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Monday, October 9th
No School for Columbus Day

Thursday, October 19
All School Sing 2:30 in the gym

Friday, October 20th
No School for Students
Curriculum Day

No School
Monday October 9th for
Columbus Day



“Nothing into Something”

Puerto Rico is an Island that has suffered multiple hurricanes in the past month. The people of Puerto Rico are currently without power and have limited supplies. Homes are destroyed and there is a massive food and water shortage.

Carlo LaBianca, our custodian here at EES has been working hard to come up with something he can do to help these people. So, he is turning “Nothing into Something”. Your old clothing that may be nothing to you, can be something of use to many in need. He and his wife will be taking home all donations to sort, size, and ship them to various locations. These different areas will work together to share the donations with other communities. Carlo will be taking donations until the donating stops.

Here is how you can help him..... Carlo has set up a donation box here at EES to collect any used clothing items you have to donate. He is looking for clothing of all sizes, new or used with the exception of under garments, which can be donated if they are new only.

Items to donate,

- Socks
- Pants
- Shoes/Boots
- Shirts, long or short
- Hats
- Coats
- Sweaters
- Pajamas

Monetary donation can be made as well but the concept of Carlo’s idea is to get the people of Puerto Rico the clothing that they are desperately in need of.

Carlo’s words are as follow. “What you are doing is not for me; it is to simply bless those in need. Without your donations or help, this could not happen. Thank you all for your support”.

Carlo LaBianca



News from the Principal's Desk:

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

Erving students and staff put on a spectacle Wednesday night in celebration of student achievement. Our school was filled to capacity as multiple generations of Erving families (moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, great grandparents, brothers, sisters, alumni, and the list goes on....) toured our amazing school. Your attendance speaks volumes to all of us who strive to give the very best to our students. Everywhere we turned there was an outpouring of pride, as children smiling ear to ear explained their work to members of their family. Members of our community talked about their joy in seeing children who are so happy about coming to school! Not a lot has changed over the years. Thank you members of the community for staying true to the Erving tradition of standing tall for education. Last night, we all got a small glimpse into our window of happiness. Thank you to our staff for all of your long hours and dedication to showcase the best of our students.

Information from the Department of Education indicates that MCAS scores from this past spring will not be available until November. We will keep you posted when the details are released to the public.

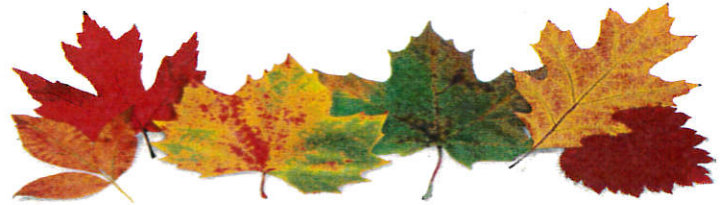
We continue to educate our children about the dangers of the Internet, especially access to social media sites that open up a world that is often difficult to monitor and trust. Please consider all of the ramifications before you allow your child access to sites that you may not be able to monitor. In this age of advancing technology, that seems at times to be way over our head, the safety of our children should be our main concern. Parents/Guardians and staff at Erving Elementary School have the ability to control access to whatever our children

are exposed to on the Internet. If we allow our children unrestricted access to the Internet we risk their safety and the safety of their friends. Our goal is to protect all of our children. Allowing access to your child could have an impact upon what your child says and does to another student at school. Thank you for your support as we continue to educate our children. I am attaching an article to this newsletter, which I ask you to read carefully. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Enjoy this Columbus weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

Jim Trill



Erving Elementary School will be holding
our annual Veterans Day Celebration on
November 9th 2017

17 Apps and Websites Kids Are Heading to After Facebook

Social media apps that let teens do it all -- text, chat, meet people, and share their pics and videos -- often fly under parents' radars. By Christine Elgersma 7/15/2017

Gone are the days of Facebook as a one-stop shop for all social-networking needs. While it may seem more complicated to post photos on Instagram, share casual moments on Snapchat, text on WhatsApp, and check your Twitter feed throughout the day, tweens and teens love the variety.

