

# ***INSIDE ERVING***

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## **LOST AND FOUND**

With the end of the school year fast approaching, we urge you to stop in and check the lost and found for items that students may be missing. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

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## **OUTSTANDING BILLS**

We would like to remind everyone that all outstanding cafeteria and after school bills need to be paid before the last day of school. If you have any questions about your bill, please call the school.

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## **PLAY DVD**

Thank you to everyone who showed an interest in receiving a copy of the All School Play, "Cindy Ella". At this time, the copies will not be ready for distribution until the summer. Several complications have prevented the DVD's to be mass-produced. The school will let families know when the DVD's are ready.

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE END OF THE YEAR**

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| <b>June 20</b> | PTO Barbecue and Band Concert  |
| <b>June 21</b> | Kindergarten Visitation (11 AM-1 PM)<br>School Council - 3:30 pm<br>School Committee - 7:00 pm |
| <b>June 23</b> | Last day for grades 1-6  |



## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**



Thursday, June 23rd

Remember: This is an 11:30 am dismissal  
NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER VACATION!**

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## **LUNCH PRICE INCREASE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

Beginning in September, all students planning to enjoy the school lunch program will pay ten cents more for each meal. This change was brought about due to a new regulation set by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. During the May Erving School Committee meeting, the Committee voted to increase the lunch costs by ten cents. Please note this change will become effective on the first day of school during the 2011-2012 school year.

# FOURTH GRADE “STATES PROJECT”

On Monday, June 20th the fourth grade will be having their annual “States Project Display”. It will be held from 1:45 to 2:45 pm in the cafeteria. Family and friends are welcome to come and view the displays. We would love to see you there!

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## LAINI’S LIBRARY NEWS



Next week, students in grades 1-6 will receive free books to keep for their own. (Kindergartners get theirs today!) We want to ensure that everyone has something to read over the summer. And a big thanks to all who donated books for this exchange—we hope everyone will have a good time reading this summer. Because . . .

One of the most important gifts a parent or guardian can give is to read together with your children. We want to encourage the whole family to “keep on truckin’ down the road to reading!” Your children will benefit in countless ways, and it is a great way to spend quality time with your children, no matter how young or old.

Public libraries all over the state, including our own Erving Public Library, have summer reading programs for everyone. Your Erving Library card will allow you to check out books in most western and central Mass. libraries, as well as order books for delivery to Erving. Please take advantage of all these free programs and offerings for children and adults—and enjoy the summer reading.

Finally, if you find a school library book at home this summer, you can return it to either the school office or the public library during the summertime.

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## 2011-2012 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM EXPANDS

As you know, there has been interest in extending the After School Program from one day a week to three days a week. Enough families have expressed an interest to encourage the school to expand the program. The following fees have been established for families:

- Tuesday and/or Thursday Daily Drop In Rate: \$8.00 per day
- Wednesday Daily Drop In Rate: \$13.50
- Two-Day Special Rate (includes Wednesday) for families that commit each week: \$18
- Three-Day Special Rate (includes Wednesday) for families that commit each week: \$24



Families who sign up as permanent after school students will receive a discounted rate (refer to the bottom two bullets pertaining to a two or three day program). Any children who sign up “day by day”, will be charged a daily rate. It is hoped that this program will have enough students participating to have the sessions eventually expand to five days each week. The continuation of this program will be contingent on participation and will be evaluated weekly.

Forms to sign up for next year’s program will be sent in the packet students receive at the start of the school year. We are excited about the new interest to expand the program to five days.

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

This week marks the final full week of the 2010-2011 school year for our students from kindergarten through sixth grades. Exciting programs occurred this week to recognize the arrival of next year's preschool students. Two play date sessions were held on Monday for the students who will be enrolled in the Erving Preschool Program. The children and their families were able to meet together in a wonderful social setting within the classroom. In addition, on Tuesday screenings for the incoming three and four-year old preschoolers were held. The children were assessed in the following skill areas: fine and gross motor, cognitive skills, speech/language development, and medical areas. Follow-up letters have been sent to each family that attended the screening. Any parents whose child was unable to attend the screening will be screened in the fall.

This week, the school said good-bye to our kindergarten class. The children have had a wonderful year working with Mrs. Yazwinski and Mrs. Kruzlic to prepare for their move into first grade in September. We know that their personal, social, and intellectual growth this year will be beneficial to their orientation into first grade.

