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VALENTINES EDITION

ERVING, MA

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2021

From The Principal's Desk:



February 12, 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

I speak for the whole school when I say that we are truly sad that we are not returning to our hybrid model after February vacation. The staff at Erving Elementary School love being with your children and cherish the day-to-day interactions they have with them. Please be patient with the school during this challenging period. Decisions concerning the health and safety of students and staff are being carefully thought out and planned but can change at any moment.

Have a restful and relaxing February vacation and remember that love, empathy and compassion will get us through this pandemic.

Happy Valentine's Day,

Lisa

H A P P Y
Valentine's Day





ANNOUNCEMENTS

News from the Erving Public Library

Kids in the 3rd to 6th grades are invited to come to our virtual hangout every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30. We play games like Among Us and 2 Truths and a Lie, explore and even build escape rooms, and just spend time together. If you'd like to join us, ask your parent to email us at library@erving-ma.gov for the Zoom link. See you there!

Our next Math Coffee Hour will
be March 12th,
12:15-1:15



MEAL PICKUP SCHEDULE

NO DELIVERIES THE WEEK OF BREAK.
resume:

Tuesday, Feb 23rd
And

Thursday, Feb 25th

at 11:45 am - 12:15 pm
unless meals run out.

at Veteran's Field and
at Church Street/Erving Center



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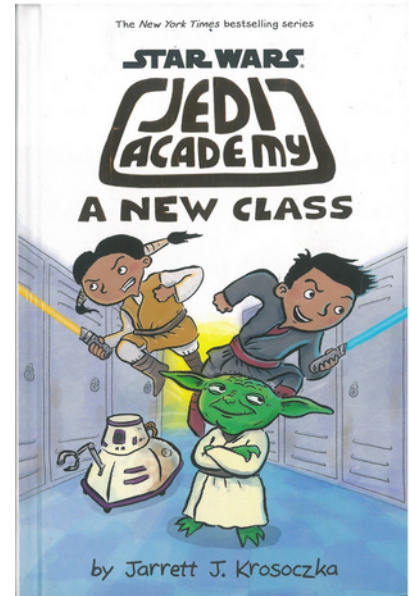
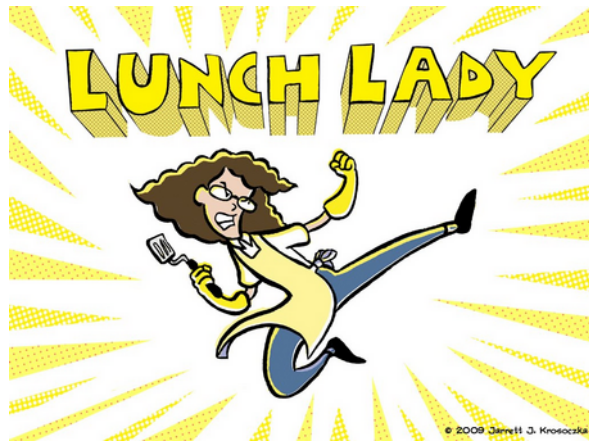
Please remember to wear your **mask** during
pickup!

We will keep you updated with changes.
In case of bad weather, we will announce
alternate pickup dates: please keep an eye on
ClassDojo if there is bad weather in the
forecast!

Just a reminder that there are no
meal deliveries next week during
February break. We will resume
with our usual schedule the
following week. At that time ,
please be aware that we will be
using a metallic packaging for the
meals which is VERY sharp, and it
should be opened by parents only,
not students.



EES is proud to announce that we will be hosting acclaimed author and artist Jarrett J. Krosoczka on February 26th. Keep an eye on ClassDojo for full information!



A Huge Thank You From the School Nurse!

We just recently passed the halfway mark of the current school year and have been able to remain open despite the tide of COVID-positive cases in the town, county, state and country around us. This is due to the diligence of the Erving families and staff in adhering to the recommended protocols of mask wearing, social distancing, hand hygiene and avoidance of situations that would put us at increased risk of contracting COVID-19. I want to personally thank the Erving families for working with me around keeping their children home when ill, picking students up when I call and working together with open, honest dialogue. This year has been extremely stressful and challenging for families as you navigate the new learning platforms, assisting your children with learning in so many creative ways and, on top of all of this, monitoring your child's health more closely and keeping them home for minor things like a simple cold or minor upset stomach out of an abundance of caution and the desire to do the right thing for your family and community. Because of you, our children are happy, healthy and successfully being educated in ways we never would have imagined possible.

In my 23 years as the school nurse at Erving Elementary, I have never felt so stressed and challenged but I also feel the deepest and most widespread bond I have ever had with the wonderful, amazing, loving families of Erving! You have my sincere thanks for everything you do despite the adversity that has been thrown at you and I am proud to continue to work with you and your students to stay healthy and happy for many more years to come!

Please continue to reach out to me with questions, concerns or just to talk. I can be reached by phone (413) 423-3326, email (dubreuil@erving.com) or Class Dojo.

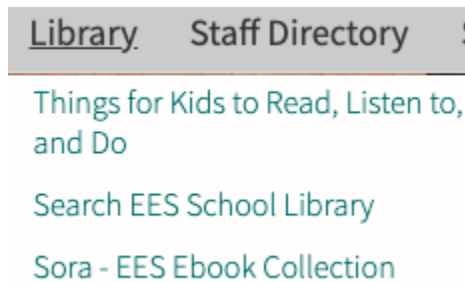
Gail Dubreuil



Everyone with an Erving email account has access to thousands of **ebooks** & **audiobooks** that you can read and listen to on your devices at home. February break is a great time to listen to new books!



Go to Erving.com and click Library -> Sora EES Ebook Collection



MLS Commonwealth eBook Collection

19 MATCHING BRANCHES OF 362

This is my school

The first time you use Sora, click **Find My School**

You should see **MLS Commonwealth eBook Collection** as a choice.

(If you don't, just type in Erving's zip code to find it.)

Then click **This is my school**.

Find Erving Elementary in the drop down menu and click **Sign In Using Erving Elementary**.

Sora will then ask to use your Erving Elementary Gmail account to log in.



Go to help.soraapp.com for video tutorials or contact Ms. B at burke@erving.com for help. You can use Sora in Chrome, or you can download the app for your phone.

**ERVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Erving PTO has voted to sponsor one \$200.00 Scholarship this year to a graduating Franklin County Technical School senior. We have enclosed the requirements and application for your review. If you wish to apply for this scholarship, please forward your application to the PTO Scholarship chairperson, c/o Erving Elementary School, 28 Northfield Road, Erving, MA 01344. ***Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, April 23rd 2021.***

Scholarship Requirements

1. The applicant must reside in the town of Erving.
2. The applicant must have attended Erving Elementary School
3. The applicant must be a Franklin County Technical School Senior who will graduate in June.
4. The applicant must be going to work after graduation in the related field/trade that they graduated in.

Further conditions of the Scholarship Application and Award are as follows:

1. The application must be returned no later than Friday April 23rd, 2021.
2. A copy of the student's grades from his/her two most recent terms/semesters are required to be submitted with the application.
3. The Scholarship recipient will be given the award in the form of a check at graduation to purchase tools/materials for their trade/field.
4. The scholarship recipients will be voted on at the May PTO meeting and they will be notified by mid-May 2021.

**Erving Elementary School
Parent Teacher Organization
Franklin County Technical School Scholarship Application**

Please provide us with a typed, double spaced, 12 pt font resume (include school and extra curricular activities) and a cover letter which addresses the following 1) why you chose FCTS for your education, 2) what field you are studying and why you chose that field, 3) why we should choose you as our scholarship recipient, and 4) what tools/ materials you will purchase with the scholarship monies if you are chosen as the recipient.

EES PTO scholarship

Franklin County Technical School

2021 EES PTO Franklin County Technical School Scholarship

The Erving Elementary PTO will be awarding (1) \$200.00 scholarship to a graduating senior of the Franklin County Technical School. The scholarship is available to any June 2021 graduating senior, residing in Erving, who has attended a minimum of one year at the Erving Elementary School.

Each application will be judged on academic and trade performance, citizenship, school/community involvement, and how they will use the money awarded to purchase tools/materials for their trade/field.

Applications are available at the Erving Elementary School office, at the FCTS guidance office or may be downloaded from the EES.com website

Completed application forms must be returned to the Erving Elementary School office by Friday April 23rd 2021.

Check your card: Funds for October & November will be issued at the end of December.
New to P-EBT? Check your active EBT card or check your mail in January.

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) for the 2020-2021 School Year

Additional Food Funds for Students during COVID-19



You will get P-EBT if you qualify for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program AND are in a hybrid or fully remote learning situation.



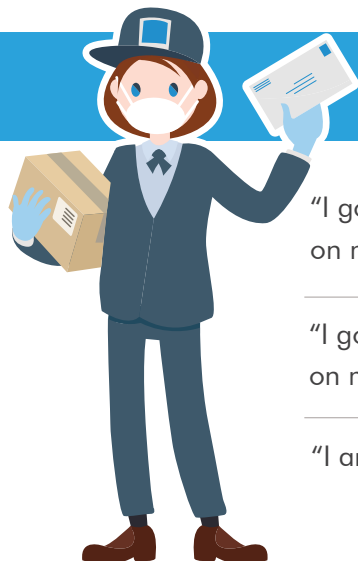
P-EBT funds are available to households regardless of immigration status and are not considered in a public charge test.

How much will I get?

Hybrid Learners
\$58.60 per month

Fully Remote Learners
\$117.20 per month

How & when will I get the funds?



"I got P-EBT in the past on my P-EBT card"

Check your P-EBT card for funds on the 25th of each month. If you do not have the card, request a new one at DTAConnect.com/PEBT.

"I got P-EBT in the past on my EBT card"

Check your EBT card for funds on the 25th of each month. If you do not have an EBT card, call DTA at 1-877-382-2363.

"I am new to P-EBT"

- Get SNAP and/or TAFDC? Check your DTA EBT card.
- If you do not get SNAP and/or TAFDC, look for a P-EBT card in the mail. Look for a DTA letter separately in the mail - Keep it to PIN your card!

What can I buy?

Buy food like fruits, dairy, breads, meats/poultry/fish. Use P-EBT at stores that accept SNAP, like grocery or corner stores, and online at ALDI, Amazon or Walmart.



Need More Food Help?

If you get P-EBT you are likely eligible for SNAP, monthly food funds. Apply at DTAconnect.com. You can also get grab and go school meals. Find a site at meals4kids.org.



Get P-EBT Help • www.MAP-EBT.org • DTA Assistance Line: 877-382-2363 - Press "6"



**PROJECT
BREAD**



Department of
Transitional
Assistance



MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION

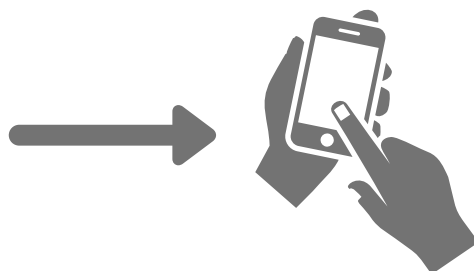
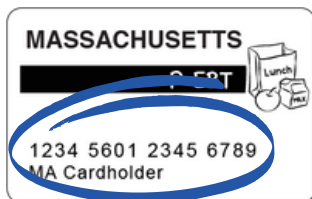
ACTIVATE YOUR P-EBT CARD

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Call the Massachusetts' EBT Hotline 1 (800) 997-2555

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Enter your 16-digit P-EBT card number



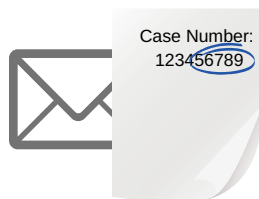
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✗ DO NOT enter the last 4 digits of your social security number

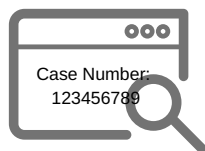
✓ Enter the last 4 digits of your P-EBT case number

3 Ways To find your P-EBT case number:

- Find it at the top of your letter from the DTA
- Or Look up your case number at DTAConnect.com/PEBT
- Or call DTA Assistance Line 877-382-2363 and Press "6"



or



or



4

Enter the child's 8-digit date of birth using:
2 digit month + 2 digit day + 4 digit year

April 6, 2005 = 04062005 (8 DIGITS)

5

Enter 4 digits to create your PIN. This will activate your card.
You will enter your PIN at the store when using your P-EBT card.

Need Help?

www.MAp-EBT.org



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SNOWTUBING AT BERKSHIRE EAST



Friday, February 19, 2021

Two timeslots: 10 am-11:30 or Noon – 1:30 pm
Limited to 40 people each timeslot

Erving Residents: \$5
Non-Residents: \$15 (Registration opens Feb 8)

Masks required
Minimum height 42 inches
No tandem riders
Children must be accompanied by an adult
Transportation not provided

For Covid-19 information and Directions, see
<https://berkshireeast.com/winter/snow-tubing-park>

Registration required at <http://ervingma.myrec.com>
Sponsored by the Erving Recreation Commission