You don't need to know the ins and outs of all the apps, sites, and terms that are "hot" right now (and frankly, if you did, they wouldn't be trendy anymore). But knowing the basics -- what they are, why they're popular, and what problems can crop up when they're not used responsibly -- can make the difference between a positive and a negative experience for your kid.

Below, we've laid out some of the most popular types of apps and websites for teens: texting, microblogging, live-streaming, self-destructing/secret, and chatting/meeting/dating. The more you know about each, the better you'll be able to communicate with your teen about safe choices.

The bottom line for most of these tools? If teens are using them respectfully, appropriately, and with a little parental guidance, they're mostly fine. So take inventory of your kids' apps and review the best practices.

TEXTING APPS

GroupMe is an app that doesn't charge fees or have limits for direct and group messages. Users also can send photos, videos, and calendar links.

What parents need to know

- **It's for older teens.** The embedded GIFs and emojis have some adult themes, such as drinking and sex.
- **Teens are always connected.** Without fees or limits, teens can share and text to their heart's content, which may mean they rarely put the phone down.

Kik Messenger is an app that lets kids text for free. It's fast and has no message limits, character limits, or fees if you only use the basic features. Because it's an app, the texts won't show up on your kid's phone's messaging service, and you're not charged for them (beyond standard data rates).

What parents need to know

- **Stranger danger is an issue.** Kik allows communication with strangers who share their Kik usernames to find people to chat with. The app allegedly has been used in high-profile crimes, including the murder of a 13-year-old girl and a child-pornography case. There's also a Kik community blog where users can submit photos of themselves and screenshots of messages (sometimes displaying users' full names) to contests.
- **It's loaded with ads and in-app-purchases.** Kik specializes in "promoted chats" -- basically, conversations between brands and users. It also offers specially designed apps (accessible only through the main app), many of which offer products for sale.

WhatsApp lets users send text messages, audio messages, videos, and photos to one or many people with no message limits or fees.

What parents need to know

- **It's for users 16 and over.** Lots of younger teens seem to be using the app, but this age minimum has been set by WhatsApp.
- **It can be pushy.** After you sign up, it automatically connects you to all the people in your address book who also are using WhatsApp. It also encourages you to add friends who haven't signed up yet.

PHOTO AND VIDEO-SHARING APPS AND SITES

Instagram lets users snap, edit, and share photos and 15-second videos, either publicly or within a private network of followers. It unites the most popular features of social media sites: sharing, seeing, and commenting on photos. It also lets you apply fun filters and effects to your photos, making them look high-quality and artistic.

What parents need to know

- **Teens are on the lookout for "likes."** Similar to the way they use Facebook, teens may measure the "success" of their photos -- even their self-worth -- by the number of likes or comments they receive. Posting a photo or video can be problematic if teens are posting to validate their popularity.
- **Public photos are the default.** Photos and videos shared on Instagram are public unless privacy settings are adjusted. Hashtags and location information can make photos even more visible to communities beyond a teen's followers if his or her account is public.
- **Kids can send private messages.** Instagram Direct is like texting with photos or videos and you can do it with up to 15 mutual friends. These pictures don't show up on their public feeds. Although there's nothing wrong with group chats, kids may be more likely to share inappropriate stuff with their inner circles.

Musical.ly – Your Video Social Network is a performance- and video-sharing social network that mostly features teens lip-synching to famous songs but also includes some original songwriting and singing. Musers, as devoted users are called, can build up a following among friends or share posts publicly.

What parents need to know

- **Songs and videos contain lots of iffy content.** Because the platform features popular music and a mix of teen and adult users, swearing and sexual content are commonplace.
- **Gaining followers and fans feels important.** Teens want a public profile to get exposure and approval, and many are highly motivated to get more followers and likes for their videos.

MICROBLOGGING APPS AND SITES

Tumblr is like a cross between a blog and Twitter: It's a streaming scrapbook of text, photos, and/or video and audio clips. Users create and follow short blogs, or "tumblogs," that can be seen by anyone online (if they're made public). Many teens have tumblogs for personal use: sharing photos, videos, musings, and things they find funny with their friends.

