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SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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VERY BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ERVING, MA | SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Preschool Reports Fun and Adventure!

Preschool has been a very exciting place so far this year! We welcomed nine new preschoolers to Erving Elementary School and are so happy to have our whole class together! The last couple weeks have been full of playing and exploring our new school! The highlight for most of the preschoolers has been to observe the caterpillars and to see how many new chrysalises form each day!

(See Page 3 for more Preschool news!)

Wednesday, September 25th
Early release: 11:30
No lunch is served.
No After School Activities

Thursday, September 26th
CNC Council Meeting
5:30 – 8:00 pm
Conference Room

Saturday, September 28th
PTO Welcome Back Event
Fall Festival
3:00 – 8:00 pm
Veteran's Park (see flyer)

Monday, Sept. 30th - Thursday, Oct. 3rd
Book Fair in the School Library

Tuesday, October 1st
PTO Meeting 6pm

Wednesday, October 2nd
Open House 6:30-8

Friday, October 11th
No school for students:
Curriculum Day

Monday, October 14th
No School for Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 16
"the Secret of Parenting" Session 1
5:30 – 7:00 pm
Cafeteria

EES is offering a six-session series called "the Secret of Parenting" over the course of the school year! A book will be given to all participants to work with throughout the six sessions. The first session is 10/16/19, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. This course will be fun and educational! Child-care will be provided, and snacks will be served! The last session will include dinner. Please see the enclosed flyer attached for dates and to RSVP to Jennifer Smith in the office with the number of people attending, an email address, and if you would require child-care (with ages, please). Participants will get email reminders prior to sessions.

From The Principal's Desk:

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

The sixth grade students have had beautiful weather for their week at Nature's Classroom in Hancock, New Hampshire. If you have not been there, it is a wonderful place that provides our students with an unforgettable learning experience. I had the opportunity to spend an overnight with the students on Wednesday evening, enjoying family style dining, student entertainment, and communal clean-up.

Two of our EES community members shared their birthdays at Nature's Classroom. We celebrated Mrs. Beth Flaherty and Clara Guidaboni when we woke on Thursday morning.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Erving Fall Festival on Saturday, September 28th. The PTO will be partnering with the Recreation Department at this event where there will be a variety of food, crafts and entertainment for everyone. Individual EES classes will use this as a fundraising opportunity as well.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone. Sure feels like fall is in the air.

Sincerely,

Lisa Candito

It's almost here...

in the School Library
Mon., Sept. 30 -
Thurs., Oct. 3
Watch for more info coming,
and yes, once again, the
Book Fair will be open for
business during the
OPEN HOUSE!

Kitchen Corner

This week we brought back our salad bar! We had a beautiful assortment of cherry tomatoes and some red, yellow & green peppers, all from Dan's Veggies here in Erving! The children were very excited to build their own salad to compliment their meal. In our first day we gobbled up 2 quarts of tomatoes, 6 heads of romaine lettuce, 3 large sweet peppers, a dozen hard cooked eggs & 6 large cucumbers! Holy smokes that's a lot of yummy veggies!

Moving forward starting the week of Sept 23rd we will be offering the salad bar only 2 days a week, which will be on Monday & Thursday. We will continue to monitor our interest, and if we find there's a high demand we will consider other options.

If you haven't returned your FREE LUNCH/BREAKFAST applications, please do so ASAP. Even if you do not need to qualify, these forms help us to get funded! If you have questions please call the school.

Thank you in advance for supporting our lunch & breakfast program.

Our Preschool Classroom has been bustling with activity the past two weeks! The preschoolers have been learning about the life cyle of a butterfly. The children were able to watch the monarch caterpillars change to chrysalis' and then watch them turn into beautiful monarch butterflies. On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, they watched the monarchs take flight and fly away.

The preschoolers were excited to go out into the woods for Forest Friday. Some of the children have been busy gathering fallen branches to add to the fort structures.
Other children were busy making fairy stews, collecting water out of the rain barrels, and some children used logs and wooden planks to make a school bus.

Our class has begun Drama Time with Mrs. Elson. Each week different children tell Mrs. Elson a story. After the story is dictated, the class gathers together in the meeting area first to listen to the story read by Mrs. Elson. Next the child that told the story picks classmates to act out the story with them while the story is read by Mrs. Elson. After Mrs. Elson ask the children questions about the story and characters. Drama time stimulates language and literacy development, creative thinking, and expressive movement. It is a valuable opportunity for social risk taking and the development of confidence as children gain chances to explore new social pairings and be highlighted within our classroom community.

The inspiration for Drama Time is from the work of famed Chicago Lab School based early childhood educator and author, Vivian Paley.

