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Tuesday, December 8
PTO Meeting 6:15pm

Thursday, December 10
PTO Craft Night 5:00-7:00

Tuesday, December 15
School Council Meeting 3:20
School Committee Meeting 7:00

Wednesday, December 16
"Savings Makes Cents"

Wednesday, December 23
Holiday Concert & Cookie Exchange 11:10

Thursday, December 24-January 1
Holiday Recess- No School

Special Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 23
Holiday Concert and Cookie
Exchange
11:10-1:15

Laini the Library Lion says



ROARRRR
**Ms. Urban really
Needs some help
in the Library!**

If there is anyone who is available
Tuesday or Thursday afternoons
and would like to volunteer in
the library, please contact me:

423-3326 ext. 103 or

urban@erving.com

even if you only have an extra
hour, I could use the help with
some very simple tasks!

Superintendent, Jennifer Haggerty
visits preschool and reads
Mr. Willoby's Christmas Tree
By: Robert Barry



News from the Principal's Desk

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

Our school is fortunate to have enthusiastic volunteers who give their time to support the library, in addition to other areas of the school. I would like to take a moment to thank the many wonderful volunteers that helped make our Thanksgiving dinner such a success for all. On behalf of the students and staff I would like to recognize: Deb Emmett, Tina Johnson, Sachiko Butler, Raechelle Sloan, Alison Rollins, Rachel Renaud, Michael Henry, Ruth Ann Thurber, Jolynn Novak, Charlene McDonough, Sarah Cyhowski, Keri Bastarache, Tracey Saharceski, and Paula and Gary Betters. Thank you also to Donna LaClaire and Yvonne Johnson who prepared the scrumptious meal for all in attendance, and, Lorie Flaherty who did a wonderful job coordinating parent and staff volunteer efforts.



Students representing the Turners Falls High School Football Team recently paid a couple of visits to Erving Elementary School to read to our students. Coach Chris Lapointe was the architect of this program. The team spent a number of hours visiting classes from preschool to grade 5, and it was clear to see how powerful it was to have older role models reading alongside younger audiences. Our students were so impressed with the students, not just for their reading abilities, but also their appearance, wearing collar, ties, and their uniforms. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Chris for leading an activity that strengthens the connections between our two

schools. Coincidentally, next week Turners Falls Principal Annie Leonard will be welcomed to Erving Elementary School as we continue our goal to build collegial relationships between our staff and communities. There are many wonderful opportunities to explore as we endeavor to provide our grade 6 students with a safe, positive transition to Great Falls Middle School.



On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of attending our 5th grade parent education math evening. It was great to see the parents share some time on learning with their children. Parent feedback and questions were extremely valuable for us to hear. Parents were keen to discover how we are preparing their child to become deep, critical thinkers about math. Over the coming weeks we will begin a series of articles about math at Erving Elementary School. Please take some time to review these articles as we move forward on incorporating parent education evenings into our monthly schedule. Let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend and week ahead.

Sincerely,


Jim Trill
Principal

Donations Still Needed



Help the 6th Grade Get to New York City

The Holiday Bazaar, sponsored by the 6th Grade, is fast approaching. They are still in need of donations of gently used and new household items, toys, books, etc. Please drop off donations in the school lobby – near the Christmas tree – until December 14th.

All Erving Elementary students will have the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for their families at the bazaar on December 16th and 18th. The date of your child's visit to the bazaar will be sent home soon. On that notice will be an area to list those family members your child will shop for. Sixth-grade students will assist shoppers find items for people on their list. Items will be \$.25 and up.

Thank you for your support!





TAKE A TAG, BUY A GIFT, HELP A FAMILY



The EES PTO is once again joining forces with the EES staff and helping families in need this holiday season. There is a tree in the lobby with tags on it for items we will be collecting. Please pick a tag, purchase the item and return it *unwrapped* to EES. If you would like to donate a gift and are unable to come into the school to pick a mitten off of the tree one of our teachers will pick one for you and send it home with your child. **All items must be returned on December 14th.** Once collected, the items will be delivered to those who need it. Items range in size and price...please help where you can and help us provide holiday cheer to some families this season.



Cookies Needed For our Annual Cookie Exchange



**We would like to invite you to our annual
Holiday Concert and Cookie Exchange.**

Erving Elementary School - December 23 at 11:10

All students kindergarten - 6th grade will perform
in the Holiday Concert.

