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Sunday, March 4th
Dr. Seuss Birthday event
EES 2- 4 pm in the Library & Café



Tuesday, March 6th
5th Grade Math Night
5:15-7pm

Wednesday, March 7th
Saving Makes Cents

Thursday, March 8th
All School Sing
2:30 in the gym

Dear Erving Elementary School Community,

I have been working with superintendents from other rural school districts to educate and advocate for our small rural schools through the Massachusetts Rural Schools Coalition. The information-contained below explains the public forum that will take place on March 12th. I would like to invite you to attend.

STATE SENATOR HINDS HOSTING STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS IN SHELBURNE FALLS ON MARCH 12

This is a public forum on Fiscal conditions challenging rural schools.

Making sure the rural school districts in our region have the funding they need to thrive will be the topic of a forum on March 12th from 6:00-7:30pm in Shelburne Falls, State Senator Adam G. Hinds (D-Pittsfield) announced today. Hinds, who serves as Senate co-chair of the Legislative Rural Caucus, is convening this policy conversation at his alma mater, Mohawk Trail Regional School, to highlight the fiscal conditions and challenges faced by rural school districts in western Massachusetts and statewide. State education leaders from the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) will be in attendance to

provide an overview of a recent report filed with the General Court on this topic and answer questions. Hinds' colleague State Representative Stephen Kulik (D- Worthington), House co-chair of the Rural Caucus and vice-chairman of the House Committee on Ways & Means is also confirmed to attend. Hinds sponsored and secured this reporting mandate in the FY18 state budget, specifically directing DESE to conduct a feasibility study relative to establishing a formula for aid to be distributed to rural school districts. Pursuant to the legislation, DESE filed the report in January with the Joint Committee on Ways & Means, the Joint Committee on Education and the Commonwealth's Rural Policy Advisory Commission. DESE Acting Commissioner Jeffrey Wulfson and Director of School Finance Rob O'Donnell are in western Mass. at Hinds' invitation on March 12th to discuss recommendations and potential strategies to support rural school districts in the coming fiscal year. Hinds believes this conversation is timely as legislators are now preparing to deliberate FY19 state budget spending recommendations. Municipal officials, school superintendents, school committee members and members of the public from across the region are encouraged to attend. Falls Cable, the public access television channel for Buckland and Shelburne, will tape and televise the event. During the forum Mohawk Superintendent Michael Buoniconti will outline fiscal hardships facing rural school districts. DESE officials will report on important data, findings and recommendations from the report and Senator Hinds and Representative Kulik will facilitate an open discussion between officials and audience members.

The DESE Report, "Fiscal Conditions in Rural School Districts," is available online: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/research/reports/category.aspx?section=legislative>
(The report is also attached to this email.)

I hope to see you in attendance,

Jennifer Haggerty
Superintendent of Schools Union 28

WHEN: Monday, March 12, 2018 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm

WHERE: Gymnasium, Mohawk Trail Regional School
6 Ashfield Road, Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts 01370





News from the Principal

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

On Thursday we had a visit from the Massachusetts State and Erving Police Departments. Our Fire Department team was also in attendance. The teams were onsite to initiate a lockdown drill during our lunch and recess time. This time of day presents everybody with a plethora of potential scenarios to manage and monitor. Students were actively engaged in their own worlds, chatting with friends, running across the playground, playing ball games, along with a general buzz of excitement in the air. The police and fire teams moved into discreet positions and the lockdown went into effect. Within a couple of seconds the scene changed dramatically, the student's attention was drawn to the lockdown announcement, follow up whistles, staff giving instructions, while ushering students to previously designated safe locations. We have protocols in place for students who are inside the building, and students who are outside at recess. Following the lockdown, State and Erving Police Chiefs met with all of the students and staff to provide feedback, and solicit audience questions. We were very happy with the feedback. Considering the complexity of the lockdown, students and staff did a wonderful job. They were quiet, listened to staff, followed directions, and moved to their locations immediately. The teams watched from a distance as the students and staff handled everything that was expected of them. I am proud of the manner in which our students and staff handle themselves in stressful situations. I hope that we will never be called on to use this particular set of skills, however the experience and learning is valuable. My thanks to the staff for the great care they take with our children. Thank you to Chief Blair, Sergeant Holst, Fire Department - Ryan Betters, and Brandon Breault, and State Police Officers.