The PTO is holding a fundraiser to raffle off themed-baskets created by each class. Kids are asked to bring an item that could fit into their classroom theme; or, if you have an item that would better fit a different basket, your child may bring that in to donate instead. Collection of items begins on Monday, Sept. 9 and ends Friday, Sept. 27. The baskets will be on display at Open House, October. 2 and tickets will be for sale then. The drawing will be Friday, Oct. 4. Thanks for your support--the funds raised from these baskets will benefit all the kids at EES!

Here are the class themes:

Glabach: Spa Basket
(lotion, eye mask, etc.)

Parse: Gardening

Kindergarten: Car Detailing

First Grade: Snow Day Basket

Second Grade: Gift-giving (wrapping paper, cards, etc.)

Third Grade: Family Fun for the Fall (Halloween, Smores, Books, Crafts)

Bartlett: Games

George: Movies

Fifth Grade: Baking

Sixth Grade: Outdoor Toys

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Step Squad
Wednesday Afternoon Walking Club

The Erving Recreation Commission invites you and your kids to join the Step Squad!

**** NEW THIS YEAR ****

Each week, you can earn miles walked by walking, running, biking, playing a sport, in PE class, or going on a hike.

Kids turn in their activity log, certified and signed by a parent, coach, or teacher, each week to earn the equivalent miles-walked for their non-walking activities. For example, 1 PE class counts as 1 mile walked.

Regular incentives: For each goal mile reached (5 or 10 mile increments), kids will earn a small reward as an incentive while they continue to rack up miles toward an ultimate goal of 100 miles. At the end of the school year, Squad members will celebrate their achievements with 100-milers taking home a special Squad t-shirt!

Wednesday afternoons: The Rec Commission and Erving Afterschool Program are teaming up to offer an opportunity for students to gain miles for the Step Squad. Every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30-2:30 will be designated to allow kids to walk and/or run to log miles. Families are also strongly encouraged to join their student and log their own miles.

If your child is interested in walking on Wednesday afternoons with the Step Squad, please complete the permission slip below and have your child turn it in to the office no later than Wednesday morning each week. There will be a permission slip and log in the Erving Eagle every Friday as well.

Children cannot participate without a signed permission slip from that week!

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Each Wednesday, participants will meet in the gym at the end of the day for instructions from the adult responsible for the group. We walk outside whenever possible so please be sure that your child comes dressed appropriately. A water bottle is strongly encouraged!

Afterschool students will return to afterschool until their usual pick-up time. Other students can be picked up at 2PM or 2:30PM but must remain with the walking group until an adult picks them up. They will not be allowed to play on the structures or blacktop due to limited adult supervision in these areas.

If you have any questions please contact Gail Dubreuil, School Nurse at (413) 423-3326.

We hope to see you stepping up a storm!

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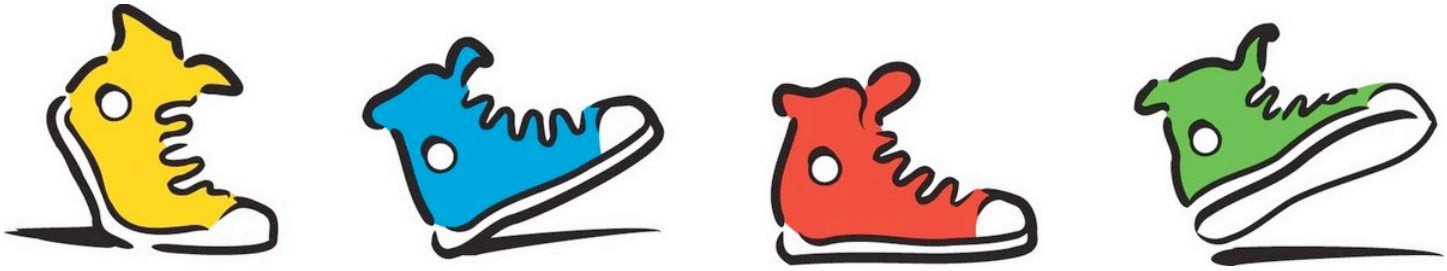
Step Squad
Wednesday Walking Club Permission Slip



☐ I give permission for my child, _____ (please print student's name), to participate in the Step Squad Wednesday afternoon walking group on _____ (this Wednesday's date) from 1:30-2:30PM.

☐ I will be joining my student in the afternoon walking.

