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SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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ERVING, MA

JANUARY 10th, 2020



Sunday, January 12th
CNC Playgroup
10-11:30 am

Wednesday, January 15th Savings makes "Cents"

Thursday, January 16th
All School Sing
2:30 pm in the Gym

Friday, January 17th
Math Coffee Hour
8:30-9:30 am

Monday, January 20th
No School
Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 21st
School Committee
7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 22nd
Secret of Parenting
5:30-7:00





Box Tops Make a Huge Difference!!!

A big shout out to parents, kids, and staff who continue to support Box Tops for our SOARing Eagles After School Program. The latest check just arrived and will be spent on a springtime scavenger hunt, restocking arts and crafts supplies, and a science project in the works.

Thank you for your continued support!



Monday, January 20th

No School

In observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



From The Principal's Desk:





Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

The time between Thanksgiving and the New Year always seems to fly by so quickly! It is hard to believe that we completed over four months of school. I had the pleasure of attending the Preschool Book Cafe this week. Our Speech Pathologist, Andrea Elson, shared the importance of parents and children reading books together, and she modeled how adults can read to them at home. Our preschool and kindergarten students had an opportunity to read books with their adults guest while enjoying cookies, hot cocoa and apple cider. What a great way to spend a cold winter's evening.

As the new year begins, it is important to remember to read books together with your child. Sharing a book is a great opportunity for parent and child to take turns reading pages, discussing simple story elements like character, setting, plot, conflict and theme when reading fiction, and summarizing sections of text when reading non-fiction. Also, it's an opportunity to have great conversations about events in your own family history or places you have visited, or dreams for the future. Reading comprehension is built around background knowledge and vocabulary, and the conversations you have at home directly contribute to success at school. Below are 6 great reasons why parents should read to their children:

- 1. Your child will hear a wider variety of words.
- 2. You grow your child's brain, literally.
- 3. You put him/her on the path to be a lifelong reader.
- 4. Your child's behavior will improve.
- 5. You build a stronger bond with your child.
- 6. You increase your child's capacity for empathy.



As always, please keep the lines of communication open with any concerns or questions you may have. I appreciate the partnership we have with parents, families, and the community on our journey to educate every student at Erving Elementary School. Warm wishes to you and your family for a peaceful New Year!

Sincerely,

Lisa Candito







The preschoolers are in the deep freeze in our classroom learning about what types of animals live in the Arctic. We have lots of sensory bins and tables set up with vehicles plowing snow, Arctic wildlife and icebergs in the water table, Arctic wildlife snow table, and lots of fiction and non-fiction books in our classroom library. Some of the preschoolers have been busy making Play-Doh snow people. Art projects have included decorating snowflakes and icicles, and painting the snow out in the forest with Mrs. Stewart. Stop down to our classroom for a slice of pizza or a grinder made in our dramatic play area – Erving Preschool Pizza/Grinder Shop!" Don't forget to check out the full "Wolf Moon" tonight!







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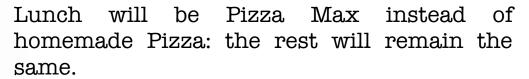


MENU CHANGE

Just a quick note to parents:

Due to unavoidable circumstances, we need to change the menu for Friday, January 24th:

Breakfast will consist of cereal instead of WG Apple Squares: the rest will remain the same.



Please mark your menus. We are sorry for the change, and we appreciate your understanding.



Wednesday, January 8th, Erving Elementary held a "**Snowy Days and Sparkly Nights" Book Café** featuring Winter books for preschool and kindergarten students. Mrs. Elson started off the night by reading *The Snowy Day*. Teachers played the role of waiters for the evening. Families were presented with menus where they selected a Winter book to read with their child while enjoying a dessert of sugar cookies, cider and hot cocoa. It was a great community night, where families and teachers came together to celebrate winter through a shared love of reading.















Erving Elementary School Preschool Registration

Erving Elementary School is beginning to register preschoolers for the 2020-2021 school year.

If you have a child who will be either 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2020 and you live in the town of Erving, they are eligible to attend preschool at Erving Elementary School.

NEW THIS YEAR

There will be two opportunities to register your child at school:

Tuesday, Feb 11th 6:00pm-7:00 (tour and meet staff)
Wednesday, Feb 12th from 10:00-11:00 (tour and meet staff)

More information about these events will be mailed to each

family

Families that currently have a child attending preschool at Erving Elementary School are automatically enrolled for next vear and a registration packet will be sent home in February.

