



Eagle Express

SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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ERVING, MA

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023



Tuesday, Sep 19
School Committee
Meeting
7 pm at EES

Monday, Oct 2
School Pictures

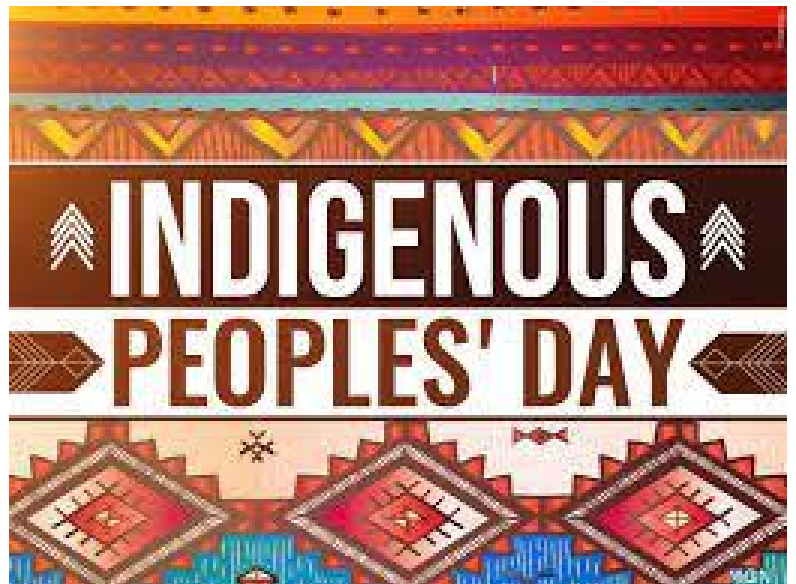


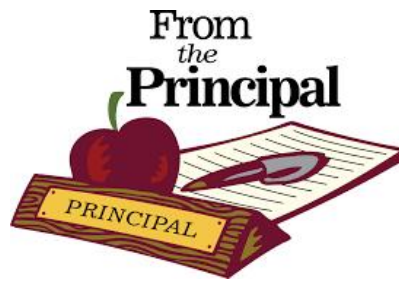
Wednesday, Oct 4
Open House
6-7 pm



Friday, Oct 6
Curriculum Day
No School for Students

Monday, Oct 9
Indigenous Peoples' Day
No School





Hello Erving Elementary Families!

We have reached the Friday of our first full week of school for the academic year 2023-2024! I have enjoyed meeting everyone in this remarkable school, especially the children. They are enthusiastic kids and the most significant contributors to what makes this a thriving school community. I have really loved meeting all of them. While I continue to become more familiar with the school, including its physical layout and daily routines, the pride of the staff and the students continues to show itself. I am beginning to get a more vivid sense of what is important to this school community as kids (and adults) tell me about the various traditions and celebrations in the school.

Families, of course, are a critical piece of any school community, and it is no different here in Erving. I encourage all of you to send me a note or even find a time to sit down with me so that I can learn more about you and your family and what's important to you. Getting to know everyone may be an impossible goal, but I will try. We will also try to put together a couple of Principal Coffees or informal get-togethers as an opportunity for people to drop by the school and chat about school things, perhaps starting next month.

The school is off to a great start; routines are being established and continued, and kids are falling back into the familiar rhythm of school and the joyful discovery that learning is in an elementary school!

Have a great weekend!

Cheers,
David Krane
Interim Principal





It's never too early (or late) for snowball fights! Preschool had a good time chasing me around the gym for half of it (watch it [HERE](#)), all 17 of them trying to hit me with snowballs. I love my job! There honestly is no better sound than children's joy and laughter and I get to hear that every day. Your children make my day five days a week. Thank you for sharing them. They also played Reindeer games, taking turns pulling a sleigh to grab gifts spread throughout the gym. We are having so much fun in PE!