☐ My student will be picked up at by _____ (name of adult) at 2:00PM or 2:30PM (please circle a time)

Parent Signature: _____

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Step Squad
Weekly Activity Log

Please return your completed weekly log to Gail Dubrueil, School Nurse, at the EES Main Office. Note: Activities will not count toward miles unless each activity and honor statement is signed.

Squad Member's Name: _____ Week starting: _____
(please print) (date)

Activity	Time Spent or Miles Travelled	Day of week (MTWThFSaSu)	Coach/parent signature

Honor Statement: I promise that the activities and times listed on this log are accurate and true.

Squad Member's Signature: _____

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UNION #28 COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2019
10:30-11:30AM AT THE QUABBIN OVERLOOK, NEW SALEM CENTER, 26 S. MAIN ST, NEW SALEM

Join CNC program for a Family Ramble and Nature StoryWalk©
"The Teddy Bears Picnic" Led by Dawn Marvin Ward

- Bring the whole family for an easy hike with our teddy bear friends. We will ramble and read the book Teddy Bears' Picnic as we also explore the changes of the season. If you would like, please bring a teddy bear friend and your own picnic lunch and blanket to sit on: CNC will provide a small snack.
- Meet just off the New Salem center common near the fire station for a gentle hike. Dress appropriately (closed toe, comfortable shoes; long pants) for adventure in the woods, apply and bring insect repellent for seasonal bugs. Note- no public restrooms available.
- Back-packs/front-packs or wraps may be best for real little ones.
- Contact the CNC office if you have questions (978) 544-5157 or Budine@erving.com
- We will be hiking in sunshine, cloudy or drizzles, but if it is pouring rain we will cancel. Call the CNC office if weather is a concern and we will have a message to confirm the hike status
- FREE! No registration required.

Mass Cultural Council

Funded by a grant from the New Salem Cultural Council, 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, a community donations.

PTO Fundraiser
Class Raffle Baskets

We need your help!!

A collection box has been placed in your child's classroom and each class has been assigned a theme.

Glabach Prek:	**spa basket (lotion, eye mask etc)**
Parse Prek:	**gardening**
Kindergarten:	**Car detailing**
First Grade:	**Snow day basket**
Second Grade:	**Gift Giving (wrapping paper, cards etc)**
Third Grade:	**Family Fun for the Fall (Halloween, Books, Crafts)**
Bartlett 4th:	**Games**
George 4th:	**Movies**
Fifth grade:	**Baking**
Sixth grade:	**Outdoor toys**

When: Collection begins 9/9 and ends Friday 9/27

Please send items in with your child for their classroom basket. Your help is greatly appreciated
If you have items readily available and are able to donate to another class please feel free.
These baskets will be available at Open House for display and to purchase tickets.

Winners will be selected Friday 10/4

PTO uses funds raised by these fundraisers throughout the year to benefit all of the children in EES. Just a few examples: Field trips, Scholarships for EES grads, Teacher Appreciation, Sixth grade graduation, Field Day, Giving Tree at the holidays, Teacher Cultural support and the list goes on and on

The Erving Recreation Commission invites you to the

Erving Fall Festival

Enjoy fun fall activities and events with your family and neighbors

Something for grown ups and kids of all ages

Come say hello to our local businesses too!

Music

Obstacle Courses

Crafts

Face Painting

Games

Food

Where: Veteran's Park

When: Saturday, September 28

Time: 3 -8 PM

If your grade would like to fund-raise at the Festival, please contact Breta Petraccia, Recreation Assistant, at breta.Petraccia@erving-ma.gov or at (413) 464-1734. Breta is maintaining a list of classes and their fundraising activity at the Festival!

We are thrilled to be collaborating with the Erving PTO to welcome the new school year in style!

Erving Elementary School
Presents:

In conjunction with professional development for school staff, we are offering six group-session evenings to parents in the community over the course of the school year! There will be childcare available, and snacks will be served! There will be a book given to participants of this series to be worked through during sessions, which are all 5:30 pm – 7 pm, and fall on the following dates:

October 16th, 2019
December 11th, 2019
January 22nd, 2020
February 12th, 2020
April 15th, 2020
June 3rd, 2020

For more information you can call 413-432-3326. If you would like to attend, PLEASE R.S.V.P. with Jennifer Smith in the office. You can send this form in, or you can email all information to her at jennifer.smith@erving.com. We are asking for email addresses so that we can send reminders for the next sessions, what will be covered, and sharing other pertinent information.

Please let us know the following by Wednesday, October 9th:

Name: _____ Email address: _____

I would like to attend, there will be _____ people: _____ adults _____ children

I will need childcare (ages) _____

Sessions are facilitated by Chip Woods. For forty-five years, Robert (Chip) Wood has worked on behalf of children from preschool through eighth grade as a classroom teacher, teaching principal, and teacher educator.

