

# EAGLE EXPRESS

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## January

### Monday January 18

No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed

### Tuesday, January 19

School Council Meeting 3:20pm  
School Committee Meeting 7:00pm

### Wednesday, January 20

"Savings Makes Cents"

### Thursday, January 21

All School Sing 2:30pm

## **Inclement Weather**

Please see attached information for inclement weather and school closing information.

## **Before School Program Starting in February!**

Erving Elementary School is pleased to announce that its Before School Program will be starting on **February 3rd**. The Before School Program will run on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:30-8:30 am and will end with the free breakfast. Cost: \$5 per student per day.

Get your kids off to a great start to their day! Be on the look out for more information that will be sent home with students next week.

Please contact Stephanie Mitchell at [mitchell@erving.com](mailto:mitchell@erving.com) with any questions.



## **The Six Flags Read-to-Succeed program returns to EES for any interested families!**

Any student in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade can earn a free *Six Flags* ticket for summer 2016, simply by reading six extra hours for the next six weeks--(this translates to ten extra minutes a day) from January 13 until February 26.

Watch for more information and reading logs coming home next week!

## **Strep Throat Alert!**

We have, over the last several weeks, had many positive cases of strep throat across all of the grades. Please watch for signs of strep throat in your child: sore throat, headache, upset stomach, fever, and swollen and tender neck glands. The throat usually appears beefy red and children complain of having difficulty swallowing – even liquids.

If your child develops a sore throat with any of the other signs mentioned above (especially in the absence of cold symptoms), please see your primary care physician for evaluation. If they test positive, please call the school. Children will need to remain at home for a full 24 hours after starting on antibiotics since strep throat is highly contagious.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Dubreuil, the school nurse or your child's physician.

# News from the Principal's Desk

***Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,***

As we embark on the second half of the school year, I am excited to hear that many of our students have set themselves exciting school-based goals. Please take a moment to ask your child what their (New Year) goal is. You may find that their goal is tied to one of the following study tips:



**Start a habit.** Encourage your child to treat studying as a daily assignment, not just something (he/she) does the evening before a test. For example, he might study 15 minutes every night for a spelling test on Friday. After he finishes his regular homework, he can spend a little time reviewing his notes and handouts.

**Tackle textbooks.** When your child has a chapter to study, have him "preview" it to increase his understanding. He should glance over headings, graphics, and photos and go to the glossary to look up boldfaced words. *Tip:* If he finds a section hard to grasp, he could read a picture book on the topic. For a science unit on matter, for instance, he could try *What Is the World Made Of?* By Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld.

**Mix it up.** If your child reviews information in several ways, he'll be more likely to remember it. He might use colored pencils to copy each spelling word or math fact onto a separate index card. Then, he can shuffle the cards and study them in a different order each time. For extra reinforcement, suggest that he spell each word or recite each fact aloud.

**Reading to comprehend.** (Summarizing). Summarizing requires students to determine what is important in what they are reading and to put it into their own words. For example: Identify or generate main ideas. Connect the main or central ideas. Eliminate unnecessary information. Remember what they read.

On behalf of the students and staff, I would like to thank all Erving Elementary School Families for generously supporting the many PTO initiatives and fundraisers held over the course of the year. Our pace of life seems to move along at such a rate that we sometimes forget to stop and recall the many wonderful things our PTO support. PTO fundraising contributes to assemblies, field trips and in-school activities for Erving students to enjoy throughout the school year. I would like to share some of the activities that have occurred as a result of PTO fundraising:

- Family Craft and Fun Nights
- Original Works (art projects)
- Field Trips
- Family BBQ's
- T' Shirts for students
- Funding in-school presenters
- New basketball hoops for early childhood programs

Your PTO relies on the voluntary support of parents and guardians. Please consider stopping by a future meeting to discover some of the many way you can help out. Many hands certainly make light work as far as getting the jobs done. Our next PTO meeting will be on February 9 at 6pm. Dinner is provided!

Have a relaxing weekend.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Trill'.

Jim Trill  
Principal

# News From Preschool

## Mrs. Glabach, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Lapointe

### Are You Taller Than An Emperor Penguin?



Ask one of the preschoolers if they are as tall as an Emperor Penguin. The preschoolers are practicing their measuring skills using colored cubes. We have been reading lots of non-fiction stories about penguins. Did you know there are 17 types of penguins?

After reading the book *Annie's And The Wild Animals* by Jan Brett the children took fresh baked corn cakes outside to the forest and left them for the birds and wild animals.