If your child is preschool eligible but will not be attending Erving Elementary School, please contact the school at (413) 423-3326 and let us know.

If you have any questions, please email Mackensey Bailey, Early Childhood Coordinator, at **bailey@erving.com**



Erving Elementary School Kindergarten Registration

Erving Elementary School is beginning kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2020, and you live in the town of Erving, they are eligible to attend kindergarten at Erving Elementary School.

Please pick up a registration packet at the school or contact the school at (413) 423-3326 to have a registration packet sent to you.

Any child currently attending preschool at Erving Elementary School that will move on to kindergarten next year is automatically enrolled for next year and a registration packet will be sent home with your child in February.

All registration packets need to be returned by March 30, 2020.

If your child is kindergarten 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**



All parents/guardians are invited to our next coffee hour on Thursday, January 23th at 8:45am in the conference room.

The theme for this coffee hour will be fire safety. We will have Erving firefighters join us to talk about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, having a safety plan for your home, how to safely use a wood stove and tips for keeping your family safe in case of a fire in your home or vehicle.

Please join us for this important topic especially now that the weather is cold and more wood stoves and furnaces are being used.

There will be coffee and baked goods available and a **free** book raffle

Please RSVP by January 21, 2020 (Cut and return the bottom half)
Name
I will be attending the coffee hour on January 23rd



Erving Recreation Commission

invites you to a morning of snowtubing in Charlemont, MA

February 21, 2020 10 am – Noon

Limited to 60 participants

Minimum height 42 inches

No tandem riders

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Transportation not provided





Northampton Area Pediatrics Parenting Workshop

Navigating the Care of your Medically Complex Child and Finding the Supports you Need with Alana Kaczmarek, CPNP

Come gather with other parents of medically complex children as we discuss the challenges of care coordination. We will particularly focus on points of transition in your child's life including moving from early intervention into your local school system and from pediatric to adult care. This will be a chance to meet our care coordinators and to connect with other parents as we talk about accessing resources and supports to help navigate caring for a child with special health care needs.

Sunday, January 26th 4pm to 5:30pm 193 Locust St., Northampton

Childcare will be provided at this workshop. Please RSVP for the workshop and childcare. Call us at 413-584-8700 or email contactus@napeds.com

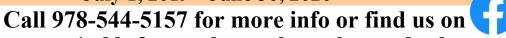
Parenting workshops are open to the community and free of charge.



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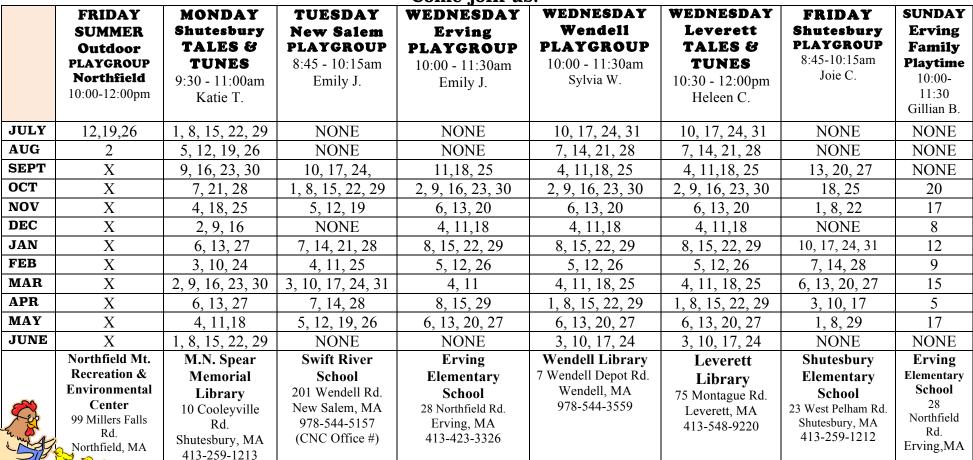
Community Network for Children PROGRAM SCHEDULE

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



All programs suitable for newborns through preschool age. Combination of free play, music, movement, books, and nursery rhymes at all programs!

Come join us!



Please note: Ongoing programs may not occur during school vacations or holidays. Please check the schedule! If inclement weather is a concern, call the CNC office for message/update, check Facebook or the CNC Website for info.

All programs are supported in part by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant from The Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

Programs also supported by the Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library, Friends of the Leverett Library, Friends of the Wendell Free Library,

Shutesbury Elementary School, Erving Elementary School, Swift River School, and donations from friends in the community.