

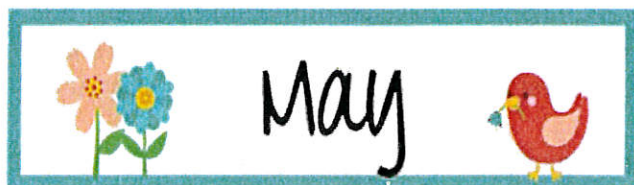


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Tuesday, May 15th

School Council Mtg 3:30
School Committee Mtg 7:00

Wednesday, May 16th

Savings Makes "Cents"
100 Mile Walking Club after school

Thursday, May 17th

All School Sing
2:30 in the gym

Monday, May 21st

PTO Meeting at 5:30

Wednesday, May 23rd

Savings Makes "Cents"

Monday, May 28th

No School
Observation of Memorial Day

After School Program



Good Afternoon from After School,

This week the students started our Forest Activities with Mrs. Stewart. We came up with 3 groups to make 3 different sculptures. These will be placed in the Forest Friday area for the Pre K. Very exciting to see what they will come up with. Wednesday the students worked on a special Mothers Day gift and have them in their backpacks Friday. Thank you to Pam Bouchard for donating candles to complete this activity. The scavenger hunt we did on Tuesday prompted a large conversation about the woods and how important they are to the animals living with in them ☺. Thursday's event of STEAM powered sponge boats was a lot of fun. Looking into next week the students can look forward to a drawing tree project, pine cone painting, outdoor games, baking blueberry muffins, and Art in the forest. I hope you all have a great weekend and we will see you next week.

Michelle Fisher

**MCAS
TESTING**



MCAS Testing will be happening next week. Testing is for student's grades 3-6. Please help your child perform to the best of their ability by encouraging them to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. According to Food Research and Action Center, students who participate in school breakfast show improved attendance, standardized achievement test scores and decreased tardiness.

THE WIZARD OF GALAFREE

DVDs will go on sale this week with an expected delivery time of June 4th. Please see attached flyer for your order form.



News from the Principal

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

A special thank you to all mothers. Have a beautiful weekend, filled with love, tenderness, and gratitude for all that you sacrifice and do for our world.

I would like to provide some clarification with regard to our cafeteria food service. Our goal is to introduce more local, fresh produce into our menu selection, while remaining fiscally accountable to the residents of Erving. You may have read in local newspapers about surrounding school districts that have for many years struggled to balance their school cafeteria budgets. Some schools have run into deficits that amount to over \$200,000. Although we are a small school, we fall within the same classification as all other schools, when it comes to ordering food from the successful bid winner (Thurston Foods), who supplies the majority of schools within Franklin and Hampshire counties. Back in November, I notified the School Committee that we have been experiencing a high number of product returns with our current supplier (Thurston Foods). The returns are due to damaged and unsatisfactory produce. Donna LaClaire has done a great job communicating our concerns with their Food Distribution Manager. Due to a limited response, we have started to look at alternative plans for sourcing produce, including reaching out to other school districts. The bottom line is that local sourcing will cost us more money. Just how much money, comes down to the volume and frequency of orders, including product availability from the local producers. I am available to chat should you have suggestions and contacts that you feel will help guide our research and decisions. I will keep you posted on any major developments over the course of the remaining weeks of school and summer.

Congratulations to Stephanie Barry who was presented with an Outstanding School Employee Award by Horace Mann Associates. This special award was the result of a

nomination by one of her students (Jaiden). We are extremely proud of the work that Steph does with all of her students, and her support of the incredible work that is carried out every single day by the staff at Erving Elementary School. We are blessed with amazing educators who give tirelessly to the children of Erving. On behalf of the residents and community of Erving, I congratulate all of the staff at EES. It is an honor to come to school every day and share in the outstanding work that each one of you do.