Following the concert, our cookie exchange will take place, and our
students and guests can participate.

Hundreds of homemade cookies are donated by our families, and
staff. What a sight it is to see! Because of this everyone can take
home a special treat.

Please cut and return.

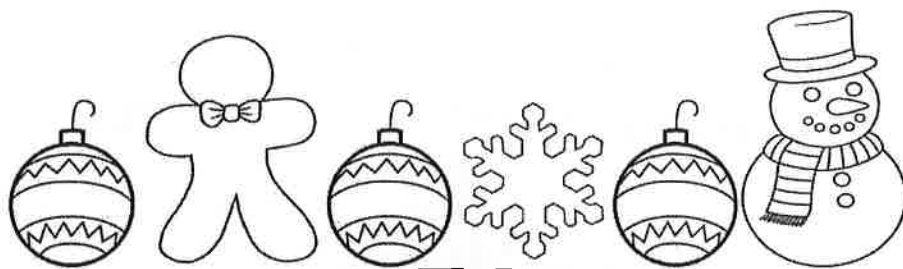
COOKIE EXCHANGE DONATION

We are asking for each family to donate two-dozen homemade
cookies for our celebration

YES- my family will donate two-dozen homemade cookies for the
cookie exchange on December 23.

Family Name

Please return the slip by Friday, December 18th



P T O FREE FAMILY FUN CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for a fun night making holiday inspired
crafts!

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10TH, 5-7:00 PM

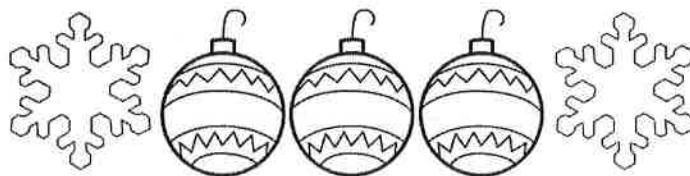
EES CAFETERIA

All materials provided free!

Dinner will also be served.

Bring a friend and enjoy a night of fun and crafting.

Free pizza dinner to be served!



Erving Eagles Basketball Sign-Ups

Ongoing Now through December 7th by 3:15!

(note time and date change)



Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade – Instructional

3rd and 4th Grade Boys and Girls Teams

5th and 6th Grade Boys and Girls Teams

\$25 per child

Fill out the registration form and drop it off with payment in the Rec Box in the School Lobby, the Rec Center on 18 Pleasant Street, or the Rec Drop Box at Town Hall. Final registration forms are due by December 7th.

*practices start later in December, and are generally on weekday evenings at the Elementary School. Games are played on Saturday mornings.

Print off additional forms here: <http://www.erving-ma.org/forms/68-recreation-commission>

Sponsored by the Erving Recreation Commission

** No child shall be allowed to practice or play games until sign-up fees or any other outstanding fees are paid.**

Erving Recreation Commission Child Registration Form

Player _____ D.O.B. & Age _____ Grade _____

Program: (circle) baseball softball soccer basketball

Parent(s) _____

Home # _____ Mom cell # _____ Dad cell # _____

Best number to contact: (circle) home mom cell dad cell

Can receive texts: mom yes no dad yes no Email address _____

Alternate emergency contact name & number _____

Does your child have an allergies? _____

Does your child take any medications _____

Release and Waiver of Liability:

I the undersigned would like my child to participate in the above named program and believe my child is physically able to participate in this activity. I understand that there are risks of injury in participation of activities of this type, and I assume these risks for my child, including the risk of transportation to and from this activity. I agree that the Town of Erving and its agents or employees are released from any and all liability for any injury to my child or to any other person as a result of injury to my child. I understand that the legal effect of this release is to enable the Town of Erving, its agents or employees to avoid any lawsuit for injuries to my child.

I understand that I will be responsible for the transportation of my child to and from practice and games, whether it be by me, by someone else, or I allow my child to walk.

Code of Conduct:

I the undersigned confirm that I have received a copy of the players' and parents' codes of conduct. We will abide by these codes of conduct and expect others to do the same to ensure a positive experience for all.

