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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 Friday,
October 23rd
Curriculum Day**



TONIGHT!

During the Blood and Guts event tonight 6th grade will be selling baked goods to raise money for their New York City field trip. The event is from 6:30-8:00pm here at Erving Elementary School. So stop by for a hands-on science learning experience and help support our 6th grade class.

Greetings from the new After School Director, Stephanie Mitchell!

Hello, Everyone! My name is Stephanie, and I am the new After School Director! For those of you who are already in the program, it's been an absolute joy getting to know you so far. For those of you who are not yet in the program or are considering joining, feel free to stop by any time for introductions!

The After School Program is such a special part of your child's day. To better accommodate the needs of the students, the families, the school and the program itself, exciting new updates are in store for this year and years ahead.

Keep an eye out for a survey that will be sent home soon to parents and is geared towards giving important feedback on how to improve the program and services offered. In the meantime, please contact me at any time at Mitchell@erving.com or 781-697-0011.

I'd love to hear your thoughts: What do you think about a **BEFORE** school program? How about a **Summer Academy**? I look forward to hearing from you!

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 21st there will be a table set up with the survey for your convenience.
Thank you.



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

Upcoming PTO Event



Halloween Social

Friday, October 30th

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



Save The Date

We are looking for volunteers to help with the all-school Thanksgiving Dinner on November 12th
Please keep a look out for more information in next month's newsletter to see how you can help.



FAIR Storytelling Night

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

Reminder from the Cafeteria

Just a reminder for all families. You may apply or reapply for free or reduced lunch should your situation change, such as, adding a family member or becoming unemployed. If you have any questions please call Donna LaClaire @ 413-423-3326 ext 232



News From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

We went for a wee amble this week! I wrote in last week's newsletter about our need to perform emergency safety drills around issues like, fire, lockdown, and evacuation. I am proud to say that in the presence of our fire and police emergency service personnel, Erving Elementary School students and staff conducted one such drill this week and, it went like clockwork ☺. Our students and staff were impeccable throughout the complete procedure. There was a lot of walking, listening, and following specific directions. The whole team came through the exercise with top marks. Police Chief Blair, and Fire Chief Wonkka were impressed with the respectful manner in which our students handled all that was asked of them. Special thanks to Erving police officers Rob Holst and Beth Kaczinski, Erik Semb representing our School Committee, and all staff working at Erving Elementary School, for their calm, reassurance with our children.

Thank you to the parents who sent in their nomination paper for School Council Parent Representative. Voting and elections were conducted during the October P.T.O. meeting. Staff and students would like to send congratulations to Son Hui May and Breta Petraccia. Our first meeting will be October 20.

Our Family Adventures in Reading (FAIR) program is rewarding participants with powerful outcomes when sharing reading time with our children. We emphasize reading every day, asking students and parents to set aside at least 20 minutes to read together as a means to build connections, relationships, and most importantly, literacy skills. I am sure you are aware that 20 minutes of reading, five days per week, will result in a student feeling more confident. Did you know that 20 minutes of reading, five days per week, equates to an additional 80 days of school before a child reaches grade 9? Did you know that on a Wednesday evening you can come along and get a scrumptious meal, while spending valuable family time enjoying a little bit of fun!

Earlier today, Grade 4 students proudly supported each other as they gave individual presentations about our United States Constitution. Students gave both a visual and verbal presentation explaining some of the 'Rights' that we have as citizens and humans, such as; freedom of religion, freedom of speech, free press, and free assembly. Great job Grade 4.

On Friday October 23, all Erving staff will be joining Union 28 staff at Leverett Elementary School for our professional development. We will be working together in Professional Learning Community (PLC) Teams. We are working with Antioch Professor Susan Dreyer-Leon, a leader in the field of Action Research. Our plan is to work on our Theory Of Action in the area of instruction and learning.

Please enjoy a safe, relaxing weekend, and we hope to see everybody at our Open House next Wednesday, October 21st, at 6:30pm.

Sincerely,



Jim Trill

6th Grade Fundraiser

Wished you had time to have a tag sale, but didn't get around to it?
Help the 6th grade raise money for their end of year New York City field trip!

The 6th grade class will once again be hosting the holiday tag sale for students.

The 6th grade will be accepting donations of new and gently used "tag sale" items to use for their fundraiser.