The Department of Early Education and Care recently endorsed a new TV series called 1, 2, 3, Grow! This series provides access to information about healthy development in children. At Erving Elementary School, we will continue to focus our work on how we can support every child and family, especially around areas such as wellness, social, and emotional growth. Please feel free to let me know if you have a particular question, or a suggestion about how we can offer programs that support the areas listed above.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jim Trill
Principal



TEACHER
Appreciation Week!
#thankateacher

Mrs. Barry was recognized for outstanding performance. Her class was proud to present her with this award.



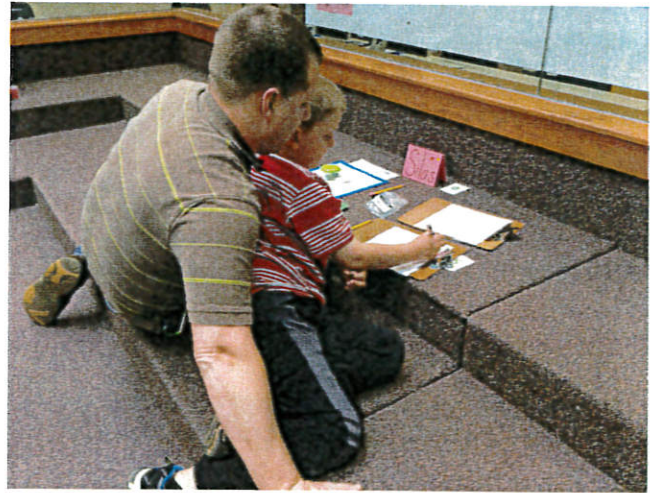


FamilyMathNight®
discover the wonders of math...together

We had another wonderful Family Math Night this week. Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders shared some math games and activities with their families. The adults got a glimpse of what math class looks and feels like during the day. After talking and thinking mathematically, families met in the cafeteria to have a pizza dinner together. Here are a couple of comments from parents: "What a fabulous night!" And "We talked math equations the whole ride home." And "Now, I get it!"



MATH ROCKS



Muffins With Mom

FROM PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Parse's class was able to provide a wonderful celebration for all the special people in each student's life. Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts and friends came to the classroom Thursday morning to celebrate Mothers Day with their special student. Thank you all for sharing in this event.





The Wizard of Galafree Play DVD is available for you to purchase. The cost of the DVD is \$3.00. If you are interested in your very own copy of the Erving Elementary All School Play please fill out the form and send it into the office with your payment by May 21, 2018. What a great way for your students to remember the play for years to come.

Name: _____

Student name and grade to with: _____

Number of Copies Requested: _____

Wizard of Galafree order form



Department of Early Education and Care

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

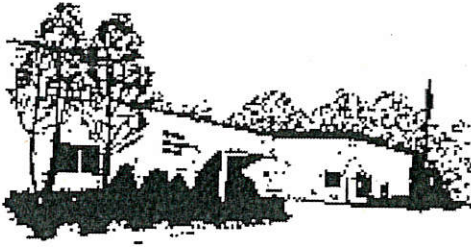
***1, 2, 3 Grow!* Child Development Program for Families**

"*1, 2, 3 Grow!*," a new multilingual and multicultural TV series that provides families with equal access to information about healthy development in children, is now available. "*1, 2, 3 Grow!*," is available in eight (8) languages airing on cable stations across Massachusetts starting in May 2018.

Each of the shows includes a local pediatrician and program host from the same culture who speaks the language of the particular audience: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, Haitian Creole, Arabic and Vietnamese, as well as a show that focuses on African-American needs. The shows will also provide contact information for a local family specialist who can help families obtain more translated resources on child development and access to other services. There are several ways to view the "*1, 2, 3, Grow!*" shows:

- Within the city of Boston, the shows will air on Boston Neighborhood Network Television (BNN-TV) every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm from May 2, 2018 through August 15, 2018 with reruns of the episodes during that time period.
- On the "*1, 2, 3, Grow!*" YouTube Channel.

