed watching our students.



Massachusetts Cultural Council

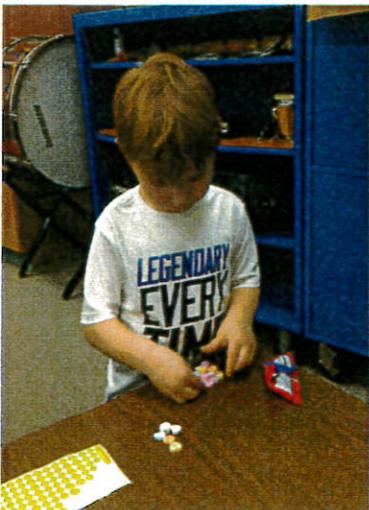


After School Program



Hello from After School,

This week the kids worked on making Thaumatrope, STEAM candy heart stacking, coffee filter tie-dye art, Lego Robotics and outside adventures. Next week is school vacation week but when the kids return from break they will be working on watercolor houses, STEAM dancing raisins and Friday free day. Parent teacher conferences will be March 13th, 14th and 15th. Dismissal will be at 1:15. If your planning on sending your child to After School those days please let me know as soon as you can. We fill up fast on ½ days. Also note that the rate for conference days are as follows, Regulars are \$16.00 a day and Drop in's will be \$20.00 per day. Please be sure that you send in an extra snack for the longer day.



Have a great Week off....
Michelle Fisher

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY 2018

Read aloud.
Change the World!

Every year, on World Read Aloud Day, people from all around the world share stories and read aloud together to promote literacy as a basic human right that belongs to everyone.

Outside of Lori Hale's classroom you will find a poster that serves as a reminder of the importance of reading with our children. The poster quotes children's book author Emilie Buchwald, which states: "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

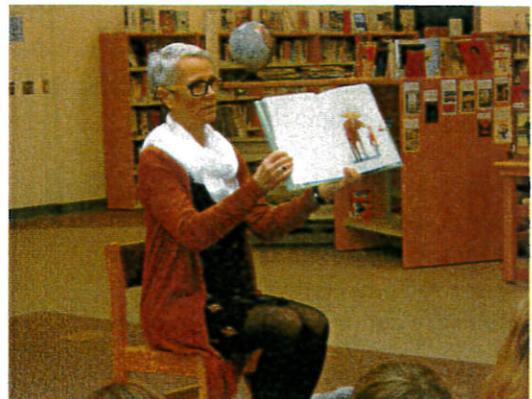
Our nation has known the benefits of reading aloud to our **children of all ages** for decades. According to the landmark 1985 report, *Becoming a Nation of Readers*:

"Reading aloud is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading."

Jennifer Haggerty, Superintendent of Schools and Prudence Marsh, Director of Student Support Services visited Erving Elementary School to share favorite books with students on February 1, 2018 this year's World Read Aloud Day.



Jennifer Haggerty reading aloud Julius the Baby of the World with Erving Elementary School's third grade class.



Prudence Marsh reading aloud You're Here for a Reason with Erving Elementary School's first and third grade classes.

Third Grade 100-Day Work Sheet

On the 100th day of school, the third grade students were given a homework assignment to finish the following sentence starters. Their answers were thoughtful, funny, endearing, and even a bit outrageous. We hope you enjoy reading them. ☺

I wish I had 100...

dollars, friends, 1,000 dollar bills, puppies, dogs, cats, chapter books, phones, toys.

I wouldn't want 100...

chairs, homework sheets, cats, pigs, snakes, eyes, things to do, diapers, dogs.

I can make 100...

books, pictures, Valentine's Day cards, drawings, pancakes, hearts, 10s, bills, slime.

I can eat 100...

dinners, ice cream cones, cakes, pizza slices, cookies, pops, Starburst candies, eclairs, pieces of rice.

I could never eat 100...

rocks, things of peanut butter, chips, lollipops, pancakes, ice cream containers, bananas, vegetables, pizzas, beans, candies.

Having 100 _____ could really be a problem.

refrigerators, skills in gym, cakes, pets, cats, spiders, children, animals, kids, ponies.

In 100 years I hope that I can...

play video games, still do musicals, be famous, have 100 grandchildren, visit my great-great-great grandmother, still be alive, be better at soccer, draw and cook really well, see Mom more often, be better at drawing, still trust in God and help people.

I can lift 100...

half-ounces, peanut butter cups, pounds, cards, cookies, ants, pieces of paper, people, books.

If I were 100 years old...

I would go to church.
I would sleep, eat, drink, and take care all day.
I would be in a nursing home.
I would get a cake and put 100 candles on it.
I would be dead.
I would sleep.
I would be proud of me for staying alive for 100 years!
I would be famous.
I would celebrate God every day.
I would go to my mom's and spend time with her.

Erving Elementary School PTO

The PTO has been putting together an amazing Calendar Raffle for April. As of today's date the Calendar has a total of 1750.00 worth of cash and prizes.

How Does the Calendar Work? Your raffle ticket is the actual month of April with specific prizes listed on each day. Every day there will be more than \$50 in cash or prizes raffled off.