... And now for something completely different!

The weather has been playing havoc with our schedule. A couple of weeks back; I mentioned a survey regarding a March vacation in lieu of the February and April breaks. Please look in your child's backpack as they will be coming home today with the survey. It would be ideal if we had your responses back in time for the School Committee meeting on March 20th. Please stop by the office or call me if you have any questions related to this matter.

Have a lovely weekend.
Sincerely,


Jim Trill
Principal



Sunday, March 4

Its Library's 5th annual
Celebration of Reading
& Books:

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party



WHEN: 2:00-4:00 pm

WHERE: Erving Elem. School Library
& Cafeteria

WHO: Kids of all ages are invited to hear performer Roger Tincknell sing songs, tell stories, teach games & have fun!

WHAT: Party Favors & Refreshments will be served



This event funded by the EES PTO and the Erving Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council.



Hello from After School,

Parent teacher conferences will be March 13th, 14th and 15th. Dismissal will be at 1:15. If you're planning on sending your child to After School those days please let me know as soon as you can. We fill up fast on 1/2 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. This week the students really enjoyed the nice weather. We did laps on the track, outdoor kickball game and hiking in the woods behind the school. Activities this week also included Lego Robotics class and Friday Movie day with popcorn. For next week the students can look forward to slime adventures, Oobleck day, dodge ball, tacos for cooking class, STEAM balloon blow, Lego zip lines, Lego Robotics and paper chain making. I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Michelle Fisher



Erving Elementary School Preschool Registration

Erving Elementary School is beginning to register preschoolers for the 2018-2019 school year.

If you have a child who will be either 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2018 and you live in the town of Erving, he/she is eligible to attend preschool at Erving Elementary School.

Please call the school at (413) 423-3326 to have a registration packet sent to you.

Families that currently have a child attending preschool at Erving Elementary School are automatically enrolled for next year and a registration packet will be sent home at the beginning of February.

All registration packets need to be returned by March 16, 2018.

If your child is preschool eligible but will not be attending Erving Elementary School, please call the school and let us know.

If you have any questions, please email Mackensy Bailey, Early Childhood Coordinator, at bailey@erving.com



Erving Elementary School Kindergarten Registration

Erving Elementary School is beginning kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2018 and you live in the town of Erving, he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten at Erving Elementary School.

Please call the school at (413) 423-3326 to have a registration packet sent to you.

Any child currently attending preschool at Erving Elementary School that will move on to kindergarten next year is automatically enrolled for next year and a registration packet will be sent home with your child at the beginning of February.

All registration packets need to be returned by May 4, 2018.

If your child is kindergarten eligible but will not be attending Erving Elementary School, please call the school and let us know.

If you have any questions, please email Mackensey Bailey, Early Childhood Coordinator, at bailey@erving.com

March - Breakfast 2018

Alternative	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted cereal, fruit & milk	5 Breakfast muffin, cheese stick, fruit & milk	6 Waffles, syrup, fruit & milk	7 Egg & cheese burrito, fruit & milk	8 French toast stick, syrup, fruit & milk	9 Peach smoothie, graham crackers, fruit & milk
	12 Yogurt & graham crackers, fruit & milk	13 Pancakes, syrup, fruit & milk	14 Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, fruit & milk	15 Waffles, syrup, fruit & milk	16 Strawberry smoothie, graham crackers, fruit & milk
	19 Bagel w/cream cheese, fruit & milk	20 French toast sticks, syrup, fruit & milk	21 Breakfast muffin, cheese stick, fruit & milk	22 Pancakes, syrup, fruit & milk	23 Curriculum Day No School
	26 Yogurt, apple slices, graham crackers & milk	27 Waffles, syrup, fruit & milk	28 Fried egg & cheese croissant, fruit & milk	29 French toast, syrup, fruit & milk	30 Berry smoothie, graham crackers, fruit & milk

Breakfast is served with a choice of 1% or skim milk. Water is available during meal times, but must be taken in addition to the milk

According to the Food Research and Action Center students who participate in school breakfast show improved attendance, behavior, standardized achievement test scores as well as decreased tardiness. Students who eat breakfast also show greater improvements in math scores, attendance, punctuality, depression, anxiety and hyperactivity than children who don't participate in a school breakfast program.

