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Upcoming in February

Tuesday, February 9

PTO Meeting 6:15

Monday, February 15-19

Winter Break No School

Monday, February 22

End of 2nd Trimester

Thursday, February 25

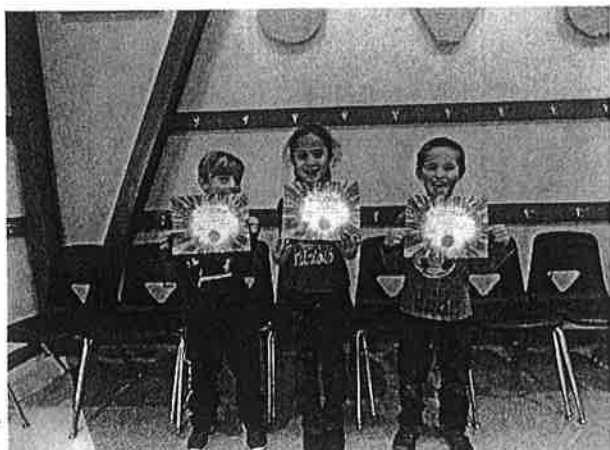
All School Sing 2:30

Reminder From the Cafeteria

During the days that we have inclement weather and there is a 2 hour delay, the cafeteria will not serve breakfast.

All School Sing “Making a Difference Awards”

Congratulations to
Cameron, Jaylice, and Noah



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

Any student in Kindergarten through 6th 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!

News From Afterschool

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 7:30-8:35 am in the gym and will end with the free breakfast. Cost: \$5 per student per day.

Get your kids off to a great start to their day and sign them up today!

Please contact Stephanie Mitchell at mitchell@erving.com with any questions.

News from the Principal's Desk

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

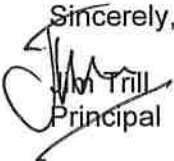
As we continue our journey through this intriguing winter season glimpses of spring begin to catch our attention. Rehearsals for the spring school play are moving along nicely, led by Ms. B.C. and Mr. Gaetano. Without giving too much away, this tale of the 1920's promises to have you dancing in the aisles! Preparation is also in the works for our 6th grade field trip to New York City. Mr. Burnett has planned a wonderful visit to the Big Apple. P.T.O. is planning a Dr. Seuss event at the community center, and Ms. Urban has engaged the services of a local poet. Stay tuned for more information.

I am excited to see our After School Academy in full swing. The S.T.E.M. focused program incorporates problem-based learning activities, in which students take on open-ended challenges to solve real-world problems of interest to them (for instance, building robots to handle automated activities), and develop 21st century skills such as collaboration, innovation and creativity. The program is an opportunity for our students to experience work that more closely aligns with what they will experience in college and the workforce. Our expectation is that as our program grows, so innovation happens, bringing together students who share a love of exploration.

At our All-School-Sing on Thursday, students, staff and visiting parents recalled the struggles for freedom experienced by all people living here in the United States, honoring the life of Martin Luther King Jr. through music. Noah K., Cameron J., and Jaylice G., were also recognized for their part in 'Making a Difference' in the lives of others. It is wonderful to see that our students have the courage to step up and help others in need. I am sure there are plenty more acts of support around our community that you would like us to recognize. We are happy to recognize any adults living in Erving who 'Make a Difference' in the lives of others. Please drop us a note explaining who should be recognized, and what for.

The big games are this weekend – Go Patriots!!

Sincerely,


Principal





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



Spring Mini Kickers 5/7/2016 - 6/11/2016 Veterans Field

Erving Recreation is pleased to announce the arrival of the Challenger Sports Mini Kickers Spring 2016. Come and join the FUN, interact with Challengers British coaching staff and become Mini Kicker for life.

Mini Kickers is an innovative program that introduces 3–6 year olds to the basic skills of soccer. Mini Kickers will be offered every Saturday, for 6 weeks throughout the Spring and each session lasts an hour.

Our Curriculum provides an innovative approach to learning that allows children to explore and learn in a relaxed environment.

The curriculum develops social, physical, and emotional skills through the medium of Soccer.

For More Info Visit: <https://challenger.mycustomevent.com/ShoppingCart.aspx?com=detailview&iid=83944>



Erving Rec British Soccer Camp 7/18/2016 - 7/22/2016 Erving Elementary School

Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp is the most popular soccer camp in the country based upon one of the most innovative approaches to coaching youth soccer in the US and Canada. Our experienced staff study the game at all levels and we have identified the key techniques and skills that your players need to work on and master to reach their true potential.

With programs for each age, the curriculum includes a variety of foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, freestyle soccer, small-sided games, coached scrimmages, and a mini tournament play. Players also learn about our core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship and leadership.

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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

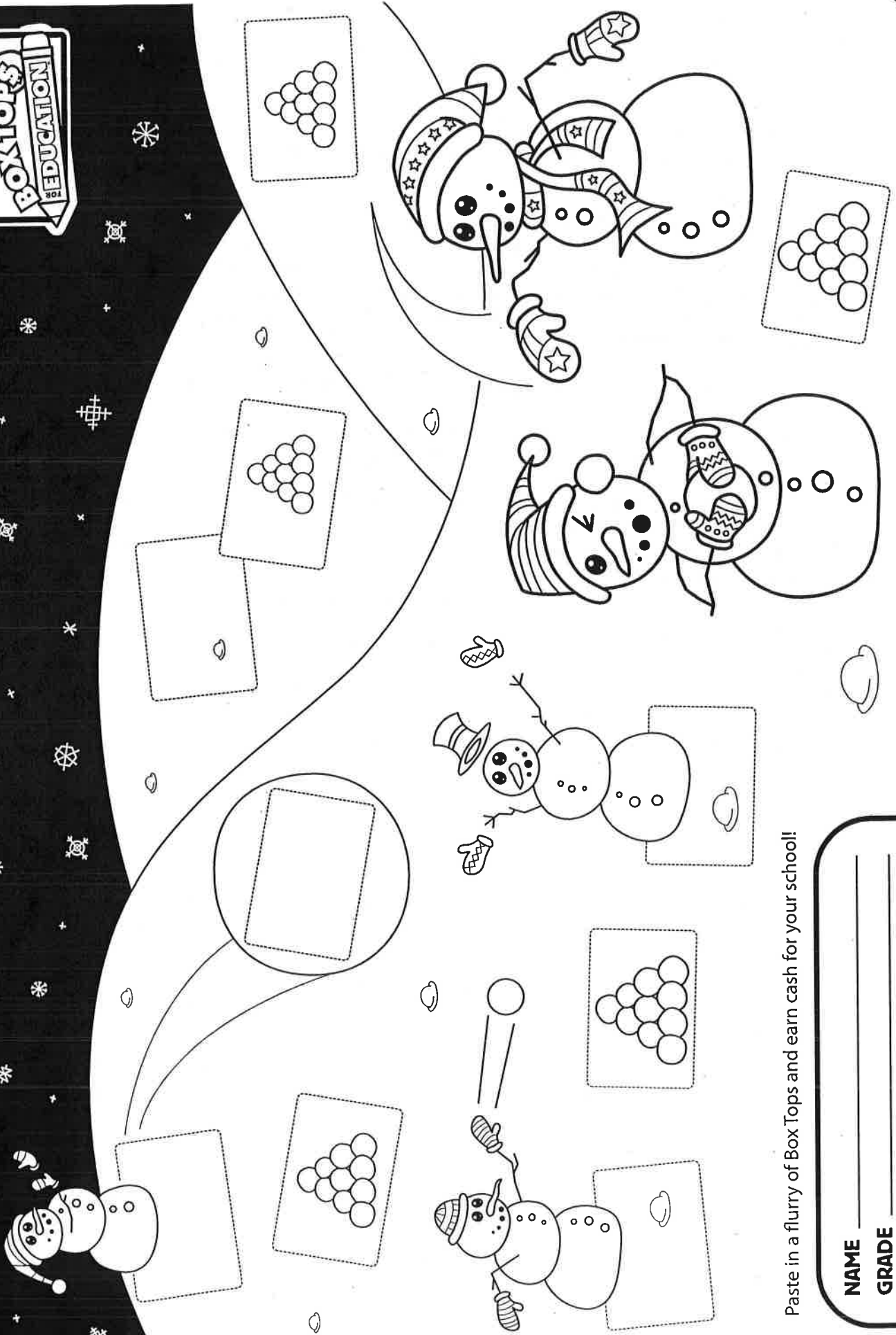
NECN www.necn.com/weather/school-closings

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.**



HOORAY FOR SNOW DAYS!



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

NAME _____
GRADE _____
TEACHER'S NAME _____