Can Erving Rec. place a group or individual photo of your child on its website. (circle) YES NO

I have carefully read and understand this agreement _____ Date _____

Uniforms:

Shirt & Pants Size: Youth Small _____ Youth Medium _____ Youth Large _____ Adult Small _____

Adult Medium _____ Adult Large _____ Adult X-Large _____ Adult XX-L _____

Hat Size: Child _____ Adult _____

* Hats and pants only for baseball and softball.

please join the Erving Recreation Commission for

Breakfast WITH SANTA

DECEMBER *twelfth*

ERVING SENIOR &
Community Center

drop in **9**AM *to* **11**AM
from

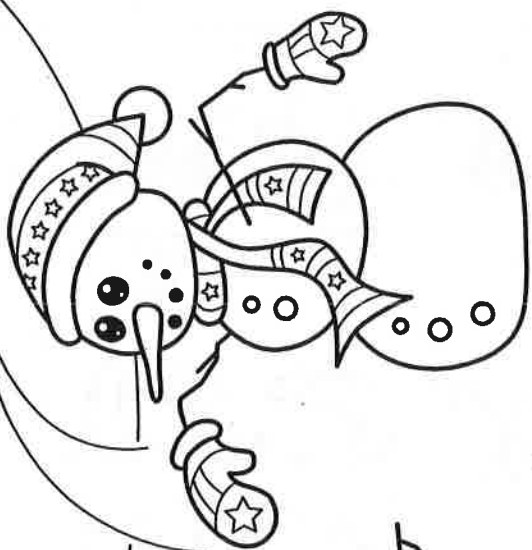
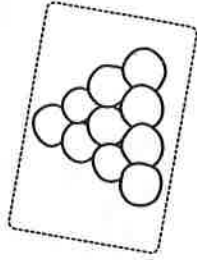
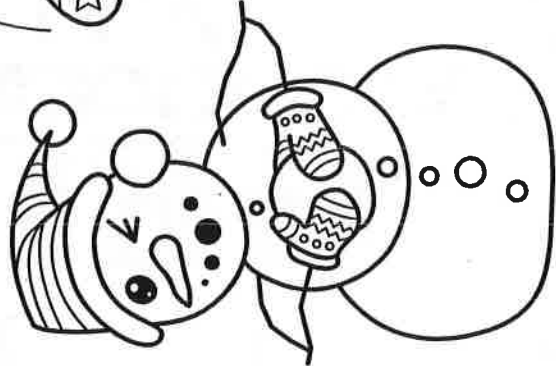
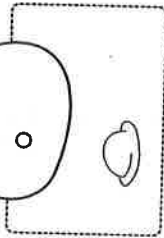
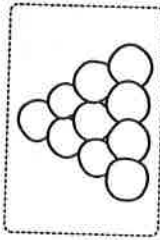
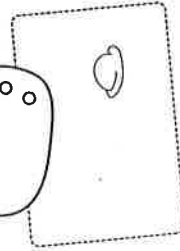
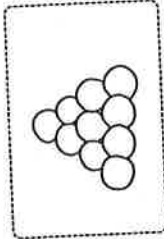
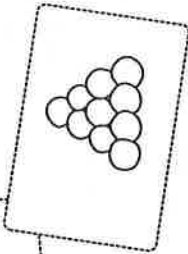
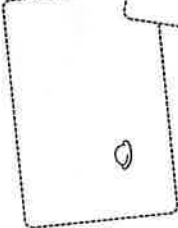
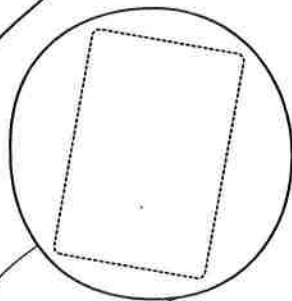
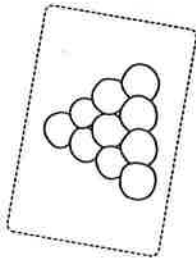
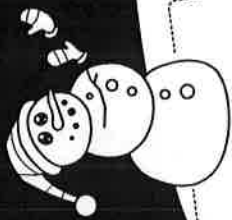
PANCAKES

hot cocoa

PICTURES

Your donation will support
Erving Families in need!!

HOORAY FOR SNOW DAYS!



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

NAME _____
 GRADE _____
 TEACHER'S NAME _____