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March-Lunch 2018

Alternative	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Salad Bowl
Sun butter & jelly sandwich w/fruit & veg of the day & milk	5 Wg pasta w/meat sauce, seasoned broccoli, mixed fruit & milk	6 All beef hot dog on a wg roll, baked beans, pineapple & milk	7 Ham & cheese grinder, pickles, sliced carrots, apple & milk	8 Chicken nuggets w/oven fries, diced pears & milk	9 Pizza Friday-cheese or pepperoni, wax beans, diced peaches & milk	Mandarin orange chicken salad w/cranberries, chick peas, fruit & veg of the day & milk
	12 Boneless chicken on a wg roll, broccoli, diced peaches & milk	13 Nachos w/ground beef & cheese, corn & black bean salad, mandarin oranges & milk	14 Garlic bread sticks w/marinara sauce, yogurt, parm cheese, baby carrots, fresh apple & milk	15 Turkey & bacon wrap w/cheese, lettuce, oven potato, mixed fruit & milk	16 Pizza Friday-cheese or pepperoni, green beans, pineapple & milk	Taco salad w/black beans, seasoned beef, salsa, cheese, fruit & veg of the day & milk
	19 Meatball sub w/cheese, steamed broccoli, diced peaches & milk	20 Chicken fajita w/sour cream, salsa, lettuce, three bean salad, diced peaches & milk	21 Hamb/cheeseburger on a wg roll, pickles, sweet potato fries, fresh apple & milk	22 Chicken patty on a wg roll, oven fries, pineapple & milk	23 Curriculum Day No School	Fresh romaine salad w/chicken, cucumbers, kidney beans, fruit & veg of the day & milk
	26 Ham & cheese bagel melt, seasoned broccoli, mandarin oranges & milk	27 Soft beef taco w/sour cream, salsa, cheese, lettuce, corn & black bean salad, diced peaches & milk	28 Turkey & cheese sandwich w/tomato soup, pineapple & milk	29 Toasted cheese, oven potato, mixed fruit & milk	30 Pizza Friday-cheese or pepperoni, wax beans, diced pears & milk	Southwest salad w/black beans, corn, salsa, chips, fruit & veg of the day

All sandwiches are made using whole grain bread, salad is served with a whole grain breadstick & whole grain croutons. Each meal is served with a choice of 1% white, skim, 1% choc or fat free strawberry milk. Water is available during meal, but must be taken in addition to milk. All meals are subject to change without notice. All salads are served with a protein such as yogurt, meat/meat alternative, cheese or egg. Salad is made with romaine lettuce. \$.50 for milk w/home lunch

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Erving Elementary School PTO

April Cash and Prize Calendar Raffle

The **WHO**: **YOU** and your family!

The **WHAT**: The EES PTO is holding an all school fundraiser: a cash and prize calendar raffle in April. We have received approximately \$2,500 of in-kind prize donations from overwhelmingly generous local businesses and families.

The **WHEN**: Calendars go home with students the week of March 12 and the **deadline to return money and calendar stubs is March 23**. We are requesting that each family sell 5 calendars, at \$5 each, so \$25 per family. *If you are unable to participate, kindly return the folder with raffle calendars to the Front Office ASAP for redistribution.* Once a ticket is drawn it will be re-entered into the raffle, for potential multiple winnings. Winners will be notified via phone/email and posting on our EES PTO Facebook Page.

The **WHERE (How to Buy)**: All Erving Students or EES front desk; Accepted payment: Cash or check, made payable to EES PTO

Questions: Facebook: Erving Elementary School PTO Page; Email: pto@erving.com

The **WHY**: The more tickets sold, the more money netted for each classroom and all 145 students!

The **HOW**: The raffle ticket is an April calendar with approx \$70 in prizes raffled daily.