For more information about "*1, 2, 3, Grow!*" and to find show dates as more local providers are added to the list, please visit the "*1, 2, 3, Grow!*" website.



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100 Mile Club® Wednesday Afternoon Walking Club

The Erving Recreation Committee is offering an opportunity for students to gain miles for the 100 Mile Club®. Every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30-2:30 will be designated to allow kids to walk and/or run to log miles toward their incentives! Families are also strongly encouraged to join their student and log their own miles. Remember that incentives are given for walking 25, 50, 75 and 100 Miles.

If your child is interested in walking on Wednesday afternoon, please complete the permission slip below and have your child turn it in to the office no later than Wednesday morning. **Children cannot participate without a signed permission slip.** Participants will meet in the gym at the end of the day for instructions from the adult responsible for the group. The plan is to walk outside whenever possible so please be sure that your child comes dressed appropriately. A water bottle is strongly encouraged. Students can be picked up at 2PM or 2:30PM but must remain with the walking group until an adult picks them up. They will not be allowed to play on the structures or blacktop due to limited adult supervision in these areas.

If you have any questions please contact Gail Dubreuil, School Nurse at (413) 423-3326.

I give permission for my child, _____ (please print student's name), to participate in the 100 Mile Club® Wednesday afternoon walking group on May 16, 2018 from 1:30-2:30PM.

I will be joining my student in the afternoon walking.

My student will be picked up at by _____ (name of adult) at 2:00PM or 2:30PM (please circle a time)

Parent Signature:

Community Network for Children Program offers

FAMILIES CONNECTING

A discussion group with a family meal,
child care, and facilitated discussion time.

TUESDAY, May 15th, 5:30-7:30

Swift River School, New Salem

* **SAFE HOME** * discussion for families with children birth to 6
years of age

* We will cover fire safety, household safety, resources for for
families

***** DOOR PRIZES FOR PARTICIPANTS *****

"So helpful to know you are not alone on this
parenting journey."



- Each session we will offer a family meal, then break out to child care and separate adult discussion group. Each session will have a topic to discuss with an opportunity to share, ask questions and touch base.
- We will use resources from the Positive Solutions for Families Parent Guide and Engaging Families in Children's Literacy Development to help guide our discussions.
- Focus on families with children 0-8 years of age. Bring a friend!

Contact the CNC Program TO REGISTER FOR DINNER & CHILD
CARE budine@erving.com or 978-544-5157



This program is offered by the Union #28 Community Network for Children Program. Funded through the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, Communities That Care Parent Education Work Group Mini Grant made possible through funding by Baystate Franklin Medical Center's Community Benefits Advisory Council, & community donations.



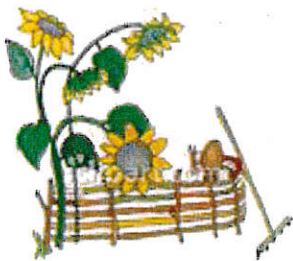
The Community Network for Children program presents

Gardening Magic



In anticipation of the arrival of Spring, there are many fun and clever activities one can do with children that will spark and hold their interest for gardening while they patiently await the growing “magic” to happen.

Join *Dawn Marvin Ward* for stories, songs, and crafts designed to delight children and adults while Spring arrives.



**Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am at the Erving Senior/Community Center
1 Care Drive, Erving**

Seniors are invited to participate!

May 10: Seed Scenes

Seeds are special little ‘packages’ that really add the ‘magic’ to gardening! Seeds come in ALL sizes, shapes, and colors. Use their beauty to design/create your own seed scene.

May 17: The World Beneath Our Feet

Explore up close, some of the valuable ‘creatures’ of the soil and meet the Root Children. Then create your own “Root Child”.

May 24: Tops & Bottoms

Plant anatomy can be fun! Come see how Mr. Rabbit teaches lazy Mr. Bear a lesson in the value of ‘tops and bottoms’ of plants. Then plant some “tops and bottoms” to take home and to leave for the senior center!



