

# EAGLE EXPRESS

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## April

### Friday, April 15

Dance Off 6:30-8:30pm

### Monday, April 18-22

No School – Spring Break

### Sunday, April 24

History Detectives Erving Public Library  
2:00-4:00pm

### Tuesday, April 26

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

## 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Block Printed Cards

Original Art Work by our 6<sup>th</sup> graders:  
Block Printed Cards are now on sale in  
the school lobby. Cards & envelopes are  
\$2.00

All sales of these beautiful & unique  
cards go towards the 6<sup>th</sup> grade's spring  
trip to New York

## Changes to Erving Playgroup Schedule:

Please note there are changes to the Erving  
playgroup schedule in April.

There will be no playgroup at Erving Elementary  
School on April 6th, 13th, and 20th.

Please visit the CNC calendar here for more  
information

<https://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren/home>

## News from After School

After School would like to congratulate all of the  
students and staff who did such a fantastic job with  
the school play--what a great show!!

This week was such a blast with treasure chests, a  
visit from Officer Loynd, a pizza party and much,  
much more!

Here's what's coming up for the week after  
vacation:

**Monday, 4/25:** Four-Square Tournament

**Tuesday, 4/26:** Growing Gummy Bears  
Experiment

**Wednesday, 4/27:** Springtime Scavenger Hunt  
(weather permitting)

**Thursday, 4/28:** Fun with Stencils

**Friday, 4/29:** Perler Bead Art

AND...(drum roll, please!).... Starting in May, Mr.  
Gaetano will be coming to After School to host a  
special 4-week Sports Clinic!! This program is  
open to ALL EES students! Please see the special  
flyer in this newsletter and return your registration  
form today!

Have a safe and happy vacation!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Read-A-Thon

Fourth grade will be having a Read-A-Thon  
to support the National Braille Press.  
Donations would be greatly appreciated.  
There will be a donation jar in the front  
lobby.



# News from the Principal's Desk

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

I am sure we all felt the same pride watching the all-school performance of *The Twelve Dancing Princesses*. The play was yet another of those special moments, when the stars were aligned and the (black) lights shone brightly on the talents of our incredible children. In Erving, we are so very fortunate to have a rich and varied pool of opportunities for our students to excel and realize their potential. The hard work and dedication demonstrated by each and every student reflected that same commitment by the staff/instructors, mentors, and of course you their parents, guardians, and grandparents. The 'Erving Elementary School Play' is a rite of passage in the truest sense of what a community event should be. It is recognized by all as one of those requisites we should always strive to provide. As one parent put it "My child would never have this kind of opportunity at another school!" Thank you Ms. B.C. for your leadership, and dedication to the arts. Thank you Mr. G. and Nita Chase for your involvement and the many hours dedicated to putting on the show! Our appreciation to Rosemary Mathey, Emily Samuels, Jane Urban, Steve Chapman, Kelly Trinke, Matt Kolodziej, Chris Miller, Ben Rubin, Allison Graichen and Tom Smith for your critical roles in support of the music, lights and staging. Mama said that this play would be remembered as one of the best musical experiences to be reviewed in the Valley. As Maria (Mama) says "Mama is always right!"

It is great to witness our grade 4 students looking beyond the walls of Erving to demonstrate the power of making a difference in the lives of others. The grade 4 students and staff are leading a fund drive to generate sufficient funds that will enable the National Braille Press to print additional books for the blind. The students have studied the alphabet of dots (braille) and have noted the various areas of our school building where braille is located. The fourth grade class was excited to learn that the National Braille Press is located here in Massachusetts. They were also very interested in how books for the blind are made. Through various discussions, the class has elected to hold a read-a-thon to raise money for the National Braille Press.

The National Braille Press supports a lifetime of opportunity for blind children through braille literacy, and provides access to information that empowers blind people to actively engage in work, family, and community affairs. A non-profit braille publisher, National Braille Press promotes literacy for blind children through outreach programs and provides access to information by producing information in braille for blind children and adults. National Braille Press is the premier braille publisher in the US specializing in producing original braille works written by blind authors expressly for blind people. Mrs. Nuttelman has been in contact with Joe Quintanilla, Vice-President of *Development and Major Gifts*, at the National Braille Press. He was impressed that our fourth grade students were willing to raise money for their non-sighted peers. Mr. Quintanilla has invited the class to tour the facility, which is located in Boston. The students, accompanied by many of the grade 4 parents, will present their donation from our read-a-thon to the National Braille Press "in person" on Friday, May 13, 2016.

Thank you to our PTO for stepping in to support our students through offering 'Mother's Day' hanging baskets for sale at a discounted price. Please take this opportunity to order these baskets and send along the accompanying order form when school re-opens on Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>.

In the coming weeks our PTO will be announcing some exciting organizational changes for next year. There will be many creative and motivating opportunities for all Erving families to become actively involved in their child's education.

Thank you for your incredible support, and as always your positive encouragement. Travel safe and enjoy a wonderful vacation week. ☺

Sincerely,

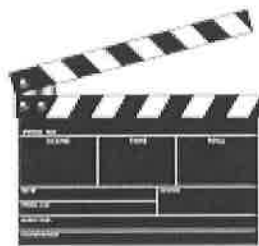


Jim Trill  
Principal



# *The Twelve Dancing Princesses*









**“The Wonderful Learners” in second grade have been extremely busy learning about our world and some interesting animals that live in it. Check out our class blog and enjoy our many photos that have captured our hard work together.**

- 1. Go to the Erving Elementary website.**
- 2. Click on the “Students” drop down menu.**
- 3. Scroll down to Student Links.**
- 4. Click on “Erving Elementary Second Grade Blog”.**
- 5. Share a smile about what you see! 😊**

**Be looking outside our classroom for our fantastic animal reports coming in May!**

# DANCE OFF



AT THE

*Erving Elementary School*



Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
From 6:30 – 8:30 pm

## **Fun For All!**

## *Prizes Awarded*

Sponsored by the Erving PTO

# StORY Stars

with Rae Griffiths of Teaching Creatures

A unique story time program for young children which  
includes specially selected children's books and the  
presentation of  
**REAL, LIVE animal stars... a Hedgehog and Dutch Rabbits!**

**New Salem Library**

**Thursday, April 21st, 2016**

**10:00-11:00am**

**School vacation week.**

**Bring the family!**



**Contact CNC at 978-544-5157**

**Budine@erving.com if questions.**

**No registration required.**

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