

# EAGLE EXPRESS

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**Monday, October 12**  
Columbus Day- No School

**Tuesday, October 13**  
PTO Meeting 6:15-8:00

**Wednesday, October 14**  
FAIR Storytelling Night 6:00-7:30  
Free Dinner starts at 5:15

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

**Wednesday, October 21**  
Open House 6:30

**Friday, October 23**  
Curriculum Day- No School

**Wednesday, October 28**  
FAIR Storytelling Night 6:00-7:30  
Free Dinner starts at 5:15

**Friday, October 30**  
PTO Halloween Social 6:00-7:30

## Reminder

There is no school on Monday,  
October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Columbus Day Observed

## Parent/Community Survey

Attached you will find a Parent/Community Survey. It is a short questionnaire to provide our Superintendent of Schools, Jennifer Haggerty with information about our school community. Once the survey is filled out you may return it to the EES office.

The survey will also be available at our Open House on October 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a table set up with the survey for your convenience. Thank you.



## FAIR Storytelling Night

There are still **four** chances to attend "Family Adventures in Reading". This series of special events with renowned storyteller Mary Jo Maichack is particularly for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades but all are welcome. A free family-friendly supper is included. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## Upcoming PTO Event



**Halloween Social**

**Friday, October 30th**

Please keep a look out for the flyer later in the month





## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

**To all of our dedicated veterans:** We would like you to be our special guest at our Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, November 10th at 9:30 am in the Erving Elementary School gym.

Please call the school at 423-3326 to let us know if you would like to attend our program and inform us of any special accommodations you may need.

We would also like to invite family members of our veterans, parents / guardians and community members to join us in honoring our veterans. Our assembly will include students escorting our honored guests to the gym, the Pledge of Allegiance, a performance by our chorus, as well as various other selections that will honor our guests

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## Holiday Shopping Bazaar

The 6th grade class is hosting a holiday shopping bazaar to raise money for their NYC trip. Your child will have a chance to come and shop for all the people in their family. All gifts will be priced between \$.25 and \$1.00. Please keep a look out for a flyer with more detailed information on dates and times.

We are now accepting donations of new or gently used toys and knick-knacks to sell. If you have donations you can bring them in and leave them with Pat in the office.



The PTO still has mums available to purchase for \$7.00 each. If you are interested please contact the PTO by e-mail to make arrangements for payment and pick up.

Ervingpto.ma@g-mail.com



## Smoothies are back!

Smoothies will now be available on Friday mornings for breakfast.



## Bus Behavior

If your child rides the bus please go over the importance of following the bus rules.

The rules are few: stay seated until reaching your destination (home or school), use quiet voices, no eating or drinking, keep hands and feet to yourselves. Should there be a problem they should let the bus driver and principal know as soon as possible.

## From the Principal's Desk

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

Grade 6 students are sponsoring a 'Blood & Guts' evening. A couple of years ago I attended a similar event at another local school, and I have to say it was a wild success. Wherever you turned there was an incredible energy and excitement surging throughout the building as students, siblings, parents, grandparents, and what seemed like the whole town turned out to learn fascinating facts about their own bodies. There were many activities that everybody literally wanted to get their hands, feet, and hearts into. You should set the time aside to come along and have a lot of fun, while also supporting our grade 6 students who are working hard during their final year with us at Erving Elementary School.

While on the subject of family health and welfare, our grade 6 students bought back from Nature's Classroom a lesson in how to take care of ourselves, and our planet. During 'family style' meals, adults and students were asked to only take the food they felt they could eat, and not waste food unnecessarily. Any food that was wasted was called 'ORT', which translates to, a scrap or morsel of food left from a meal. Students weighed the ORT following every meal, to see if they could reduce the overall waste. Grade 6 students asked if they could set up an ORT challenge at EES. While this is a wonderful idea, we would be unable to match the ORT challenge here at Erving Elementary School, as we are a 'serve' lunch and breakfast program, not 'choice'. I talked with students in grades 4, 5, and 6 about the pressure we may be placing on each other when we have not had the opportunity to choose our own food, and are faced with eating every 'crumb' that is served to us, so as not to create ORT. Students are working to come up with another idea around awareness of food waste, and we will keep you posted as their ideas unfold. In the meantime, please take a moment to discuss with your family ideas of how we can sustain our world through only taking or asking for food that we will eat. We may take a look at measuring our ORT following family style events like our Thanksgiving Dinner. It would be a wonderful learning opportunity for our students to see this home and school connection around their learning.

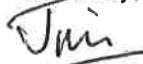
State and Federal guidelines require that our school conduct a number of fire, lockdown and evacuation drills throughout the school year. For reasons of safety and security I am not able to share exact dates and times as when we conduct these drills. Please know that I will communicate critical events using our Emergency Management System (Blackboard Connect). This is a phone call activated management system that enables us to reach out to you in the event of a school-related crisis, or community event. Please make sure we have your current contact details, as I will be updating you with important news.