(No clothes please)

Gift bags and wrapping paper are also welcome.

Collections will start in November.

Mrs. DeSorgher's 5th grade students are writing novels. Here's what we have to say about National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo):

"NaNoWriMo is teaching me about character development. It's important to have a main character, supporting characters, and a villain. I'm writing a story about two friends that go on an adventure and meet the richest person in the world. I like NaNoWriMo because I create the characters and develop the story line." ~ Emma

"NaNoWriMo is a fun program that teaches kids how to write a novel. I'm writing about two daredevil best friends and their adventures in trying to win the daredevil show. I'm excited to write my novel." ~ Taylor

"NaNoWriMo is when you have the month of November to write an entire novel. I am writing about a girl, a pink-fluffy unicorn, a unicorn, and a villain. I feel very confident about my writing my novel." ~ Alexis

"NaNoWriMo is fun, we are creating novels. My story is about a football player and a baseball player who work hard to make it to the Super Bowl and to the World Series." ~Levin

"NaNoWriMo is really fun. We are writing stories of all genres. Anybody can try this! All you have to do is use your imagination to create a novel. My story is science-fiction with characters like Batboy and aliens who battle for control of the Earth." Gabriel

"NaNoWriMo is a program for writing novels. I'm writing a novel about an ant who is kidnapped by a spider and rescued by a falcon." ~ Beau

"I am very confident in my NaNoWriMo story. I am writing about a family called the Wonder Family, which includes a kitten, a puppy, a cat, a dog, and a pet guinea pig, Boo-Boo. The Wonder Family must survive the evil villain, Gum-Gum (a turtle)." ~ Teagan

"My class is writing novels. My main character is Jenny, a robot who can fight crime." ~ Hailey

"NaNoWriMo is national novel writing month. It's fun because we are writing our own stories. My story is about two best friends who find a secret hideout." ~ Kitana

"NaNoWriMo is about creating a story with your own characters. My story is about a hockey player who tries to earn money so he can build a dinosaur. It's fun to write!" ~ Zachary

"NaNoWriMo is a writing program that allows you to make your own novel in a fun way. I'm writing a story about two siblings and a rat. They go on a quest to stop Dr. Zomboss from taking over the world. I think NaNoWriMo is a good way to write down what I think everyday." ~Brayden

"NaNoWriMo is fun! I think it is a creative way to express my imagination. I am writing a story about a magical girl who lives on a farm." ~Kimberlyn

"NaNoWriMo is a story that I am creating. It is about a boy named Bob who can fly to many places using his jet boots. I like it because I get to create my own story." ~ Nicholas

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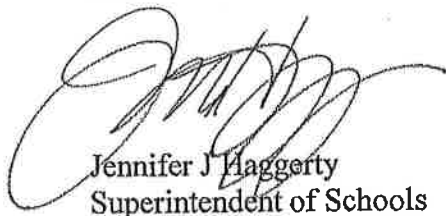
Dear Parents/Guardians:

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

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) _____

WANTED:

Parent Volunteers for the
Erving School Play
(on April 13th)!

The play committee is looking
for parents/community members
who can help with running lighting
or sound. We will teach you
everything you need to know!

ALSO:

do you play an instrument?
Would you like to play
in the band for the play?
We would love to have you!

Please get in touch with Ms. B-C
- bosworthclemens@erving.com

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



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“HERE THEY COME!”

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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."

Erving Eagles Basketball Sign-Ups Ongoing Now through December 11th!



Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade – Instructional

3rd and 4th Grade Boys and Girls Teams

5th and 6th Grade Boys and Girls Teams

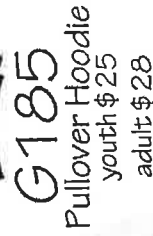
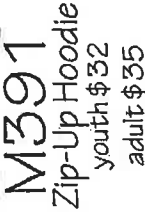
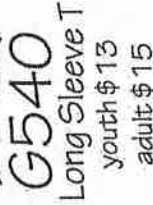
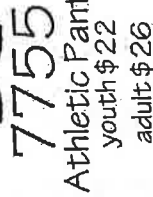
\$25 per child

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 11th.

*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



Hoodies are Gildan 50/50 Heavy Blend, Tshirts 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

Adult Sizes: (XS)Small, (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



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!