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

Wednesday, February 7th
Savings Makes "Cents"

Thursday, February 15th
PK Coffee Hour – 8:30am in Conf Rm
All School Sing – 9:30 am

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd
No School for Vacation Week

PTO Movie Day Fundraiser



Save the date!!!!
February 10, 2018
9:30 am at Greenfield Cinemas



With the weather causing school closings please be sure that you are checking the website for an update on lunches served. This may change due to closing of school.

Week 2 of Six Flags *READ to SUCCEED*--
logs due back *Mon., Feb. 26*



JUST A REMINDER: The Six Flags *READ to SUCCEED* program is now happening. All you need is a reading log to keep track of how many minutes you've read. There's a log and an information sheet in THIS newsletter! Kindergartners to 6th graders are eligible to earn a summer ticket to Six Flags simply by reading an extra six hours by February 26.

Any questions? Contact Ms. Urban
email: urban@erving.com or phone: 423-3326
ext. 103

100 Mile Club® Upcoming Morning Walking Dates

Upcoming morning walking dates for the remainder of January are the 25th and 29th. February walking dates are the 9th and 15th. We meet in the EES foyer at 8:00AM and walk indoors until 8:30AM. Parents are not required for the student to attend but are always welcome!

Remember, if your child walks at least 25 miles before January 29 they will be invited to our pizza party of January 31st!





With all of the beautiful snow falling this past week the preschoolers were able to adventure outside to build snowman with Mrs. Stewart. The best part of it was painting their snowman.



Ben and Gavin



Nissa and Gavin



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News from the Principal

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

In September, I informed you that our school had moved from a Trimester schedule to a Semester schedule. This means that our semesters are balanced with approximately 90 days per semester, and you will receive a report card in January, and at the end of the school year. The time has come for the mid-year report card to be sent home with your child. Due to the interruption to the schedule with snow days we will send them home on Tuesday next week. If you have any questions about your child's report card please contact your child's classroom teacher.

I am excited to see our After School Academy is providing students in the After School Program with a S.T.E.A.M.* focused program. The program incorporates problem-based learning activities, in which students take on open-ended challenges to solve real-world problems of interest to them (for instance, finding sources of green energy, building robots to handle automated activities), and develop 21st century skills such as collaboration, innovation and creativity. The program is an opportunity for our students to experience work that more closely aligns with what they will experience in college and the workforce. We know that the challenges the next generation faces will demand creative solutions. Creativity and ingenuity have always been central to Erving's philosophy when it comes to planning the most advantageous education for our students. Our expectation is that as our program grows, so innovation happens, bringing together students who share a love of exploration.

Erving Elementary School is a successful recipient of a STARS residency grant. The \$5000 grant will cover the costs to bring

Motoko, the recipient of the National Storytelling Network's 2017 Circle of Excellence Award to EES. Motoko has enchanted audiences of every age since 1993. She trained with master mime Tony Montanaro (1927-2002) and renowned Appalachian storyteller Elizabeth Ellis. Motoko's repertoire includes Asian folktales, Rakugo and Zen tales, ghost stories, mime vignettes, as well as oral memoirs from her childhood in Osaka and her life as an immigrant in the U.S. Motoko has appeared on PBS' Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, and toured Miyazaki, Japan, as part of CarnegieKids in Miyazaki Project, sponsored by Carnegie Hall. She has been featured in festivals and theaters across the U.S., most notably, the National Storytelling Festival, Timpanogos Storytelling Festival, Bay Area Storytelling Festival, and the Provincetown Playhouse at NYU. ([See the list of her credits.](#)) As a teaching artist, Motoko has been awarded numerous grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and New York State BOCES. Her story CDs have won a Parents' Choice Silver Honor Award, a Storytelling World Award, and a National Parenting Publications Award (NAPPA). She is the author of [A Year in Japan: Folktales, Songs and Art for the Classroom.](#)

I believe the word is relieved? Both Wendy and I were given the green light at our recent US Citizenship interviews. We survived the interviews and passed the tests ☺. Our next steps will be a ceremony, sometime in March. Thank you for all of your best wishes.

I am sure it will be difficult to prize many of you away from the T.V. on Sunday afternoon ☺. We send our best wishes to the New England Patriots. Go Pats!!

Enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

Jim Trill

After School Program



Hello from After School,

This week activities were limited due to the snow we received on Wednesday. I hope that all of your students had a great snow day. The students had a great time playing pin the nose on the snowman and scavenger hunt. Next week we will be working on a STEAM activity of the penny boat challenge, who can jump the furthest, Lego Robotics, a bingo game and cupcakes for a special birthday.

Last week the students enjoyed reading in the Well. We read 2 books about Mother Bruce, a grumpy raising 4 baby geese. We will be starting a reading program for the After School group in February. The students will have a page goal of 4000 collectively. If they reach their goal by February 28th we will be having an Ice-cream Social. I will be sending out a tally sheet early next week for the kids to keep track. Have a great weekend and we will see you next week.

Michelle Fisher

Please check our Lost and Found



If you have time please stop at school to look through the Lost and Found. Our collection of items is growing and we want to be sure you have all of your students belongings.



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!**