Open House is fast approaching, Wednesday October 21. As you know, this event brings together old and young, present and past. Our school is transformed into a town community as people reminisce about their own education at Erving, while younger students walk tall with pride in their achievements. Art teacher Nita Chase does an incredible year-round job, presenting works of art that our students have created. It will be another wonderful evening sharing time together. I look forward to meeting all of you on the night.

Spring 2015, Grade 5 Science and Technology/Engineering MCAS scores arrived this afternoon, and will be mailed to parents next week. PARCC scores are not anticipated until early in the New Year!

Enjoy Columbus weekend and the additional day. I will be out visiting family, and attending the Ashfield Fall Festival. Thank you to the Erving Recreation Department for providing our students and town families with a wonderful opportunity to gather at the Erving Fall Festival last weekend. It was lovely seeing a lot of familiar faces.

Sincerely,



Jim Trill





Erving Elementary PTO  
Looking for New Members

EES parents and guardians  
The PTO is looking for new members to join  
All are welcome

Next meeting: Tuesday October 13, 2015

**Free Dinner** Served for all who come: 5:45-6:15

Meeting starts at 6:15

**FREE CHILD CARE**

This month's agenda:

Review of Fall Festival and Mum Fundraiser

Principal's Report

Halloween Social

Original Art Fundraiser

Student Phonebook

Box Tops

Open House

Fundraiser Ideas

The fourth grade poets celebrate the fall season of harvest by writing narrative and acrostic poems. Enjoy! ☺

***Leaves by Ella***

Falling leaves  
Autumn gets cooler outside  
Leaf piles are fun  
Leaves everywhere

***Fall is Fun by Deven***

Fun games  
Autumn is fun  
Leaves are fun to jump in  
Lanterns shine at night

***Fall Holidays by Audrey***

Halloween is a spooky time  
of bats, costumes, skeletons, zombies, and  
vampires, too!  
But candy, candy corn, M&Ms, Milky Way  
bars, Starburst candies,  
jelly beans, Snickers, Hershey's Kisses, Reese's  
Pieces...  
All on a cold dark night.

Thanksgiving is a day we have a feast!  
Cranberry sauce, turkey, gravy, mashed  
potatoes,  
squash, stuffing, and sweet potatoes.  
When we all join together as one.

***Fall for All by Darius***

Festivals are cool  
Autumn is awesome  
Leaf piles  
Leaves on you

***Pumpkins Are Amazing! by Kianni***

Pumpkins are fun,  
Pumpkins are cute,  
Especially, when they are  
Painted, and decorated  
With googly eyes, glitter,  
And stickers, a nose,  
A mouth, some rosy cheeks,  
A mask, some glasses,

Or some sunglasses,  
And a bow,  
And even a dress!

***The Fall Way by Anne***

Leaves falling to the ground,  
Just floating around.  
Trees swaying in the breeze.

Take a sniff of the air,  
And feel how crisp it is out there.

Days are shorter, less time to play,  
But more time to watch the *Fall Way*.

***Autumn is for Everyone! by Trevor***

A raft of turkeys  
Under falling leaves  
Trees are colorful  
Uncles, aunts, and others get together  
Make cooked turkey  
Napping after Thanksgiving dinner

***I Like Fall by Trent***

Getting colder  
Jumping in leaf piles  
Rolling down a hill into a leaf pile  
Playing leaf-tag.

Carving pumpkins  
Decorating with skeletons.

Playing football  
Going four-wheeling.  
I like fall!

***Leaves by Eli***

Fall from the trees,  
Change to pretty colors,  
Rake them into piles,  
Jump in leaf piles,  
Scatter everywhere!

Everywhere you look, they're scattered,  
Crunch when you step on them,  
More are falling from the trees,

Very colorful,  
Rake onto a tarp!

*Autumn by Eli*

Autumn is beautiful  
Up high leaves begin to fall  
Turkeys are eaten  
Up in the country, relatives come down  
Mouths eat feasts  
No more swimming in lakes

*Fall by Aiden*

Fat turkeys  
Awesome mashed potatoes  
Lots of leaves  
Leaf piles

*Fall by Ian*

Fall is the best season  
Athletics are fun  
Leaf piles are big  
Leaves fall on the ground

*Hayrides by Helanna*

Haunted hayrides are open  
At seven o'clock, it is dark  
Yelling in the town  
Rides are so fun in the dark  
I wish it was warmer  
Days are getting colder  
Education is in

*Fall by Hugh*

Football is awesome  
All Thanksgiving food is superb  
Lots of fun  
Laughing out loud