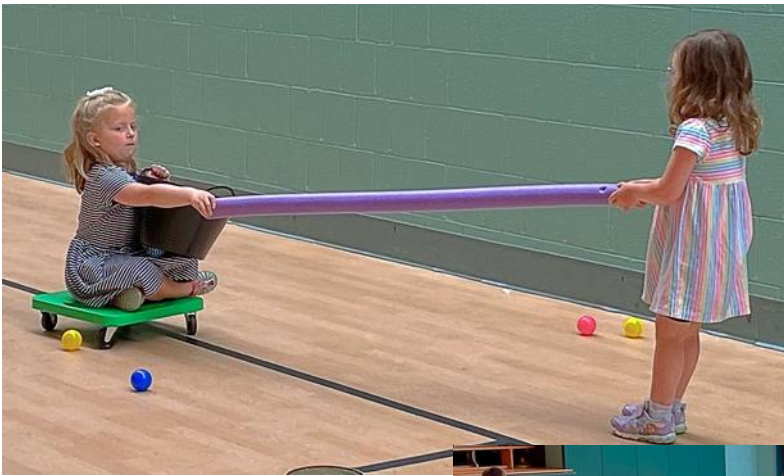
In Health classes, we've been talking a lot about kindness, being a good friend, and most recently, we've started discussing hygiene (with younger kiddos) and what that means. It's a big word for little ones to understand, but they have great ideas on how to keep themselves clean. I love my conversations with all of your kiddos in Health class. Sometimes we end up not completing what I have planned, but I never get upset about it because our conversations are so thoughtful and meaningful. As always, any questions or concerns, please reach out. Have a great weekend!



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Who's Who???

Meet the 6th Grade Class



AMBER ____



ANNA ____



MAGGIE ____



EMMA ____



COOPER ____



JANESSA ____



MARIA ____



BELLA ____



WESTON ____



ELLA ____



KENZIE ____



KALEB ____



HUNTER ____

Directions:

On the next page, students have given clues about who they are.

Can you match them with the correct clue?

Write the letter of the clue next to their name.

Compare your answers to the correct one later in the newsletter.

Who's Who? CLUES

- a) I LIKE VIDEO GAMES.
- b) I LIKE TO DO CHEERLEADING. I LIKE TO DRAW. I HAVE BLUE EYES. I LOVE TACOS.
- c) MY FAVORITE COLOR CHANGES. I AM A GIRL. I HAVE BROWN EYES AND BROWN HAIR. MY NAME STARTS WITH AN E.
- d) I LOVE ANIMALS. I AM A BLONDE GIRL.
- e) I LOVE CHRISTMAS AND HALLOWEEN
- f) I HAVE A BIG SMILE
- g) I ALMOST GOT STUCK ON A FLOODED ROAD YESTERDAY.
- h) I PLAY SPORTS
- i) I LOVE HORSES AND PIGS. I'M A GIRL.
- j) I KNOW A GOOD AMOUNT OF SIGN LANGUAGE AND I'M STILL LEARNING. I KNOW A BIT OF KOREAN BUT I STOPPED LEARNING.
- k) I AM A BOY AND I HAVE A LOT OF HUMOR.
- l) I DO GYMNASTICS, AND I CAN DO A ROUNDOFF BACKFLIP. I LOVE PINK.
- m) I WAS A TOP COOKIE SELLER IN MY GIRL SCOUT TROOP. I SOLD OVER 300 BOXES. I AM ALLERGIC TO THE COLD. I HAVE A BABYSITTING JOB AT A SCHOOL (HILLSIDE I THINK). I LIKE COOKING BAKING

Who's Who? ANSWERS

A. KALEB

B. KENZIE

C. EMMA

D. BELLA

E. MAGGIE

F. COOPER

G. MARIA

H. WESTIN

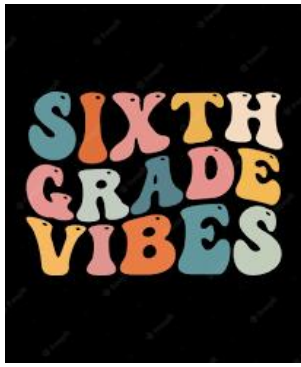
I. ANNA

J. AMBER

K. HUNTER

L. ELLA

M. JANESEA



Check out these photos of our 6th Grade Seniors helping out by unloading the mums for our fundraiser!