On "Forest Friday" when we visit the woods out back of the school, the children will be looking for animal and bird tracks to chart the different types of animals/birds that are visiting or living in the woods!



# Erving Elementary School Preschool Registration

Erving Elementary School is beginning to register preschoolers for the 2016-2017 school year.

If you have a child who will be either 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2016 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 4, 2016.

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 Mackensey Bailey, Early Childhood Coordinator, at [bailey@erving.com](mailto:bailey@erving.com)

## News from After School

Happy New Year! 2016 is off to a great start with lots of wonderful new activities in the pipeline. Below are some of the great things we have planned...

**Monday, 1/18:** No School--Enjoy the Holiday!

**Tuesday, 1/19:** Make Your Own Edible Slime

**Wednesday, 1/20:** Indoor Hockey

**Thursday, 1/21:** Craft Stick Bracelets and Pencil Holders

**Friday, 1/22:** Football / Spa Day - You Choose!

### Looking ahead....

**Monday, 1/25:** Cooking Class with Rita Dubay\* from Freight House Antiques Cafe

**Tuesday, 1/26:** Make Your Own Magic Foaming Snowman

**Wednesday, 1/27:** Winter-Themed Scavenger Hunt

**Thursday, 1/28:** Make Your Own Kool-Aid Playdough

**Friday, 1/29:** Pajama Day! Wear Your Most Comfy Pajamas to After School!

Please note that the activities above will run from approximately 4-5 pm, with the exception of Wednesdays. All other time is reserved for free play.

### Reminder:

Please be sure your student has snacks and is prepared for outdoor play.



Rita Dubay

\*Rita Dubay formally on the front cover of *Cooks Country Magazine-September issue*, and will also be on an upcoming segment of *Americas Test Kitchen-* in October

I've lived in Erving for 25 years; have six children, two of which are graduates of Erving Elementary School. I also have two grandchildren, Rocky who is 8 and Helanna 9 and attends EES. I own Freight House Antiques and Lunch Counter with my husband Jeff.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

### WHO IS WATCHING THE WEATHER?

The Superintendent and school administrators carefully watch the weather conditions during the snow season.

### WHERE DO THEY GET THEIR INFORMATION?

Our school district staff listens to the weather forecasts. The Superintendent of Schools and Town Road Superintendent test the road conditions on our bus routes. We also contact the local police about road conditions. We must give careful consideration to the most dangerous bus routes in the district. So, even if it looks clear on your street, dangerous conditions may exist in other parts of our district.

### WHAT FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED WHEN MAKING THE DECISION TO CLOSE SCHOOL?

The safety of all district children is our primary concern in making our decision. In deciding whether children will be safe, we look at the following factors:

- Information on road conditions from the town's superintendent of roads and from the police, including whether roads are icy
- Time snow starts and the amount of snow
- Weather predictions
- Building conditions (e.g. whether we have power and heat)
- Parking lot conditions
- Temperature and wind-chill

### WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the final decision, based on the above factors and recommendations from the road crews and police.

### WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

The Superintendent must make the decision at the earliest possible time so that radio and TV stations can be notified.

### HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

Radio is the official medium for notifying all students and parents as to whether or not schools are closed because of weather conditions. Tune to the following stations for up-to-date information on school closings. Do not call the school unless it has an emergency weather extension.

WHA1 (98.3 fm) - Greenfield

WPVQ (95.3 fm) - Greenfield

WJDF (97.3 fm) - Orange

WGAW (1340 am)(wgaw1340.com) - Gardner

WHMP (96.9 fm) & WRSI (93.9 fm) Northampton

KIX (100.9 fm) - Springfield

WWLP Channel 22 -www.wwlp.com

WGGB Channel 40 - www.wggb.com

NECN [www.necn.com/weather/school-closings](http://www.necn.com/weather/school-closings)

### WHAT IS THE PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY?

The safety of your child is first and foremost! The Union #28 school district covers an enormous amount of geography with many terrain variations. Conditions can change suddenly. **On days of questionable weather, you are empowered as a parent to make decisions on what is best for your child.**

# The Erving Recreation Commission

— *presents* —



# MOVIE NIGHT

First Friday's of the month

Feb 5, March 4, April 1 @ 6:30 pm

Erving Recreation Center, 18 Pleasant Street

FREE ADMISSION!!