What parents need to know

- **Porn is easy to find.** This online hangout is hip and creative but sometimes raunchy. Pornographic images and videos and depictions of violence, self-harm, drug use, and offensive language are easily searchable.
- **Privacy can be guarded but only through an awkward workaround.** The first profile a member creates is public and viewable by anyone on the internet. Members who desire full privacy have to create a *second* profile, which they're able to password-protect.
- **Posts are often copied and shared.** Reblogging on Tumblr is similar to re-tweeting: A post is reblogged from one tumblog to another. Many teens like -- and, in fact, want -- their posts to be reblogged.

Twitter is a microblogging tool that allows users to post brief, 140-character messages -- called "tweets" -- and follow other users' activities. It's not only for adults; teens like using it to share tidbits and keep up with news and celebrities.

What parents need to know

- **Public tweets are the norm for teens.** Though you can choose to keep your tweets private, most teens report having public accounts. Talk to your kids about what they post and how a post can spread far and fast.
- **Updates appear immediately.** Even though you can remove tweets, your followers can still read what you wrote until it's gone. This can get kids in trouble if they say something in the heat of the moment.

LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APPS

Houseparty - Group Video Chat is a way for groups of teens to connect via live video. Two to eight people can be in a chat together at the same time. If someone who's not a direct friend joins a chat, teens get an alert in case they want to leave the chat. You can also "lock" a chat so no one else can join.

What parents need to know

- **Users can take screenshots during a chat.** Teens like to think that what happens in a chat stays in a chat, but that's not necessarily the case. It's easy for someone to take a screenshot while in a chat and share it with whomever they want.
- **There's no moderator.** Part of the fun of live video is that anything can happen, but that can also be a problem. Unlike static posts that developers may review, live video chats are spontaneous, so it's impossible to predict what kids will see, especially if they're in chats with people they don't know well.

Live.ly - Live Video Streaming poses all the same risks that all live-streaming services do, so poor choices, oversharing, and chatting with strangers can be part of the package.

What parents need to know

- **It's associated with Musical.ly.** Because of the parent app's popularity, this streamer is all the rage, and "musers" (devoted Musical.ly listeners) have built-in accounts.
- **Privacy, safety, and creepiness are concerns.** Because teens are often broadcasting from their bedrooms to people they don't know, sometimes sharing phone numbers, and often performing for approval, there's the potential for trouble.

Live.me - Live Video Streaming allows kids to watch others and broadcast themselves live, earn currency from fans, and interact live with users without any control over who views their streams.

What parents need to know

- **Kids can easily see inappropriate content.** During our review, we saw broadcasters cursing and using racial slurs, scantily clad broadcasters, young teens answering sexually charged questions, and more.
- **Predatory comments are a concern.** Because anyone can communicate with broadcasters, there is the potential for viewers to request sexual pictures or performances or to contact them through other social means and send private images or messages.

YouNow: Broadcast, Chat, and Watch Live Video is an app that lets kids stream and watch live broadcasts. As they watch, they can comment or buy gold bars to give to other users. Ultimately, the goal is to get lots of viewers, start trending, and grow your fan base.

What parents need to know

- **Kids might make poor decisions to gain popularity.** Because it's live video, kids can do or say anything and can respond to requests from viewers -- in real time. Though there seems to be moderation around iffy content (kids complain about having accounts suspended "for nothing"), there's plenty of swearing and occasional sharing of

personal information with anonymous viewers.

- **Teens can share personal information, sometimes by accident.** Teens often broadcast from their bedrooms, which often have personal information visible, and they sometimes will share a phone number or an email address with viewers, not knowing who's really watching.
- **It's creepy.** Teens even broadcast themselves sleeping, which illustrates the urge to share all aspects of life, even intimate moments, publicly -- and potentially with strangers.

SELF-DESTRUCTING/SECRET APPS

Snapchat is a messaging app that lets users put a time limit on the pictures and videos they send before they disappear. Most teens use the app to share goofy or embarrassing photos without the risk of them going public. However, there are lots of opportunities to use it in other ways.

What parents need to know

- **It's a myth that Snapchats go away forever.** Data is data: Whenever an image is sent, it never truly goes away. (For example, the person on the receiving end can take a screenshot of the image before it disappears.) Snapchats can even be recovered. After a major hack in December 2013 and a settlement with the FTC, Snapchat has clarified its privacy policy, but teens should stay wary.
- **It can make sexting seem OK.** The seemingly risk-free messaging might encourage users to share pictures containing sexy images.
- **There's a lot of iffy, clicky content.** Snapchat's Discover feature offers a grab-bag of articles, videos, and quizzes from magazine publishers, TV networks, and online sources mostly about pop culture, celebrities, and relationships (a typical headline: "THIS is What Sex Does To Your Brain").