*Fall is Fun by Cam*

Fall Ball is fun  
Apple pie is tasty  
Leaves falling  
Leaf piles are awesome

*Fall Festival Cheese by Logan*

Cheddar is amazing  
Have you tried Pepper Jack  
Extra sharp white Cheddar is better  
Eat Provolone (it's good)  
Swiss is gross...like tomatoes  
Eat lots of cheese, like Muenster

*Autumn by Logan*

A pumpkin patch  
Under falling leaves  
Two holidays  
Under a ghost costume  
More candy  
Naps after trick-or-treating

*Autumn by Serena*

Apple picking  
Using rakes  
Turkeys cooking  
Ultimate leaf pile  
Maze made of corn  
Nice nights

*Fall by Taryn*

Fall is awesome  
Autumn is amazing  
Let's go play outside  
Let's play basketball

*Autumn by Avery*

Apple pie tastes great  
Unfinished yard work  
Turkeys are served on tables  
Using rakes to make leaf piles  
Making Thanksgiving foods  
Never ending leaves

*Fall by Carly*

Fun colors  
Apple crisp is delicious  
Love the cold  
Like the creamy hot cocoa

**ERVING SCHOOL UNION #28**  
ERVING, LEVERETT, NEW SALEM, WENDELL, SHUTESBURY

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October 8, 2015

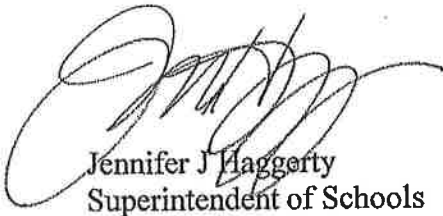
Dear Parents/Guardians:

Attached you will find a brief questionnaire. This questionnaire is part of my entry plan and is designed to provide me with information about your school community.

Much of this plan is concentrated on listening to and learning from the various stakeholders in order to build and strengthen the relationships necessary for student success.

I am most appreciative of your feedback and perspectives and look forward to your responses.

Regards,



Jennifer J Haggerty  
Superintendent of Schools

Attachment

## Parent/Community Survey

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*The purpose of this short questionnaire is to provide me as the new superintendent of schools with information about our school community.*

1. What do you see as the school's greatest strengths?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What do you see as the school's greatest areas of growth?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What should be preserved at your elementary school? What should be changed?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Based upon your knowledge about our school community, what should the top three priorities be for the superintendent of schools and the school committee(s)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Please tell us about yourself. This information will help me to organize the responses. Check all that apply.
  - ☐ Parent/Guardian
  - ☐ Community Member
  - ☐ Erving
  - ☐ Leverett
  - ☐ Shutesbury
  - ☐ Swift River
  - ☐ Other Community (Please identify) \_\_\_\_\_



This year we are having a book fair with this company. We will send additional information home with students next week. All money raised by the book fair supports guest artists and author-visits to EES!

○ Best Books ○ Best Service ○ Best Book Fairs ○

## Best Book Fairs is coming to our school !

When:

**Tues., Oct. 20**

*12 noon-4:00 pm*

**Thurs., Oct. 22**

*8:30 am-4:00 pm*

**Wed., Oct. 21**

*8:30 am-4:00 pm*

and at OPEN HOUSE

*6:30 pm-8:00 pm*

Where:

**Erving Elem. School Library**



**This Book Fair  
Supports Our  
School**

**Choose from Hundreds of the  
Best Children's Books!**



○ [bestbookfairs.com](http://bestbookfairs.com) ○ 781-491-0044 ○



**CNC AUTHOR VISIT**

# **“HERE THEY COME!”**

with Author & Illustrator David Hyde Costello



Author Visit for children and families  
★David Hyde Costello will be reading *Here They Come!*  
and will draw some of the characters and talk about the  
story.

★Free book for each child

★Small snack

★FREE family fun event.

★Simple, special craft!



Two  
locations  
and times!

**Thursday**  
**October 22, 2015**  
**6:30 - 7:30pm**  
**at the Leverett**  
**Library**

**Wednesday**  
**October 28, 2015**  
**2:00 - 3:00pm**  
**at the Erving**  
**Library**

**Contact CNC for more info 978-544-5157**

“Funded by a grant from the Leverett and Erving Cultural Councils, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, offered in collaboration with the Community Network for Children a program funded by the CFCE grant from the MA Department of Early Education and Care, and the Erving and Leverett Libraries.”

# Calling all Erving Savers

For those students that have a savings account with Greenfield Savings Bank, the Savings Makes Cents program continues as previous years. Going forward, banking will once again be the first and third Wednesdays, so please mark your calendars accordingly. The school calendar will also show the banking days. In a holiday or vacation conflict, banking will simply be eliminated for that day. We begin on October 21st, and it is never too late to start!