On Wednesday, a PAC meeting was held for parents/guardians of our Title 1 and special education students. A huge thank you to Deb Maslauskas, our Title 1 teacher, for organizing this important meeting. Those in attendance were able to learn many important ideas that can be utilized with children during the summer months. Descriptions of the Title 1 program were also explained. The school appreciates the time families gave to attend this meeting.

The final "All School Sing" was held on Thursday morning. Mr. Hines and Ms. Samuels were instrumental in creating a morning musical event that excited all in attendance. What a wonderful event to begin our school day!!!! This first year process will become a monthly celebration to enjoy during the 2011-2012 school year.

Our sixth grade class will celebrate an important milestone in the students' lives. The sixth grade graduation program will be held beginning at 6:30 PM. Thank you's are extended to Ms. Bridgewater, Miss Allen, Mrs. Black, Ms. Samuels, Mrs. Chase, and Mr. Hines for working to prepare the sixth graders for this special evening. Additional thank you's to the parents/guardians who helped to prepare the decorations for the evening. Our PTO also was instrumental in planning babysitting opportunities for families and the dessert social. Lastly, Donna LaClaire and Yvonne Johnson prepared a tasty lunch for the sixth grade parents/guardians and their children. We will miss this special class of students for their enthusiasm, thirst for knowledge, sincere kindness to others, and creative thoughts.

This year has been a very productive year for the staff and the students. Many new programs were introduced this year for all to enjoy. I wish all of our Erving children and families a happy and safe summer. Before too long, August 31st, the first day of the 2011-2012 school year, will arrive and our students' smiling faces will once again grace the halls of Erving Elementary School.



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## A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE PTO!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, attended meetings and participated in fundraisers this year. We raised over \$7000 this school year that has helped to benefit the students and staff at EES. With these funds we helped fund the Mad Science program, the Shea theater trips for the entire school, host a family night with an incredible storyteller, put on school dances, provide snacks during MCAS and much more! We look forward to another great year next year and thank you again for all your support!

# FIFTH GRADE TRIP

## Mashantucket Pequot Museum

On June 10th 2011, the fifth and sixth grades went on a field trip to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum, located right on the Mashantucket Reservation in Connecticut. We went through an amazing "glacier" and a replica of a Pequot village. Mrs.B helped us get a coach bus. Thanks Mrs.B!!!!

We went to learn about the Pequot culture: what they grew and hunted to survive and how they made homes, tools, weapons, blankets, jewelry and clothes from their natural environment.

We explored an entire village, where the "people" were shown working, playing, sleeping and cooking. The village was Laura's favorite exhibit. She feels that she learned a lot about the Pequot's daily life. Abby thought the village was astonishing because the people looked so real. Cameron enjoyed the experience of being able to actually walk through the life-scale exhibit.

The museum took us on a journey of the native lands through time. Michael's favorite part of the museum was an escalator ride through an ice-age "glacier".

Samantha really enjoyed the two workshops that we attended. During the archeology workshop, we looked at artifacts (items that people have fashioned or created) taken from an actual midden (trash heap) dig site on the reservation. We tried to figure out how the items might have been used by the native people.

During a second workshop, we studied plants, rocks and animal products taken from the native people's environment. We had to figure out how these items were used for clothing, housekeeping, food and fishing/hunting.

Our class really loves this museum and recommends it as a fun place to bring the family.

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## FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE PROJECT

### Roller Coasters



For the past few weeks, fifth graders have been constructing roller coasters. We made roller coasters out of foam tubes. For the roller coaster cars, we used marbles. We made loops, hills, sharp turns, and we tried to make cork screws. We made roller coasters to learn more about the physics of motion and the technology of planning and building a coaster.

We learned about potential energy, kinetic energy and momentum. We learned that sometimes the marble had too much momentum going down the track, so we had to change the angle of the track.

We also learned how to build roller coasters. We worked in teams of two and three. We started out using two lengths of track to make a coaster with two hills. On Tuesday, we made a roller coaster with four or five lengths of track. Building roller coasters was fun because we were able to build whatever design we wanted to have. BUT it had to work!

Be sure to look for our posters and pictures in the library/well area of the school.

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