Parents & Children (no drop offs)

Snacks Provided

\*contact [rec@erving-ma.org](mailto:rec@erving-ma.org) for movie selection up to one week prior



ERVING RECREATION

# SNOWTUBING OUTING

**10am  
to noon**

## FEB 17 BERKSHIRE EAST

\$12 per person is due by February 10th  
Submit payment with name and contact info  
in the EES drop box or at Town Hall.  
Make checks to the Erving Rec Comm  
questions: [rec@erving-ma.org](mailto:rec@erving-ma.org)

All riders must be at least  
42" to participate!  
No tandem riders!



NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT



# Union #28 Family Café Nights for Families of Children with Special Needs

2015-2016 Schedule

Co-Sponsored by the *Erving School Union #28 Special Education Parent Advisory Council* and *Community Network for Children Program*



## Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm

- September 23 – Erving Elementary
- October 21 – Leverett Elementary
- November 18 – Erving Elementary
- January 20 – Leverett Elementary
- February 24 – Erving Elementary
- March 16 – Leverett Elementary
- May 18 – Erving Elementary

## Come Join Us!

We are offering a parent facilitated group for all parents/guardians living in Erving, Leverett, New Salem, Shutesbury and Wendell who would like support in managing day to day with their young children. Does your child have a diagnosed or un-diagnosed special need? Do you find it challenging to find someone you can talk to who understands what you are going through? Take part in discussions and get connected!

This group will be designed to focus around the needs of the child/family in the home environment. We will connect to provide informational resources and emotional support and networking. Families with children not yet in school and in elementary school are welcome.

If you have questions please use the following Union #28 Contacts:

- o SEPAC Parent Contact, Erica Wise [spryngtree@yahoo.com](mailto:spryngtree@yahoo.com) / 413-367-9771
- o CNC Program Coordinator, Gillian Budine [Budine@erving.com](mailto:Budine@erving.com) / 978-544-5157
- o Director of Student Support Services, Prudence Marsh [marsh@erving.com](mailto:marsh@erving.com) / 413-423-3331

## Preregistration required if child care is needed.

Please contact Gillian, CNC Coordinator, at 978-544-5157 with the following information:

- Name and phone #
- If you need child care (MUST respond with the following info if you are using child care)
  - o Age(s) of child(ren), # of child(ren), if there are special considerations for child care. We try our best, but at times may not be able to meet all needs due to staffing.

Supported with funds from the CFCE grant through the Department of Early Education and Care and the Union #28 Special Education Parent Advisory Council.



# Union #28 Schools Community Network for Children **PROGRAM SCHEDULE** September 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Call 978-544-5157 for more info or find us on

All programs suitable for newborns through preschool age.

Combination of free play, music, movement, books, and nursery rhymes at all programs!

Come join us!

	<b>MONDAY</b> <b>Shutesbury</b> <b>TALES &amp; TUNES</b> 9:30 to 11:00am Katie T.	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>New Salem</b> <b>PLAYGROUP</b> 8:45 to 10:15am Emily J.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Erving</b> <b>PLAYGROUP</b> 10:00 to 11:30am Emily J.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Wendell</b> <b>PLAYGROUP</b> 10:00 to 11:30am Sylvia W.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Leverett</b> <b>TALES &amp; TUNES</b> 10:30 to 12:00am Heleen C.	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>Shutesbury</b> <b>PLAYGROUP</b> 9:00-10:30am Gillian & Joie	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Erving</b> <b>Family</b> <b>Playtime</b> 10:00-11:30 Gillian & Joie
SEPT	14, 21, 28	15, 22, 29	16, 23, 30	9, 16, 23, 30	9, 16, 23, 30	18, 25	20
OCT	5, 19, 26	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 21, 28	7, 14, 21, 28	7, 14, 21, 28	2, 9, 16, 30	18
NOV	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	3, 10, 17, 24	4, 18	4, 18	4, 18	6, 13, 20	22
DEC	7, 14, 21	1, 8, 15, 22	2, 9, 16	2, 9, 16	2, 9, 16	NONE	13
JAN	4, 11, 25	5, 12, 19, 26	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	8, 15, 22, 29	24
FEB	1, 8, 22, 29	2, 9, 23	3, 10, 24	3, 10, 17, 24	3, 10, 17, 24	5, 12, 26	28
MARCH	7, 14, 21, 28	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	4, 11, 18, 25	20
APRIL	4, 11, 25	5, 12, 26	27	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	1, 8, 15, 29	10
MAY	2, 9, 16, 23	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	4, 11, 18, 25	4, 11, 18, 25	4, 11, 18, 25	13, 20, 27	22
JUNE	6, 13, 20, 27	7	1, 8	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	NONE	5
	<b>M.N. Spear</b> <b>Memorial</b> <b>Library</b> 10 Cooleyville Rd Shutesbury, MA 413-259-1213	<b>Swift River</b> <b>School</b> 201 Wendell Road New Salem, MA 978-544-5157 (CNC Office #)	<b>Erving</b> <b>Elementary</b> <b>School</b> 28 Northfield Road Erving, MA 413-423-3326	<b>Wendell Library</b> 7 Wendell Depot Rd Wendell, MA 978-544-3559	<b>Leverett Library</b> 75 Montague Road Leverett, MA 413-548-9220	<b>Shutesbury</b> <b>Elementary</b> <b>School</b> 23 West Pelham Road Shutesbury, MA 413-259-1212	