May 31: Garden Friends

Some insects are welcomed and helpful in the garden. Come hunt for ladybugs, butterflies, and more!



Pre-Registration requested.

Please contact Gillian Budine, Community Network for Children Program Coordinator at (978) 544-5157 or Budine@erving.com by May 8th

Please provide name of your child, age, phone number.



Funded by a grant from the Erving Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, offered in collaboration with the Community Network for Children program (A CFCE Funded Program), Erving Library, and Erving Senior Center.



Erving Recreation Commission



SUMMER **Park Program**

July 2 – August 10th

8:30 am – 3:15 pm

***Introducing Free Breakfast & Lunch!!**

Now Accepting Applications*

Ages 5 – 12 years old

The summer program is held at the Erving Elementary School (in the gymnasium, cafeteria, and outside on the playground and under the tent). Activities consist of Arts & Crafts, Sports, Field Trips on Wednesdays, Swimming at the Lake on Fridays, and more.

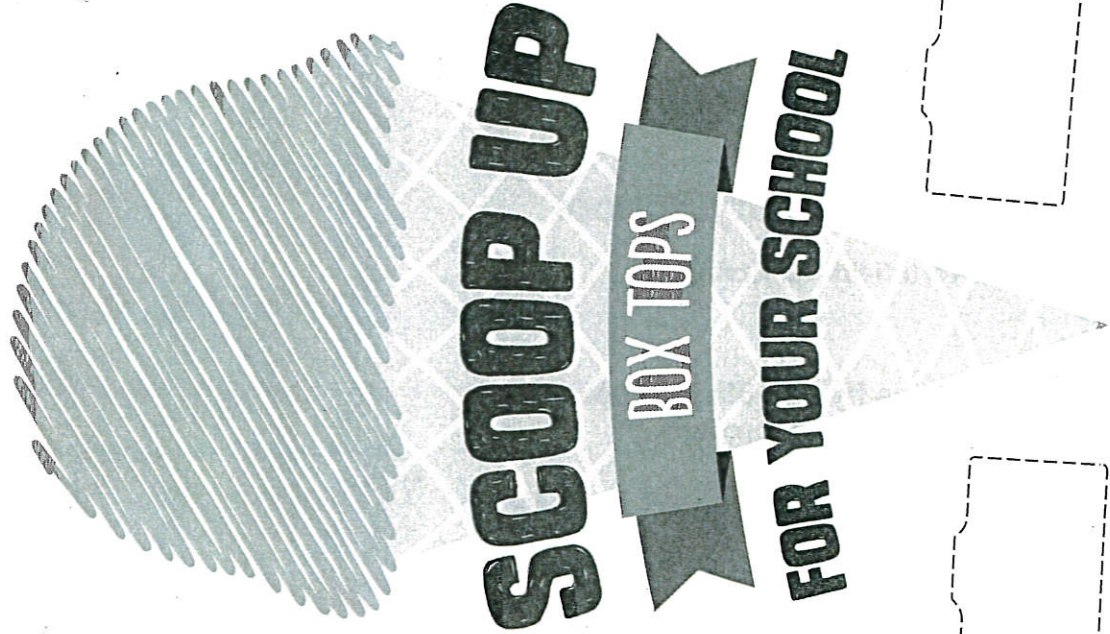
Applications are available at Erving Elementary School, Erving Library, Erving Town Hall, or at www.erving.ma.org (to download and print).

\$10.00 Registration Fee per application (this includes a t-shirt)

\$75.00 per week for Erving residents.

\$150.00 per week for non-residents.

*Starting May 14, the Recreation Commission will be accepting applications from non-residents.



SCOOP UP

BOX TOPS

FOR YOUR SCHOOL



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com. See more collection sheets at BTFE.com/collectionsheets.



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Erving Recreation

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