How to Buy Calendar

In person: All Erving Students

Facebook: Erving Elementary School PTO Page

Email: pto@erving.com

Here are some of the prizes we have collected so far.....

2nd Street Bakery: Two \$10 Gift Certificates

99 Restaurant: \$25 Gift Certificate

Andy's and the Oak Shop: \$30 gift certificate

Ashley Jessie Photography: free mini session

Bagley Goodwin Hrinda: Dental supplies

Bath and Body Spa: Gift Basket

Black Cow Burger Bar: \$20 Gift Certificate

Cleary's Jewelers: Gift Certificate

Crooked Tap: \$10 Gift Certificate

Dan's Veggies: Two \$10 gift certificates

Deerfield Country Store: gift certificate

Dunkin Donuts: Stainless steel travel mug and coffee

Elements Hot Tub Spa: \$50 gift certificate for 30 min hot tub session for two

Erving Recreation Commission: t-shirts and sweatbands

Erving Station: \$50 gift certificate, Two \$25 gift certificates

Family Game: Gift Basket

French King Bowling: 25, 2 free game bowling passes

French King Restaurant: Gift certificate

Garden Cinema: 2 free movie passes

Gill Tavern: Gift certificate

Greenfield Farmers Exchange: \$25 Gift certificate

Hair Affair Salon: Gift Certificate

J&J Hockey, Gift certificate

Kidder & Son Painting, \$50 Home Depot Gift Card

Lularoe: \$25 gift certificate and free leggings

M3G Photography: free mini session

And so much more!!!!

Thank you for supporting the PTO

Family Math Game Night!

Come and play math games from the 5th grade math curriculum.

See how fun learning math can be!

Everyone is welcome: parents, grandparents, siblings, babysitters!

Pizza will be served.

Save the date: Tuesday March 6th

Time: 5:15-7:00

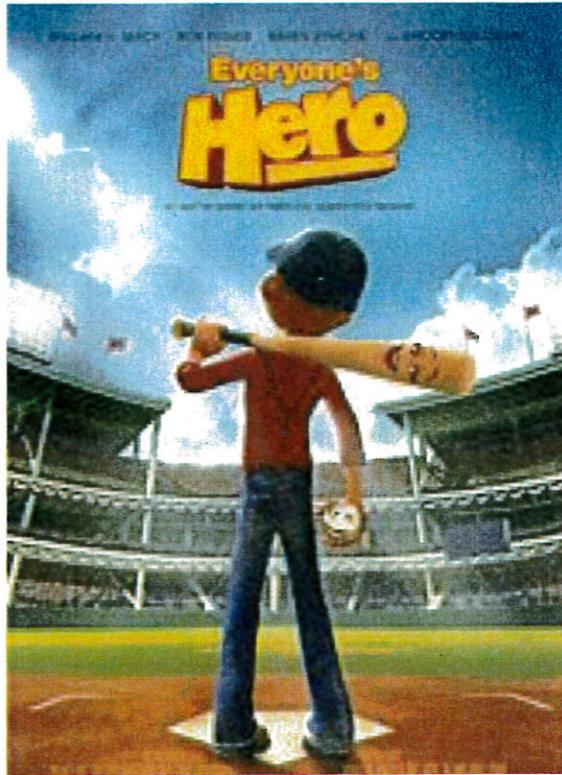


Please RSVP by Thursday March 1st

- Yes! We will be there for pizza and math from 5:15-7:00.
- Unfortunately, we won't be able to make it, but hopefully next time!

Family Name: _____ Number of people: _____

Family Movie Night



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friday March 9, 2018

6:30pm

Erving Senior Center---1 Care Drive, Erving, MA 01344

Yankee Irving has a chance to either play it safe or become a hero. Join him and his friends on his funny journey to rescue Babe Ruth's stolen bat before the end of the 1932 World Series.

Concessions for sale. Suggested donations of \$5/person (max \$20/family)

To benefit the purchase of yearbooks for the Erving 6th grade graduating class

****NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT****



Reminders from the Library

The Library's 5th Annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Party



Sunday, March 4

2:00-4:00 pm

at Erving Elementary School

songs & games with Roger Tincknell



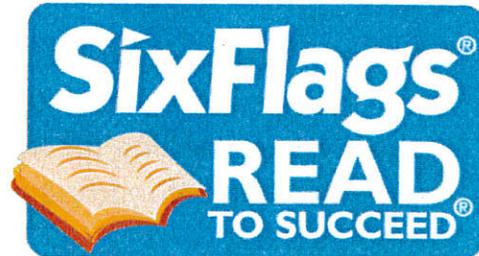
refreshments & party favors too!

all children attending must be
accompanied by an adult

this event is supported by the EES
PTO and the Erving Cultural Council,
an agency supported by the
Massachusetts Cultural Council



massculturalcouncil.org



Six Flags READ TO SUCCEED

Reading Logs are due back

Monday, February 26--the

day we return to school

from vacation!