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Warm the Children

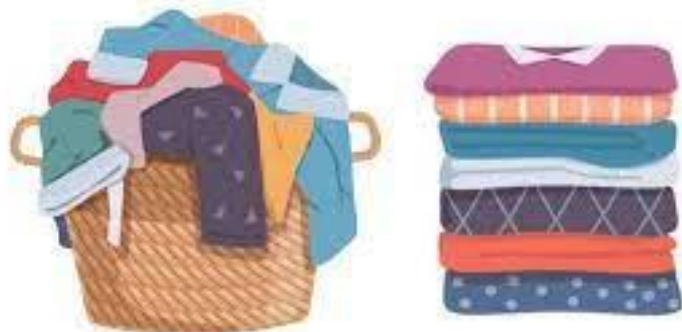
Are you worried that you may not be able to afford warm winter outdoor clothing for your children this year? Warm the Children may be able to help! They are currently accepting families for this year's Warm the Children campaign. Children do not need to be enrolled in school but must be 1 year of age but less than 13 years old as of September 1. You also cannot have signed up through another agency. Target gift cards will be distributed around the first week in October. Enrolled families will be given one gift card per eligible child.

If you are interested, please contact Gail Dubreuil, the school nurse no later than Friday morning, September 22. This is a hard deadline without wiggle room so please call (413) 423-3326, email: dubreuil@erving.com or send a Class Dojo message as soon as possible.



Accidents happen!

Accidents happen and children need a change of clothes for all sorts of reasons including milk spills, over-enthusiasm during art class, finding a puddle they couldn't resist walking through, and bathroom accidents. The health room has limited quantity and sizing of T-shirts and pants to help during these times. Please help by sending your student (even the older kids) with their own complete change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear and socks) for these occasions. Clothing will sit in their cubbies until needed. Your child will be much happier wearing their own, well-fitting clothing.



Want to be more involved at EES?

Join

P.I.E.E.

Partners **I**n **E**ducation at **E**rving (formerly EES PTO) is a great way to volunteer and the opportunities are endless!

- Fundraisers
- Community Events
- Staff Appreciation
- Cookie Exchange
- Bingo for Books
- and so much more.

Be on the lookout for more information on the first meeting of the year.

We look forward to seeing new faces and hearing your amazing ideas!

Email PIEE@erving.com with any questions.

Parents and Guardians, We Need Your Help!

Every successful school involves having parents connected to the school community.

Three Erving parents can play a very important part at EES.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council is a very important group of parents that work with community and school personnel throughout the year. EES would like to have three parents working on this council. Please see the list of responsibilities below.

School Council:

- Consists of the principal, parents, teachers, and community members
- Four main responsibilities:
 - Assist with the adoption of educational goals for the school that work with local educational policies and state standards
 - Identify the educational needs of the Erving students
 - Assist with implementation of school improvement plan
- New and current parents encouraged to participate; election of interested people held on the October PTO meeting
- Any interested community person who has no child in the school is welcome to join; contact the school at 423-3326
- Meeting dates and times determined by the newly formed council
- Terms of office discussed at the first meeting

Parents and community members who are invested in working to foster positive goals for the school are encouraged to consider the school council. If you are interested in a position on the school council, please complete the information below.

A school council comprised of dedicated individuals is a wonderful addition to the school community.

If you are interested, please contact Pat Winn, the administrative assistant by phone 413 423-3326, email: winn@erving.com, or send a Class Dojo message.

Thank you for your support.



Union 28 Community Network for Children Program September - December 2023

The Union #28 Community Network for Children program is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to the Union #28 Schools by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, Union 28 schools and donations from the community.



SEPTEMBER

Monday

Shutesbury
Tales & Tunes
@M.N. Spear
Memorial Library
@10am
11, 18, 25

Tuesday

New Salem Tales
& Tunes @ New
Salem Library
@10am
12, 19, 26

Wednesday

Wendell Library
Playgroup @10am
6, 13, 20, 27
Leverett Library
Playgroup
@10:30am
6, 13, 20, 27

Thursday

CNC Children's
Closet
8:00am-Noon
7, 14, 21, 28
PJ StoryTime @
Erving Public Library
6:00-6:45pm
14th

Friday



Saturday

Open Closet Day
10am-1:00- **9th**
Leverett
Erving Fall Fest-
visit the CNC
table!- **23rd**

Sunday

Visit the **Erving**
Public Library on
Sundays from
10-4!

OCTOBER

Shutesbury
Tales & Tunes
@M.N. Spear
Mem Library
@10am.
2nd

New Salem Tales
& Tunes @ New
Salem Library
@10am
3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Wendell Library
Playgroup @10am
4, 11, 18, 25
Leverett Library
Playgroup
@10:30am
4, 11, 18, 25

CNC Children's
Closet
8:00am-Noon
5, 12, 19, 26
PJ StoryTime @
Erving Public Library
6:00-6:45pm
12th

Shutesbury
Tales & Tunes @
Shutesbury
Elementary
School @9am
13, 20, 27

Visit the **Wendell**
Free Library on
Saturdays from
10-3!