Whisper is a social "confessional" app that allows users to post whatever's on their minds, paired with an image. With all the emotions running through teens, anonymous outlets give them the freedom to share their feelings without fear of judgment.

What parents need to know

- **Whispers are often sexual in nature.** Some users use the app to try to hook up with people nearby, while others post "confessions" of desire. Lots of eye-catching, nearly nude pics accompany these shared secrets.
- **Content can be dark.** People normally don't confess sunshine and rainbows; common Whisper topics include insecurity, depression, substance abuse, and various lies told to employers and teachers.
- **Although it's anonymous to start, it may not stay that way.** The app encourages users to exchange personal information in the "Meet Up" section.

CHATTING, MEETING, AND DATING APPS AND SITES

Monkey -- Have Fun Chats. If you remember Chatroulette, where users could be randomly matched with strangers for a video chat, this is the modern version. Using Snapchat to connect, users have 10 seconds to live video-chat with strangers.

What parents need to know

- **Lots of teens are using it.** Because of the connection with Snapchat, plenty of teens are always available for a quick chat -- which often leads to connecting via Snapchat and continuing the conversation through that platform.
- **Teens can accept or reject a chat.** Before beginning a chat, users receive the stranger's age, gender, and location and can choose whether to be matched or not.

MeetMe: Chat and Meet New People. The name says it all. Although not marketed as a dating app, MeetMe does have a "Match" feature whereby users can "secretly admire" others, and its large user base means fast-paced communication and guaranteed attention.

What parents need to know

- **It's an open network.** Users can chat with whomever's online, as well as search locally, opening the door to potential trouble.
- **Lots of details are required.** First and last name, age, and ZIP code are requested at registration, or you can log in using a Facebook account. The app also asks permission to use location services on your teens' mobile devices, meaning they can find the closest matches wherever they go.

Omegle is a chat site that puts two strangers together in their choice of a text chat or a video chat. Being anonymous can be very attractive to teens, and Omegle provides a no-fuss way to make connections. Its "interest boxes" also let users filter potential chat partners by shared interests.

What parents need to know

- **Users get paired up with strangers.** That's the whole premise of the app. And there's no registration required.
- **This is *not* an app for kids and teens.** Omegle is filled with people searching for sexual chat. Some prefer to do so live. Others offer links to porn sites.
- **Language is a big issue.** Since the chats are anonymous, they're often much more explicit than those with identifiable users might be.

Yellow - Make new friends is an app that is often called the "Tinder for teens" because users swipe right or left to accept or reject the profiles of other users. If two people swipe right on each other, they can chat and hook up via Snapchat or Instagram.

What parents need to know

- **It's easy to lie about your age.** Even if you try to enter a birth date that indicates you're under 13, the app defaults to an acceptable age so you can create an account anyway.
- **You have to share your location and other personal information.** For the app to work, you need to let it "geotag" you. Also, there are no private profiles, so the only option is to allow anyone to find you.
- **It encourages contact with strangers.** As with Tinder, the whole point is to meet people. The difference with Yellow is that the endgame is sometimes just exchanging social media handles to connect there. Even if there's no offline contact, however, without age verification, teens are connecting with people they don't know who may be much older.

The bottom line for most of these tools? If teens are using them respectfully, appropriately, and with a little parental guidance, they should be fine. Take inventory of your kids' apps and review the best practices.

TV senior editor Polly Conway and former Common Sense Education writer Kelly Schryver contributed to this article.

What's new in fifth grade?