After studying at the Gesell Institute of Human Development early in his career, Chip made developmentally based teaching the center of his educational practice. His core belief: knowing what children at each age are developmentally capable of doing physically, socially, emotionally and cognitively enables respectful, successful teaching of all children no matter their life circumstances or cultural background.

A co-developer of Responsive Classroom and co-founder of Northeast Foundation for Children (now Center for Responsive Schools), Chip has served as principal of two public schools and was co-founder of Greenfield Center School. He is a facilitator for the Center for Courage & Renewal and co-creator of Leading Together, focused on strengthening the adult community of schools.

An Invitation To All Of Our Dedicated Veterans

The staff and students of Erving Elementary would like you to be our honored guest at our Veterans' Day Program
On November 8, 2019 @ 8:30am

Breakfast will be served

Assembly will start at 9:30am

Our assembly will include students escorting our honored guests to the gym, Pledge of Allegiance, performance by our chorus, as well as, various other selections that honor our guests.

RSVP to Jennifer Fay Smith at 413-423-3326 x222
Or email to Jennifer.smith@erving.com

Please let us know if there are any special accommodations you may need

We thank you for your service.

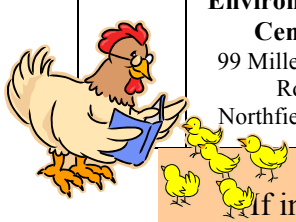
Union #28 Schools
Community Network for Children
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Call 978-544-5157 for more info or find us on

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

	FRIDAY SUMMER Outdoor PLAYGROUP Northfield 10:00-12:00pm	**MONDAY Shutesbury TALES & TUNES** 9:30 - 11:00am Katie T.	**TUESDAY New Salem PLAYGROUP** 8:45 - 10:15am Emily J.	**WEDNESDAY Erving PLAYGROUP** 10:00 - 11:30am Emily J.	**WEDNESDAY Wendell PLAYGROUP** 10:00 - 11:30am Sylvia W.	**WEDNESDAY Leverett TALES & TUNES** 10:30 - 12:00pm Heleen C.	**FRIDAY Shutesbury PLAYGROUP** 8:45-10:15am Joie C.	**SUNDAY Erving Family Playtime** 10:00-11:30 Gillian B.
JULY	12,19,26	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	NONE	NONE	10, 17, 24, 31	10, 17, 24, 31	NONE	NONE
AUG	2	5, 12, 19, 26	NONE	NONE	7, 14, 21, 28	7, 14, 21, 28	NONE	NONE
SEPT	X	9, 16, 23, 30	10, 17, 24,	11,18, 25	4, 11,18, 25	4, 11,18, 25	13, 20, 27	NONE
OCT	X	7, 21, 28	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	18, 25	20
NOV	X	4, 18, 25	5, 12, 19	6, 13, 20	6, 13, 20	6, 13, 20	1, 8, 22	17
DEC	X	2, 9, 16	NONE	4, 11,18	4, 11,18	4, 11,18	NONE	8
JAN	X	6, 13, 27	7, 14, 21, 28	8, 15, 22, 29	8, 15, 22, 29	8, 15, 22, 29	10, 17, 24, 31	12
FEB	X	3, 10, 24	4, 11, 25	5, 12, 26	5, 12, 26	5, 12, 26	7, 14, 28	9
MAR	X	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	4, 11	4, 11, 18, 25	4, 11, 18, 25	6, 13, 20, 27	15
APR	X	6, 13, 27	7, 14, 28	8, 15, 29	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	3, 10, 17	5
MAY	X	4, 11,18	5, 12, 19, 26	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	1, 8, 29	17
JUNE	X	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	NONE	NONE	3, 10, 17, 24	3, 10, 17, 24	NONE	NONE
	Northfield Mt. Recreation & Environmental Center 99 Millers Falls Rd. Northfield, MA	**M.N. Spear Memorial Library** 10 Cooleyville Rd. Shutesbury, MA 413-259-1213	**Swift River School** 201 Wendell Rd. New Salem, MA 978-544-5157 (CNC Office #)	**Erving Elementary School** 28 Northfield Rd. Erving, MA 413-423-3326	**Wendell Library** 7 Wendell Depot Rd. Wendell, MA 978-544-3559	**Leverett Library** 75 Montague Rd. Leverett, MA 413-548-9220	**Shutesbury Elementary School** 23 West Pelham Rd. Shutesbury, MA 413-259-1212	**Erving Elementary School** 28 Northfield Rd. Erving,MA



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.

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