Family Playtime
10:00-11:30
@Erving
Elementary
School
22nd

NOVEMBER



New Salem Tales
& Tunes @ New
Salem Library
@10am
7, 14, 21, 28

Wendell Library
Playgroup @10am
1, 8, 15, 29
Leverett Library
Playgroup
@10:30am
1, 8, 15, 29

CNC Children's
Closet
8:00am-Noon
2, 9, 16, 30
PJ StoryTime @
Erving Public Library
6:00-6:45pm
16th

Shutesbury
Tales & Tunes @
Shutesbury
Elementary School
@9am
3, 17

Visit the **Leverett**
Library on
Saturdays from
10-3!

Family Playtime
10:00-11:30
@Erving
Elementary
School
19th

DECEMBER

Visit the **M.N.
Spear Memorial**
Library on
Mondays from
11-1 and 3-6!

New Salem Tales
& Tunes @ New
Salem Library
@10am
5, 12, 19

Wendell Library
Playgroup @10am
6, 13, 20
Leverett Library
Playgroup
@10:30am
6, 13, 20

CNC Children's
Closet
8:00am-Noon
7, 14, 21

Shutesbury
Tales & Tunes @
Shutesbury
Elementary
School @9am
1, 8, 15, 22

Visit the **New**
Salem Library on
Saturdays from
10-2!

Family Playtime
10:00-11:30
@Erving
Elementary
School
17th

M.N. Spear
Memorial Library
10 Cooleyville Rd
Shutesbury

New Salem Library
23 S Main St
New Salem

Leverett Library
75 Montague Rd
Leverett
Wendell Library
7 Wendell Depot
Rd Wendell

Children's Closet
4 Montague Rd,
Leverett
Erving Public
Library
2 Care Drive, Erving

Shutesbury
Elementary School
23 W Pelham Rd
Shutesbury

We love our local
libraries!

Erving Elementary
School
28 Northfield Rd
Erving



QR Code
Registration

Contact the Community Network for Children. 413-422-0170 call/text
budine@erving.com Most programs are drop-in with registration optional. Special events marked with an * require registration.
<https://form.jotform.com/212215759871158>

Please note: Ongoing programs may not occur during school vacations or holidays. Please check the schedule!
If inclement weather is a concern, contact CNC, check Facebook or the CNC Website for info.



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PJ STORYTIME

WITH U28 COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN

2nd Thursdays*
6-6:45 pm:

September 14: Dinosaurs After Dark
October 12: Elephant, Piggie & Pigeon Too!
November 16: Pete the Cat and friends
January 11: Hurry, Hurry Drive the Fire Truck
February 8: Let It Snow
March 14: Teddy Bear Picnic

Registration
requested for
planning
purposes



*except for November
due to the holiday

Use QR Code to Register or
[https://form.jotform.com/
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Come join us in your favorite
pajamas for an evening storytime!
Young children and their families are
welcome! Story themed-activities
sponsored by CNC.



Contact the Erving Public Library or
CNC at budine@erving.com with any questions

THE UNION #28 COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM IS FUNDED BY THE COORDINATED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (CFCE) GRANT AWARDED TO THE UNION #28 SCHOOLS BY THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE, AND DONATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY.



Families in Nature with the Hitchcock Center

Interactive, in-person family program providing inquiry based environmental and outdoor education for small groups to explore nature in the fall. Each session includes movement, song, nature exploration and a story book with a focus on learning from nature. Program best for children 2 - 6 years of age with an adult.

Katie Koerten, Educator at the Hitchcock Center will be facilitating the programs.

This program will include 3 sessions:

****REGISTRATION REQUIRED- Group size limited.**

Registration link: <https://form.jotform.com/212215759871158>

Wednesdays, 1:30pm

We will meet at the Quabbin Overlook, BEHIND the New Salem Fire Station at 33 South Main St, New Salem. FOLLOW the signs!

- September 13th, Colors of Nature
- October 18th, Squirrel Stories
- November 1st, You Are A Raccoon!



Contact Gillian @ CNC with any questions 413-422-0170 (call/text)

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Hitchcock Center
EDUCATION FOR A HEALTHY PLANET