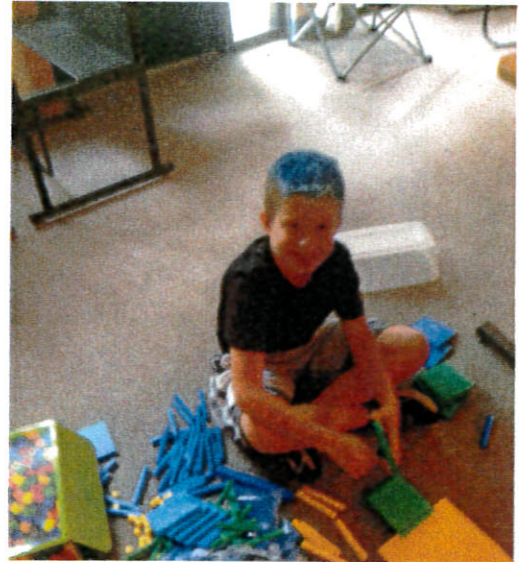


"I'm making animals out of shapes. Three, four, five and six sided shapes. There's multiple sides on the shapes." - Ella



"At the end when I'm done building I want to see how many "1 cubes" I used."
- Jonathan

"I'm making a house. The arrays are the math. There's going to be quite a few of those." - Rylee



Self Directed Exploration Time

Self-Directed Exploration is a time for student's to have independent choice, which guides their mathematics learning. If you were to observe students during an SDE time, you would see authentic curiosity, noticing and wondering, questioning and reflecting. It is a fun and engaging time where students are looking for patterns, making use of structures, and reasoning abstractly and quantitatively.

The rules are simple: 1) share the materials 2) No throwing 3) Don't mess up other's work 4) clean up your work.

Flexible Seating



Why do you choose the ball seats?
“...because it’s softer than the chair and makes me feel more comfortable, also I can move around more.” –Jordan R.



Do you like to read in the “Cozy Area?”
“Yes, you get pillows and it makes your head more comfortable.” - Colby



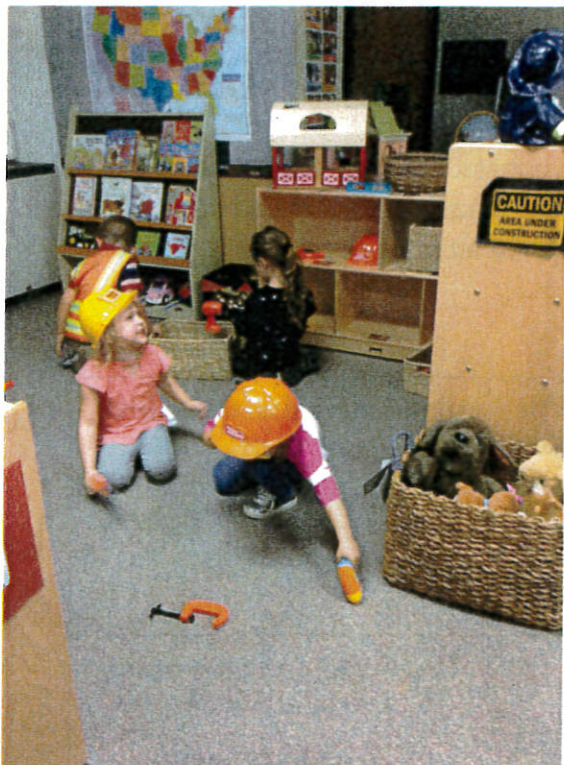
Why do you choose to read in the “Cozy Area?”
“... because its comfy and it’s fun to be reading somewhere else than your desk. It’s fun to be reading by the window. At your desk you have to sit up more and when it’s more comfortable it’s easier to focus.”
- Ella and Ally



“Sometimes when I’m sitting in a regular chair I need to move around a little, the ball chair allows me to do that.” - Trent

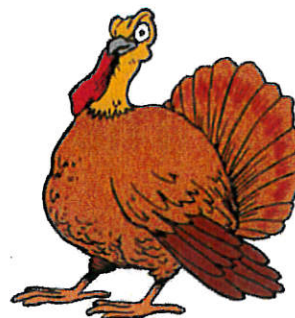
Brain research has shown that giving children the opportunity to move around the classroom, and choose from a variety of types of seating can enhance their learning. They benefit from the ability to sit, lie down, move, lean and find spaces that help them to focus and engage in their schoolwork. This year we’ve added many choices for flexible seating in the fifth grade classroom, including ball chairs, standing desks, leaning props and pillows. The students are doing a commendable job of identifying which choices support them best as learners, and using those objects in a way that boosts their ability to attend and focus on their work.