If your student is not currently in our program, we would absolutely LOVE to have them as bankers. The program is very easy to become involved with and simply requires opening an account with Greenfield Savings Bank's Turners Falls Office, conveniently located in the heart of down town.

Use the bottom part of this form as an indication that you wish your child participate in the program and have it returned to the school office.

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Parent name

Student name

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Street

City

State

Zip

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

With this information, Jessica Howard will call you to begin the account opening process. We look forward to working with your student. Thank you!

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# **ERVING CNC PLAYGROUP ANNUAL CLOTHING SWAP**

***Bring gently used clothing, outerwear,  
shoes/boots, Halloween costumes***

**October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

**During Playgroup from 10-11:30  
At Erving Elementary School  
28 Northfield Rd., Erving**

- **Please share items in gently used and clean condition only! You may bring items to playgroup October 14<sup>th</sup> to be stored. Bring and/or take! All welcome to contribute.**
  - **You may take your items that remain or donate them to the Franklin Area Survival Center**
  - **Please talk to Emily, Playgroup Facilitator, if you have questions or [Budine@erving.com](mailto:Budine@erving.com)**
- All are welcome!**

# Erving Eagles Basketball Sign-Ups Ongoing Now through December 11<sup>th</sup>!



Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Instructional

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls Teams

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

\*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*

Just in time for the Holidays, the Erving Recreation Commission is offering Hoodies, Pants and Shirts for you *and* your Erving Athlete! Please fill out the form below, and return by **NOVEMBER 9th**. Drop off in the Recreation Drop Boxes at EES or Town Hall. Make checks out to the Erving Recreation Commission, and submit with form.

# ERVING



**7755**  
Athletic Pants  
youth \$ 22  
adult \$ 26



**G540**  
Long Sleeve T  
youth \$ 13  
adult \$ 15



**M391**  
Zip-Up Hoodie  
youth \$ 32  
adult \$ 35



**G185**  
Pullover Hoodie  
youth \$ 25  
adult \$ 28

Product Code/Name	Size	Name (optional, add \$7)	Cost	Total
(example) G185/Pullover Hoodie	AXL	John Smith, SMITH...etc..	\$28	\$35
GRAND TOTAL:				

Hoodies are Gildan 50/50 Heavy Blend, T-shirts are Gildan 100% Heavy Cotton. Color is Royal Blue with white lettering. Optional name is printed on back. Athletic pants are polyester brushed tricot, elastic waist, inside drawstring, pockets, ankle zipper

**ORDER UP A SIZE, THESE RUN SMALL!!**

Adult Sizes: (AS)Small, (AM)Medium, (AL)Large, (AXL)XL, (A2XL)2XL, (A3XL)3XL Youth Sizes: (YS) 6-8, (YM) 10-12, (YL) 14-16, (YXL) 18-20

\*use size code in parenthesis

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Alison Rollins, 422-1187 or [rec@erving-ma.org](mailto:rec@erving-ma.org)

# Look What's Coming!

## Original Works

YOUR ARTWORK ON FUN  
PRODUCTS TO WEAR & SHARE!

**Hello Family:** Our school has teamed up with Original Works to offer a very special program. Your child will be creating his or her own artwork. Then you will have the opportunity to order a variety of useful items, all professionally made and featuring your child's very own artwork.

### Why Join in:

- \* Purchase personal gifts & keepsakes.
- \* Celebrate your child's creativity.
- \* Fun products under \$10.
- \* Support your school.
- \* Our  products.

Look for complete details coming home soon!

Visit [www.originalworks.com](http://www.originalworks.com) for additional program & product information.







**HALLOWEEN**  
**10-31-15**

# **Rag Shag Parade**

**Join the  
Erving Recreation Commission  
for the annual Halloween Parade.  
Begins at 5:30 at the  
Park Street Park and ends  
at the Erving Fire Station #2.  
Enjoy goodies and treats for  
the whole Family!**

**START YOUR NIGHT OFF RIGHT!**



BAYSTATE FRANKLIN MEDICAL CENTER PRESENTS

# Blood & Guts

*A hands-on science learning experience for students and their families.*

**Friday, October 16th • 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Erving Elementary School, 28 Northfield Road, Erving, MA 01344**

- See actual patient X-rays
- Touch real human bones
- Learn about healthy eating
- Learn about how your heart beats and listen to your breathing
- Test yourself on how well you wash your hands
- Check your blood oxygen level and listen to your breathing
- Talk with Baystate Franklin Medical Center professionals about their careers in health care . . . and much more!

**Sponsored by the Erving Elementary 6th Grade**

This event is free and open to the public. Free Refreshments.

For more information, contact: Pat Nauman, 413-423-3326

Blood and Guts is brought to you in part by a grant from the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Baystate Children's Hospital.



**Baystate  
Franklin Medical Center**

164 High Street, Greenfield, MA  
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