



ERVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

6TH GRADE CLASS OF 2020



GRADUATION PARADE

The end of sixth grade is when we celebrate students' time at Erving Elementary School. Since we are unable to hold a traditional ceremony, let's send them off with bang! ... and a honk!... and a wave!, for an unforgettable goodbye.

Please join us on Thursday evening, June 11, at 6:00 p.m., for a celebration of Erving Elementary School's 6th grade class.

Students will be lined up outside the school, distanced from each other, while family, friends, staff, and others parade past them to celebrate their years at EES!

Students may be dropped off at the school, at 5:45.

Parade drivers will meet at the Erving Public Library and Erving Senior/Community Center parking lots, next door to the school, for a 6:00 start.

Please feel free to decorate your cars, and yourselves, for this joyous send off!



From The Principal's Desk:



Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close in one week. With that said, I would like to take a moment to say farewell to Deb Maslauskas and Donna Yazwinski who will be retiring at the end of the school year. We wish them both happiness in their retirement and many thanks to both of them for their years of service at Erving Elementary School. They will be greatly missed by Erving Elementary School community.

This week, the Commissioner of Education informed Superintendent Culkeen that we will have guidance on plans for school and bussing during the week of June 15. He has indicated that his plan is very prescriptive with few exceptions and that "we are all rowing together." We are required to provide information from families, so later in June we will be sending out a survey to be filled out as soon as possible. Please keep an eye out for that survey on Class Dojo.

Erving Elementary School staff have been packing up student belongings and preparing classrooms for the end of the school year. Families are welcome to pick up student belongings on Tuesday, June 16th at the times listed below. When you arrive at school, please remain in your car and you will be directed to grade level tables to collect your child's belongings.

9:30-10:15 - Last names ending in A-F
10:15-11:00- Last names ending in G-K
11:00-11:45 - Last names ending in L-P
11:45-12:30 - Last names ending in Q-U
12:30-1:15 - Last names ending in V-Z

Have a wonderful weekend everyone, it looks like it's going to be a beautiful weekend!

Sincerely,
Lisa Candito

iPad Return Schedule

When: Tuesday, June 9th

Where: Erving Elementary School, Drive
through drop off

* Please remember to bring the chargers if
you were given one!

Contact Mrs. Smith @
(jennifer.smith@erving.com) with
questions / concerns.

Time:

11:30 - 6th Grade

12:00 - 5th Grade

12:30 - 4th Grade

1:00 - 3rd Grade

1:30 - 2nd Grade

2:00 - 1st Grade

2:30 - Kindergarten



MENU

Week of June 8th – 12th

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday morning chicken patty on a wg roll, broccoli, ham & cheese bagel, baby carrots & hummus, sausage & egg on an English muffin, chocolate muffin, diced peaches, fresh fruit, mandarin oranges, diced pears

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday morning chicken fillet, WG roll, fries, turkey & cheese sandwich, assorted veggies, pancakes, cereal, apple, diced pears, diced peaches & diced pineapple

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday morning Pizza, 1 PB & J & 1 ham & cheese sandwich, green beans, sliced carrots, corn, 3 cereals, cheese sticks, Craisins, applesauce, orange juice, apple, frozen fruit cup, orange

All meals are subject to change without notice. Please wash all fresh produce before eating.

BREAKING NEWS

The Erving Public Library is now open for curb-side pick-up. Click [here](#) for more info. And here's what Barbara Friedman has to say: "I hope everyone knows we can now put items in our lock boxes near the book drop. Anyone can request Erving titles through the C/W MARS catalog at:

<https://bark.cwmars.org/eg/opac/home?locg=192>

by logging in with their library card. We fill the boxes Monday through Thursday 1 to 5 pm at this stage." The public library's phone number is 413-423-3348.

Families can bring back library books on Tuesday, June 9, the same day that the school i-pads can be returned. Books can also be returned Tuesday, June 16, when families come to pick up personal belongings. If your child has library books to return and you CANNOT be at EES either of those days, please email Ms. Urban: urban@erving.com and she can arrange another time.

All K-grade 6 Families: On Tuesday, June 16, when you come to pick up your student's personal belongings, there will also be FREE BOOKS for your children to choose and keep. If you can't make it on Tuesday, the books will also be available on Wednesday, June 17. Ms. Urban will be at EES both days to supervise and make sure everyone gets good books to choose from. Both days we will adhere to the same schedule:



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P-EBT Card Assistance

Families started to receive P-EBT cards in the mail on Friday, May 29, and many are having trouble activating their card. The following is information from the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA):

How to Activate (PIN) a P-EBT Card: You will need the letter DTA sent you in the mail to activate the card.

The Massachusetts EBT vendor was not able to change the automated prompts you hear when you call to PIN a card, and unfortunately, some of the automated instructions are inaccurate for P-EBT cards. Instead, please follow the steps below:

Call the EBT card phone number on the back of your P-EBT card: 800-997-2555.

Enter your P-EBT card number (it is an 18-digit number).

You will then be prompted (incorrectly) to enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. Do not enter the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. For the P-EBT cards, you must enter the last four digits of your child's case number that was provided on the DTA letter you received in the mail.

Then enter your child's date of birth using a two-digit month, two-digit day, and four-digit year (example: 04/06/2005).

For more information, visit: map-ebt.org. Questions? Call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 800-645-8333.

Wish Barbara a Happy Retirement Drive-by Wave Parade for Library Director, Barbara Friedman

When: June 18, 2020

Where: Meet at Erving Elementary School
28 Northfield Road (Route 63 North)

Lining Up at 3:45 P.M.

Leaving at 4:00 P.M.

With a police escort, we will drive down Care Drive through the parking lot of the Community Senior Center then up Care Drive past the new Erving Public Library

Decorate your Car - Make a Sign-or Come as You Are - Join in the Fun to Celebrate Barbara's Retirement

If you write a note or card for Barbara, we will collect them before the parade, put them in a large envelope, and present them to Barbara.

If you have questions, e-mail Becky at friendsoftheervinglibrary@gmail.com or call (413) 422-2273.

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June 1, 2020

Dear Union #28 Families,

The end of the school year is fast approaching; the end of one of the most unusual school years any of us have ever seen. In my thirty-plus years in education, I never imagined a school year ending in the way these last months have unfolded. I want to thank all of you personally for the way you have supported the staff and your own children in teaching and learning over the past four months. It has been a true home-school partnership like never before. It certainly has not always been easy, but we have all persevered in one way or another to support our learners.

I know you have been hearing from your children's teachers and principal about certain end-of-the-year activities and wrap-ups. I hope that, even though things feel and look different, that these end-of year moments bring a sense of closure to the school year for your children and that as restrictions are relaxed, there are some treasured summer activities and traditions that you and your family can share in.

I think all of us are wondering what the fall will look like for our schools. Please know that the entire Union #28 Leadership Team is actively researching and discussing re-opening and are crafting preliminary plans as we await further guidance from the Governor and the Commissioner of Education. Commissioner Riley has assembled a task force of key stakeholders to assist the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the planning for re-opening. In a statewide meeting on May 27th with all superintendents, the Commissioner has shared that the state guidance from DESE regarding re-opening will be issued some time in mid-June. As an administrative team, we will continue our planning work, follow guidance when received and once our plan is crafted, share that information with families. I again want to thank you for all of your support during these last few months.

"It takes a village to raise a child," means quite simply, that an entire community of people must interact with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment. Never has this been more true.

Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Culkeen
Superintendent
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