Open house in Preschool



SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

November 7th, 2017



Erving Elementary School Turkey Raffle

Erving Elementary School is
having a Turkey Raffle!!

Thanks to a generous donation from Don Mailloux, we will be raffling off 3-Gift Certificates for a 15 lb Turkey at Diemand Farm.

All proceeds from our raffle will help to support education activities at Erving Elementary.

Attached please find 6 raffle tickets for your convenience. Just fill out the tickets with the name and telephone number of the person buying the ticket and return them to the school with the money.

Please contact the school at 413-423-3326 if you would like additional tickets.

Please be sure tickets are returned to the school no later than: Thursday, November 2nd

Three winning tickets will be drawn on:
Friday, November 3rd

Thank you and good luck!!









Our next fundraiser is.....

The Art Room Recycles!

Please check your recycle bin and send in donations with your student. If you have something interesting that is not on the list, feel free to send that too. Our creative students can make good use of lots of stuff! There is a box for donations right outside the art room door. Thank you!

We love -->

 <p>BOXES (good quality, large or small)</p>	 <p>Cardboard Tubes</p>	<p>Interesting plastic debris</p> 
 <p>Plastic containers with lids</p>	<p>Old ice cube trays</p> 	<p>Calendars and magazines with neat pictures</p> 

Getting rid of stuff? Our wish list:

<p>Woodworking Tools (hammers, screwdrivers, drill, clamps, saws)</p> 	<p>Old digital cameras that work</p> 
<p>Woodworking Supplies (nails, screws, sandpaper, scrap wood)</p> 	<p>Art Books for our classroom library</p> 



FAMILY HIKE

Join us for a Family Ramble and Nature StoryWalk© *A Fairy Went a Marketing*. Led by "Ward of the Woods" aka Dawn Marvin Ward

Date: Sunday, October 8th, 2017

Time: 10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.

Location: Swift River School,
201 Wendell Road, New Salem

Bring the whole family to explore and share the joy of nature in our own 'backyard'. Dawn will guide us as we listen for the birds, look for the signs of creatures and welcome the autumn season. Spend time relaxing with family and friends on a casual ramble through the trails behind Swift River School.



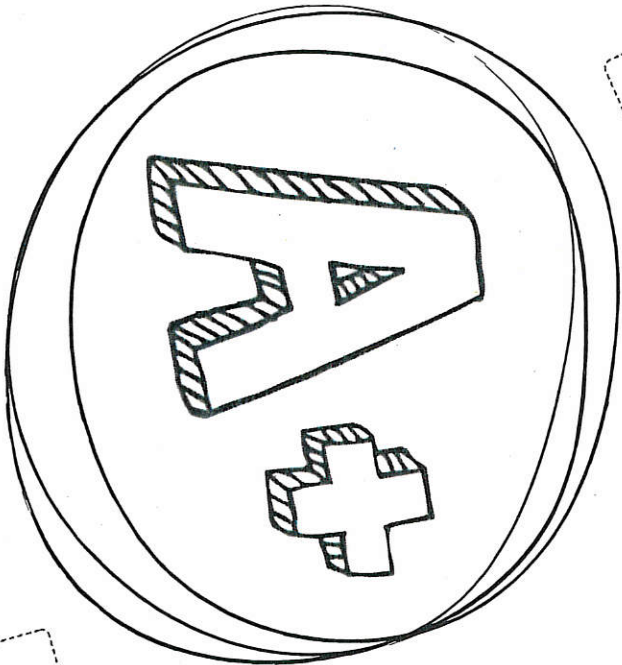
- Meet at the Swift River School parking lot for a gentle hike. Dress appropriately (closed toe, comfortable shoes; long pants) for an adventure on the trails in the woods, apply and bring sunblock/insect repellent.
- Back-packs/front-packs or wraps may be best for real little ones.
- Families may bring your own picnic lunch for after the walk. Picnic tables are available.
- CNC will provide a simple snack **AND a Fairy making craft!**
- Contact the CNC office if you have questions (978) 544-5157 or Budine@erving.com

We will be hiking in sunshine, clouds or drizzles, but if it is pouring rain we will cancel. Call the CNC office if you need directions or if weather is a concern and we will have a message to confirm the hike status.