If you are absent that day,
please contact Ms. Urban to

let her know:

urban@erving.com

or 423-3326 ext. 103

If you have lost your
reading log, you can print
the one included in this
newsletter, along
with the instructions



Six Flags READ TO SUCCEED Six Hours Reading Club

Here is what you need to know to earn a FREE Six Flags ticket:

- This club is open to any (and only) Erving Elementary School student in kindergarten through 6th grade
- **Between now and Monday, February 26, 2018**, students need to read six hours (360 minutes) beyond assigned homework--in other words, reading for fun! This works out to approximately one extra hour of reading a week for the next 6 weeks, or fifteen minutes a day.
- Students can read to themselves or out loud to someone else OR students can listen to someone read aloud to them or listen to a book-on-CD or e-book or any other type of online book.
- Students and their parents or guardians **MUST** keep track of the minutes spent reading, and what was read. Students can read books, magazines, newspapers or comic/graphic books--all of those count. But watching "the movie" does not count!
- The tickets will be handed out in June, and are only valid at the Six Flags New England Park in Springfield, MA. We will find out the summer dates in May and let families know ASAP.
- The ticket is only valid for the student who has earned it--the ticket cannot be given or sold to someone else, and cannot be replaced if lost.

***If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Urban,
EES Librarian at 423-3326 ext. 103 or urban@erving.com***

**Monday, Feb. 26, 2018 is the last day to turn in your log--
absolutely no exceptions except in case of an illness and/or absence--
then you must contact Ms. Urban no later
than Wednesday, Feb. 28 in order to be counted!**

Erving Recreation Commission

18 Pleasant Street, Erving, MA 01344 | 413.422.1187 | rec@erving.ma.org



February 11, 2018

Dear Summer Park Families,

The Erving Recreation Commission and Summer Park Staff would like to thank you for your part in another successful season! We hope your child had a memorable experience and will look forward to our many events throughout the year.

As the season winds down, we would like to inform you of upcoming policy changes to next year's program, that were approved at our August 2nd meeting.

- The rate for in town residents will increase to \$15 per day/\$75 per week. The rate for out of town residents will increase to \$30 per day/\$150 per week.
- Sign Ups for in town residents will be from April 1, 2018 through May 13, 2018. No child will be turned away if they are signed up by May 13, 2018. As of May 14, 2018 registration for out of town residents and any remaining Erving residents will be on a first come, first serve basis ending when the roster is full or on June 15th.
- Only completed registrations will be accepted. This includes the application, recent photograph, proof of physical and deposit. If the registration is not completed, your child will not be added to the roster until you have all of your information in.
- Ages allowed in the Summer Park program are as follows: Five years old and entering Kindergarten through any age entering Sixth Grade.
- Daily Drop off for Summer Park Attendees is from 8:30 to 9:00 am. If you miss this time, your child will not be able to attend Summer Park that day. Children **MUST** be signed in and out by an adult, no curbside drop offs are permitted.

Thank you for being a part of our program. If you have any questions please email or call the Recreation Commission directly, and we will be happy to help.

Sincerely,

Erving Recreation Commission
413-422-1187
rec@erving-ma.org

* No child shall be allowed to practice or play games until sign-up fees or any other outstanding fees are paid.*

Erving Recreation Commission Child Registration Form

Player _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____

Program: (circle) baseball softball soccer basketball

Parent(s) _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____ Email _____

Emergency Name & # _____ Allergies/Medications _____

Release and Waiver of Liability: I, the undersigned (legal relationship to youth, e.g., "parent," "guardian") _____ of (child's name) _____, a minor, do hereby consent to my child's participation in voluntary, athletic or recreation programs of the Town of Erving.

I also agree to forever release the Town of Erving, and all their employees, agents, board members, volunteers, and any and all individuals and organizations assisting or participating in voluntary, athletic or recreation program of the Town of Erving from any and all claims, rights of action and causes of action that may have arisen in the past, or may arise in the future, directly or indirectly, from personal injuries to my child or property damage resulting from my child's participation in the Town of Erving voluntary, athletic or recreation programs.

I also promise, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Releasees against any and all legal claims and proceedings of any description that may have been asserted in the past, or may be asserted in the future, directly or indirectly, arising from personal injuries to my child or property damage resulting from my child's participation in the Town of Erving voluntary, athletic or recreation programs.

I further affirm that I have read this Consent and Release Form and that I understand the contents of this Form. I understand that my child's participation in these programs is voluntary and that my child and I are free to choose not to participate in said programs. By signing this Form, I affirm that I have decided to allow my child to participate in the Town of Erving voluntary, athletic or recreation programs with full knowledge that the Releasees will not be liable to anyone for personal injuries and property damage my child or I may suffer in voluntary, athletic or recreation programs with the Town of Erving.

Can Erving Rec. place a group or individual photo of your child on its website. (circle) YES NO

I have carefully read and understand this agreement _____ Date _____

Uniforms: circle sizes

SHIRT

Size	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AXS	AS	AM	AL	AXL
Chest	34-35	36-37	38-39	40-41	38-40	40-42	42-44	45-47	48-50
Avg. Age	7-9	9-11	11-13						

PANTS

Size	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL
Waist	23-24	24-26	26-28	28-30	25-28	28-30	30-34	34-38
Avg. Age	6-8	8-10	10-12	11-13				