Please note: Ongoing programs may not occur during school vacations or holidays. Please check the schedule. If inclement weather is a concern, call the CNC office for message update, check Facebook for the CNC Website for more information.

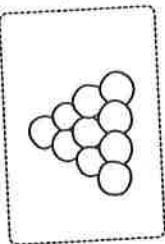
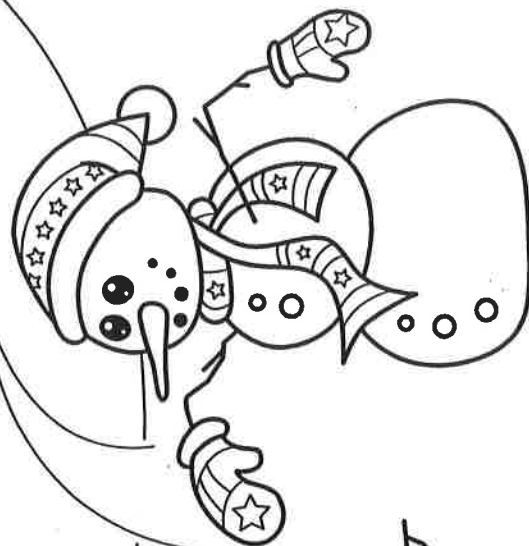
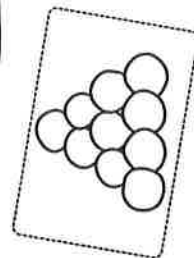
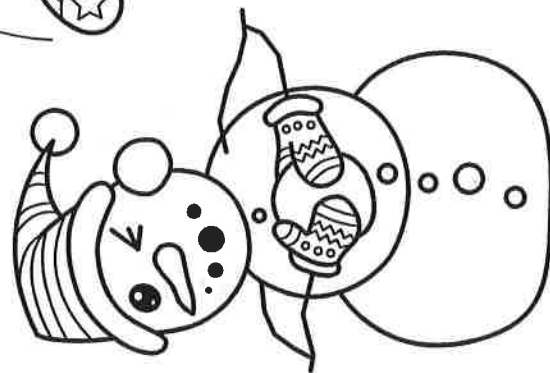
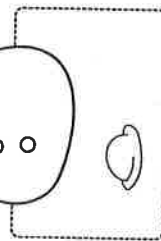
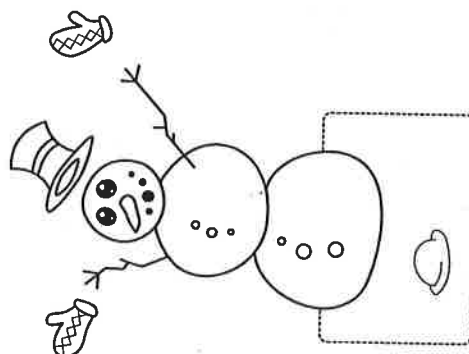
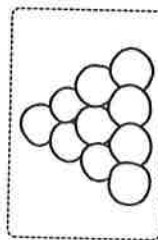
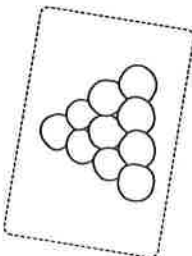
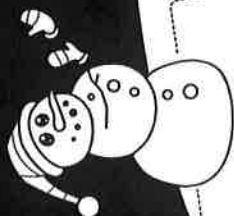


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8/14/2015

# HOORAY FOR SNOW DAYS!



Paste in a flurry of Box Tops and earn cash for your school!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