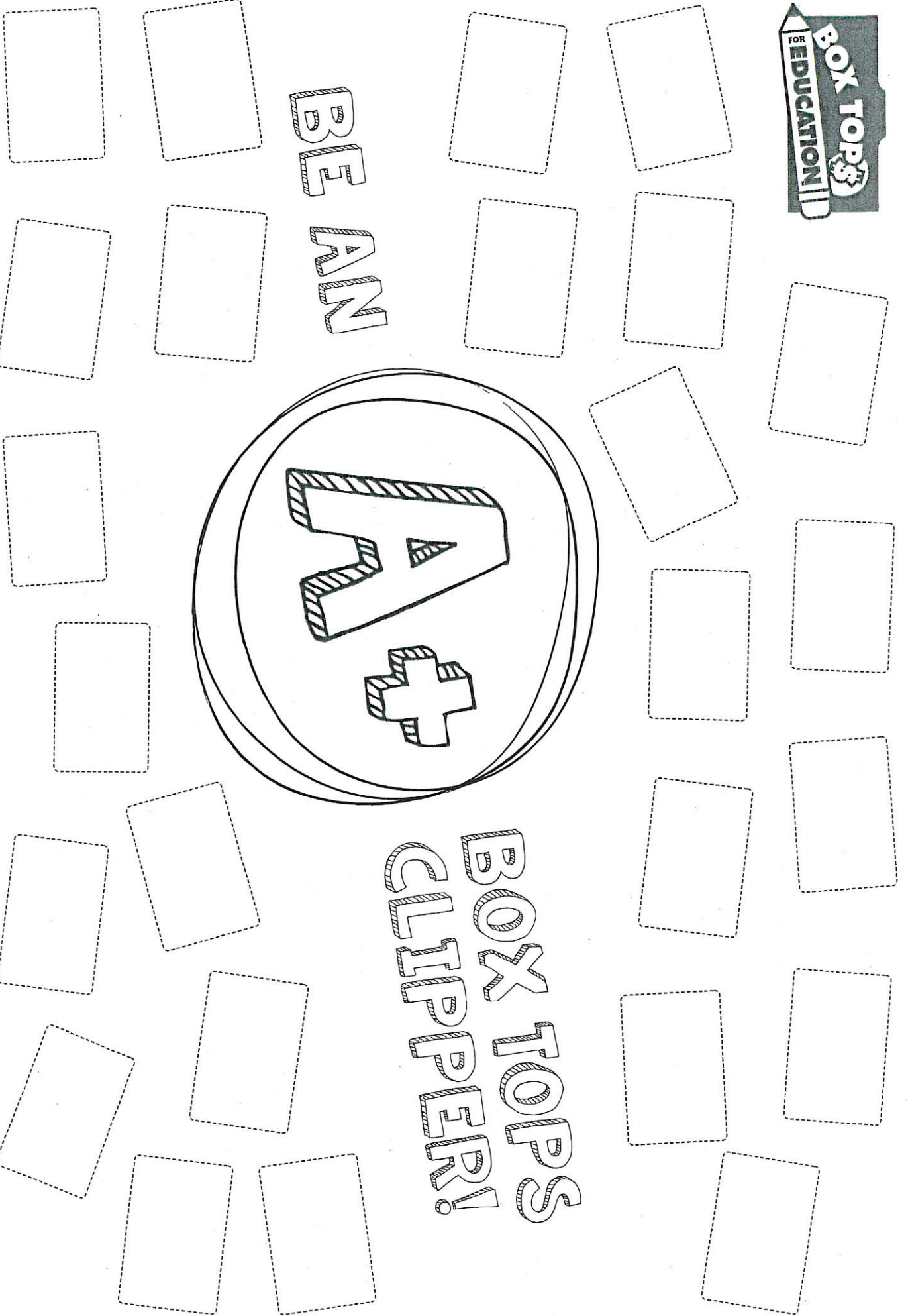
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100 Mile Club® Wednesday Afternoon Walking Club

Every Wednesday through November 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 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. New this year, students can be picked up at 2PM or 2:30PM. Students 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 October 11, 2017 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 choose a time)

Parent Signature:

