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Upcoming in April

Tuesday, March 22
School Council Meeting 3:20pm

Tuesday, April 12
PTO Meeting 6:15-8:00pm

Wednesday, April 13
All School Play 10:00am & 7:00pm

Friday, April 15
Dance Off 6:30-8:30pm

Monday, April 18-22
No School – Spring Break

6th graders Block Printed Cards

Original Art Work by our 6th graders:
Block Printed Cards are now on sale in the school lobby. Cards & envelope are \$2.00
All sales of these beautiful & unique cards go towards the 6th grade's spring trip to New York



Google Apps for Education

Please read the important information inside.



Congratulations to Gillian Budine!



On Wednesday, March 9, our Community Network for Children Coordinator, Gillian Budine, was presented with the 2016 Brain Builder Award from the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley and the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

Gillian was one of six recipients chosen out of over 100 program coordinators in the state. Brain Building in Progress has organized nearly 100 Coordinated Family and Community Engagement networks across the Commonwealth who work to support children's brain development and help raise awareness of the importance of high-quality early education opportunities in ensuring all children enter school ready to learn and succeed.

We congratulate Gillian for this success, and thank her for her ongoing efforts to provide our community with outstanding early education programming.

News from After School

****THANK YOU!!!****

After School would like to extend a GIANT THANK YOU to everyone who generously donated to and participated in the Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser. Our amazing After School students raised almost \$600 AND had a blast bowling! All proceeds went into the After School general fund.

Prizes went to:

Weston : Highest amount of pledges
Leeanna : Second highest amount of pledges
Ethan : Highest Score of Game 1 of bowling
Madsion : Highest Score of Game 2 of bowling

Way to go, Everybody!!!

Here's what's coming up for next week:

Monday, 3/21: Marshmallow Catapults

Tuesday, 3/22: Paper Cord Figures

Wednesday, 3/23: Special Guest: Erving Police

Thursday, 3/24: Noodle Art

Friday, 3/25: Pom Pom Drop

After School would also like to give a huge shout out to Mrs. Chase for donating such wonderful art supplies that allow us to expand our Arts & Crafts projects and bring the beauty and wonder of art to each and every After School student! Thank you!

Please remember... With the warmer weather on its way, students need to stay hydrated during outdoor play. Be sure to send your child to After School with a water bottle, plenty of snacks, and sunscreen if needed (for the longer days). We like to be outside as much as possible!

Thank you!

Erving Eagles Baseball & Softball

New Sign up and pay online!!!

Cost \$25.00

T ball Beginner ages 4+

Rookie Baseball - Grades 1 & 2

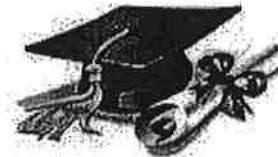
Minors Baseball - Grades 3 & 4

Majors Baseball - Grades 5 & 6

Girls Softball- Grades 3 - 6



Forms and payment can be put in the Rec box at EES or Erving Town Hall



Scholarship Opportunities Erving Teachers' Association Erving PTO

The Erving Teachers' Association and the Erving PTO are pleased to announce two scholarship opportunities. Students need only submit one application to be considered for both awards.

Applications are available at the Erving Elementary School office, at your high school guidance office, or can be downloaded from the erving.com website.

Completed applications must be mailed to Erving Elementary School by Friday, April 22, 2016

News from the Principal's Desk

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

Walk the hallways at Erving Elementary School and you will clearly see and feel why traditions are so critical to the success of our school. On St. Patrick's Day, our whole school had the opportunity to join in what has quickly become a worldwide tradition. Celebrating the Green! Everywhere you looked there seemed to be a person donned in green regalia. Whether you have Irish in your blood, or just wanted to have a good time with friends, the atmosphere at EES was filled with laughter, singing, and a bucket filled of good wishes. We had a lot of fun during All-School Sing with Miss B.C. leading us in a few Irish tunes. I promised the students I would share the image of our sign-a-long with a few schools from my parent's hometown of Galway.



As technology moves towards the future, Erving Elementary School (EES) has been granted the privilege of having Google Apps For Education (GAFE). Most schools have already switched to GAFE or are in the process of implementing GAFE from Grades K through 12. GAFE is a free, web-based office suite of applications including: word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, draw, forms, and calendar programs. To prepare for the school-wide launch of GAFE in the 2016-2017 school year, our current Grade 5 and Grade 6 students will pilot the program this spring.

GAFE is a more efficient way for students to store their work and be able to share and collaborate with teachers and other students. Documents are stored safely and securely on Google servers. Students are able to access their work using any Mac, PC, or portable tablet device. All student work is saved on the fly so students do not have to worry about saving, or the risk of losing work if they forget to save or have their computer crash. GAFE maintains continuous data backups and are safe from any hard drive crashes or loss of data.

Access to the student GAFE accounts are tightly managed by the school. Each student is provided with an @erving.com email as their account login. GAFE is a closed system so students are not allowed to send and receive any emails or any other communications outside of the school system. Our management of these accounts complies with CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) and the Erving Elementary School Acceptable Use Policy.

We ask all parents/guardians of our 5th and 6th grade have their child login to their GAFE account and give you a tour of the apps and the work they have done so far. EES teachers and staff have been using GAFE for a year now as part of our teaching collaboration and communication.

Please feel free to contact Tom Smith - Director of Technology should you have any questions, twsmith@erving.com

Have a wonderful weekend. ☺

Sincerely,

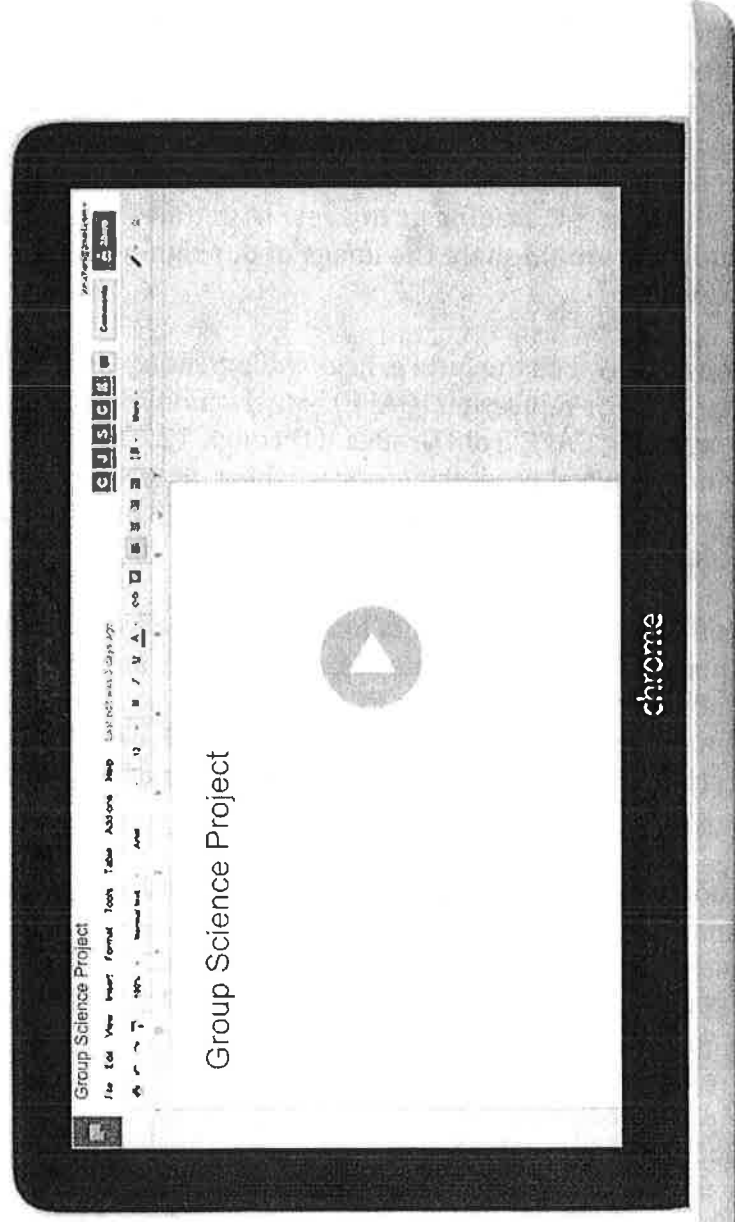


Jim Trill
Principal

Save time and stay connected

Google Apps for Education:

A Suite of Free Productivity Tools for Classroom Collaboration



Completely free

Google Apps for Education is free for schools with 24/7 support at no cost. Never any ads, and your data is yours.

Easy collaboration

Create, share, and edit files in real-time. Everyone is on the same page, and that page is automatically stored in the cloud.

Use on any device

Enjoy a consistent experience from any computer, tablet, or phone. Work anywhere and anytime you want to.

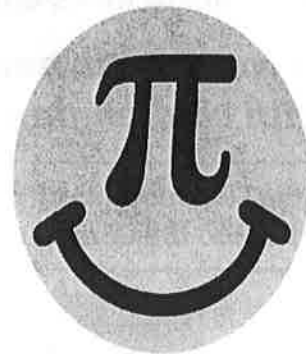
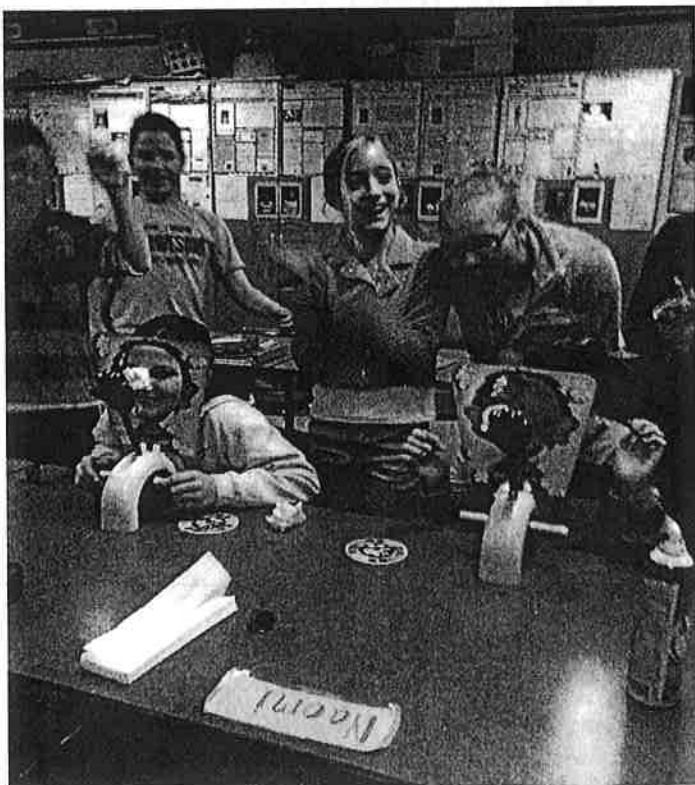
HAPPY π DAY!

March 14th is National Pi Day. Pi is the 16th letter of the Greek alphabet. It looks like this: π . It is used to find the area and perimeter of circles. It represents a constant - the ratio between circumference of a circle and its diameter. Pi is an irrational number, meaning it goes on and on forever and never ends. It is typically known as the value of 3.14. We can look at months in words, like March 14, 2016, or we can look at it in an abbreviated form, like 3/14/16. So, the connection to making March 14th Pi Day is because Pi's value is 3.14. It was made an official day by the U.S. Congress in 2009.

The sixth-grade celebrated Pi day after working on the concepts of circumference (perimeter) and area of circles. We celebrated this illustrious day by reading about the adventures of Sir Cumference and his son, Radius. We enjoyed many types of pies (thank you parents and guardians!!), and played Pie Face. The fifth graders were our special guests for the festivities. Arianna was our Pie Face champion, Levin was the fifth-grade Pie Face champion, and Mr. Burnett sliced Mrs. DeSorgher to take the teacher championship. (Sometimes the world does seem to work correctly. ☺)

Happy Pi day to one and all!

Arianna narrowly defeating Skye in the final Pie-Off.



The Union #28 Community Network for Children Program is hosting:

POSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR FAMILIES!

Presented by Sarah Patton, LICSW, HHC



6 Sessions:

TUESDAYS

5:30 Dinner

6:00-7:30 Workshop

March 15th, 22nd, 29th

April 5, 12, 26th (please
note no session on April
19th)

ALL WELCOME!

Positive Solutions for families: Parents/Grandparents/Families/Caregivers:

- Would you like your child/ren to feel competent and confident in themselves and with others?
- Are you looking for strategies to help your child/ren learn how to manage their emotions & to follow directions and communicate more effectively?
- ***Do you want some new ideas to deal with challenging behavior?***

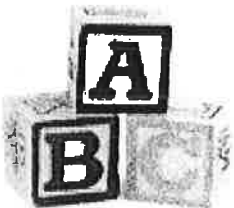
**6 Part Workshop series with
incentives if you attend at least 5
evenings!**

FREE Dinner and Child Care if needed
for participants who **pre-register**.

Where: Erving Elementary School,
28 Northfield Road, Erving

REGISTER with Community Network for
Children at **978-544-5157** or
budine@erving.com

Funded by the Departments of Early Education and Care, and Elementary and Secondary Education and Donations to the Community Network for Children Program a CFCE Grant funded Program.



Building BLOCKs
Building Better Longitudinal
Outcomes for Children in pre-K
Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)





News from Laini the Library Lion

HISTORY DETECTIVES COMING TO ERVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 29 6:30-7:30 pm

**especially geared for students
in grades 3 and up!**



**Come find out how to uncover clues
about your family's history
and Erving's history. You'll even
learn how to make a family tree.
Sara Campbell and Shari Strahan
will show you how to find
information from old documents,
photos and public records.**

**Kids must come with an adult, so
it's a "Team Effort"**



*This program is sponsored by Erving Elem. School and
funded by the Mass. Cultural Council through the
Erving Cultural Council*

DANCE OFF



AT THE

Erving Elementary School



Friday, April 15th
From 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Fun For All!

Prizes Awarded

Sponsored by the Erving PTO

GREAT FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

a community of grade 6-8 learners where every student is empowered for continuous learning, active citizenship and personal fulfillment

invites families of students going into 6th or 7th grade to attend our

Prospective Families Open House

Monday, March 28th -- 5:30-6:30 pm

Meet the principal, take a building tour and learn about our:

- Strong academics including Connected Math Program, literature-based ELA instruction, hands-on Science curriculum, and teachers trained in Keys to Literacy
- Diverse related arts offerings including classes in Physical Education, Health, Art, Band, Chorus, Reading, Math Applications, Drama and Spanish
- Developmental Designs model for community building and social-emotional skills development

Check out our website at gfms.gmrsl.org and our school Facebook page.

If you are interested in learning more about our school but unable to attend, please call the main office at 863-7300.

224 TURNPIKE ROAD

MONTAGUE, MASSACHUSETTS 01351

Principal: Annie Leonard

Assistant Principal: Earl McGraw

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March 1, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians of students interested in attending Pioneer,

I am writing to invite you to consider Pioneer Valley Regional School for your student. We currently have 88 students choosing to attend Pioneer from outside our district. I believe that these students have made a positive contribution to our school community. I also think that we have a great deal to offer your student.

Pioneer is an ideal size for a secondary school. We are small enough to get to know every student well and big enough to offer rigorous academic programs and a wide range of electives. We have a middle school program to create a smooth transition from elementary school to middle school. Our middle school core academic teachers work on teams to meet students' social and emotional needs as well as their academic goals. Also, we limit the size of each incoming class so that we can keep class sizes small.

We have a rich high school program including strong academics with small classes and a diverse elective program including art, music, business, technology, health and wellness classes. In addition, we have many extra-curricular clubs and activities for students as well as an exceptional athletics program.

We have planned an evening meeting on **Thursday, April 7th, at 6:30** for families considering Pioneer to visit the school, learn more about us, and take a tour of the building. On **Tuesday, April 26th, from 12:15 to 2:30** we will have a visit for Erving students interested in joining us next year in 7th grade.

I want to make sure you have the information you need to make the best decision for your student. Please take a look at our web site to learn more about us. On the web site you can see our Core Values, read the Program of Studies, and read the recent newsletter to learn more about our school. If you would like copies of these documents, feel free to call the main office, and we will mail them to you. If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us. The guidance office is always willing to answer your questions and help you understand our programs and school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mike Duprey'.

Mike Duprey
Interim Principal



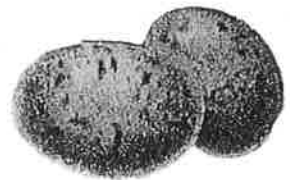
Please join the Erving Recreation Commission for an
EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA
with the Easter Bunny



SATURDAY
MARCH 19TH

9-12
A.M.

ERVING
Recreation
CENTER



18 Pleasant Steet

crafts movie games snacks



**Erving
Elementary
PTO
is selling
Mo's fudge**

The Erving Elementary School is once again selling Mo's Fudge.

This local business offers yummy fudge and a fundraising opportunity for the PTO.

Order forms were sent home last week with students. If you would like to order some fudge and don't have an order form, please contact the school at (413) 423-3326.

All orders are due March 23rd and must be paid for when placed.

**There will be prizes for the top 3 sellers
and an ice cream party for the top selling
class!!**

Thank you for supporting the Erving Elementary PTO!



Name _____
Grade _____
Teacher's Name _____