Over \$2,500 in Prizes from over 45 donors:

2nd Street Bakery, Two \$10 Gift Certificates, 99 Restaurant, \$25 Gift Certificate, Debbie Allen- In-home spa basket
Andy's and the Oak Shop, \$30 gift certificate, Bagley Goodwin Hrinda, Drawstring backpack with oral supplies
Black Cow Burger Bar, \$20 Gift Certificate, Gillian Budine \$25 to Greenfield Farmers' Cooperative Exchange
Cleary's Jewelers, \$30 Gift Certificate, Crooked Tap, \$10 Gift Certificate, Dan's Veggies, Two \$10 gift certificates
Deerfield Country Store, food smasher and decorative compass, Melissa Gerry (Doterra,), mini oil diffuser, 2 essential oils
Dunkin Donuts, Stainless steel travel tumbler and bag of coffee, Elements Hot Tub Spa, \$50 gift certificate for 30 min hot tub session for two, Erving Paper Mill, \$250 Cash, Erving Paper Mill Union Workers, \$50 Cash, Erving Recreation Commission, 5 tshirts and 2 sets of sweatbands, Erving Station, \$50 gift certificate; Two \$25 gift certificates, Family Game Gift Basket by Aimee Wood and Jess Allen, Friends of the Erving Library, \$50 book basket, Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center, \$15 Gift Certificate; \$25 one year family membership, French King Bowling Alley, Twenty Five, 2 free game bowling passes
French King Restaurant, Gift Certificate, Garden Cinema, Two free movie passes, Gill Tavern, \$25 gift certificate
Greenfield Community College, bag; sweatshirt; travel cup; two tshirts, Great Falls Yoga, 5 sessions free
Ja'Duke, 2 free theatre passes, Hair Affair Salon, free haircut, wash, blow-dry, J&J Hockey, \$25 Gift certificate
Kidder & Son Painting, \$50 Home Depot Gift Card, Lularoe by Brooke Shippa, \$25 gift certificate and free leggings
M3G Photography, free mini session photo shoot, Mystic Pinball, \$20 gift certificate, Pipiones Sports Shop, \$25 gift certificate,
Poplar Mountain Maple, Half gallon maple syrup, Prondecki's Store, Gift Certificate of favorite meal
Rendezvous, \$25 Gift Certificate, Snap On Tools, 7 piece soft grip combination screwdriver set; Beach Towel; Two hot/cold stainless steel travel tumblers; Limited edition ratcheting screwdriver; Two "S" wall mounts
The Recorder, Three month subscription, Tim's Barbershop, 2 free haircuts (\$28), Wagon Wheel, Two small ice cream cone coupons, Wild Arrow Photography, Free mini session photo shoot

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****

* 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				



CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH
ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER

Valley ADHD Parent Support Group

CHADD CARES

CHADD works to improve the lives of people affected by ADHD through:

Collaborative
Leadership

Advocacy

Research

Education

Support

www.chadd.org

1st Monday of Every Month

next meeting:

Monday, March 5th

6:30pm to 8pm

Northampton Area Pediatrics, LLP

193 Locust St., Northampton

Conference Room

Clinical psychologist, Dr. Sharon Saline, will be our guest speaker this Monday, March 5th. She will be speaking about managing behaviors at home.

Join other area parents and caregivers to...

- Receive ADHD information and support
- Be heard without being judged
- Hear how others cope with similar issues and challenges
- Learn about local resources for families
- Hear from area specialists on pertinent topics
- Learn new strategies to try at home
- Leave feeling empowered and hopeful

Questions? Please contact:

ValleyADHDFamilies@gmail.com





Northampton Area Pediatrics Parenting Workshop

Divorce: Supporting Children During Challenging Times

Designed to empower parents who are recently divorced, considering divorce, or currently going through the process of divorce, the workshop will provide productive strategies, tools, and techniques to help children process the change and to support both spouses in handling the change peacefully. This workshop is led by Kerry Lusignan, MA, LMHC, Director of Northampton Center for Couples Therapy.

**Sunday, March 11th
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
193 Locust St., Northampton**

Childcare can be provided but must be reserved.
RSVP by calling 413-517-2226 or email contactus@napeds.com

Parenting workshops are open to the community and free of charge.