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April 27, 2021

Dear Union #28 Families,

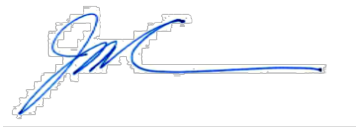
As we enter spring 2021 and the last portion of the school year, we are welcoming back our students full time to the school and classroom environment. We are seeking to welcome our students to an environment focused on return and recovery. District and school leaders are prioritizing the very real work of building relationships, and ensuring that students and their families are supported to combat social-emotional and mental health concerns, academic gaps and foundational learning losses and physical health and safety issues.

In all of our Union #28 schools, we prioritize building relationships, social-emotional learning and growth and creating an atmosphere to engage our learners. Our staff have received our children into a warm and caring school environment. We continue our dedication to high quality education.

Our local district benchmark and formative assessments, alongside teacher observations and elementary grades will serve as a more valid, nuanced, and holistic diagnostic of student learning during this pandemic than high-stakes standardized testing measures.

Please be assured that we are first and foremost prioritizing the whole child as your children-- our students--return to our Union #28 schools.

On behalf of the Leadership Team and District,



Jennifer Culkeen
Superintendent of Schools

May 31
No School - Memorial Day

June 16
Last day of school for students

Pollinator Garden Plant Share - Donations Appreciated

Each spring, the gardeners prepare our beautiful pollinator garden/Monarch Waystation for another season. We replace, add and remove plants to improve the habitat for pollinators. This year, we have some extra plants to share with the school community. The plants will be put out near the garden after lunch next Wednesday, May 5th.

We keep a small revolving fund of donations to purchase fertilizer, new plants and our annual zinnias. Please consider leaving a modest donation for the plants you take. There will be a donation jar near the plants or you may drop an envelope in the box in the school's entry during school hours. If you have 1-3 quart flower pots to recycle this year, please drop them off near the plants. We will use them for next year.

Good luck with your pollinator gardens!
Mrs. Black and Mrs. O

P.I.E.E.
~Partners in Education at Erving~

What is P.I.E.E.?

P.I.E.E., or Partners in Education at Erving, is the new name of The EES PTO. This is just the start of a lot of exciting new changes that will be implemented in the near future. We hope to make this group an even more beneficial part of the Erving Elementary School Community.

Who can join P.I.E.E.?

P.I.E.E. or Partners In Education at Erving would love for you to volunteer! Anyone that has a passion for helping EES and all of its amazing students and staff would make a perfect fit.

When does P.I.E.E. meet?

P.I.E.E. currently meets the first Monday of each month at 6p.m. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the meetings will continue to be virtual until it is safe to meet in person.

Where can I get more information?

Please email PIEE@Erving.com or contact a current member of P.I.E.E. with any questions or for more information on getting involved with the group.

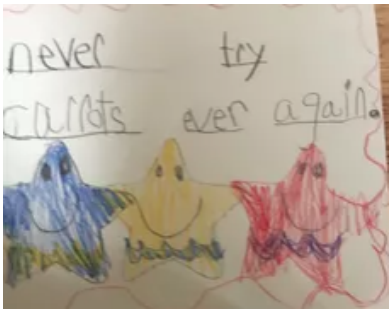
PERSUASIVE WRITING... from the Nifty NINE

The remote first and second graders have been busy persuading! They have worked diligently to complete their persuasive writing to try and convince YOU not to eat foods they dislike! Let us know if we have successfully persuaded you to avoid these foods! You could write us a letter and send it to school to let us know!

Carrots are very very gross! You should not ever try them ever in your life! Carrots are mushy when they are in your mouth. When carrots are cooked, they are very very extreme! Carrots are very mushy! When cooked in your mouth, they are very mushy!

Carrots are very gross. They taste too peppery and too salty. If you try one, they will taste too spicy. Please do not try them. They taste too, too, too gross. Even though they are healthy, they taste gross. Carrots are too gross!

By: Ella



Hard boiled eggs are disgusting. You shouldn't try them because they feel wiggly in your mouth.
They have no taste!!! Try food with flavor!
They have the grossest texture!!! They feel like a worm in your mouth! Please don't ever try them! Don't!

By: Abe

Onions are disgusting and gross. I don't think anyone should ever eat them. I don't like the way they make my eyes burn and water. It hurts!
The smell of onions is terrible. Especially when they are cooking they smell even stronger.
Onions are gross. I don't like the way they taste. It feels like there are worms swimming in my mouth.
Onions are one of the worst tasting vegetables. Please don't do it, it will be a mistake!

By: Ryan

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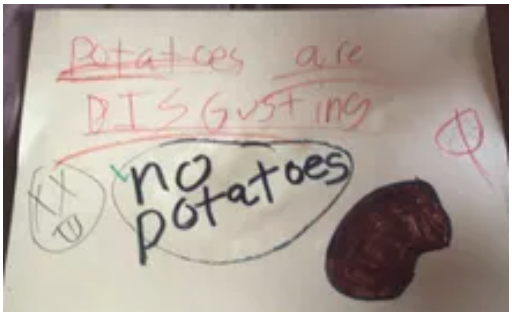
You should never try tomatoes because they are super disgusting! Blech! They are so acidic that my eyes water. The acid makes tomatoes extremely sour.
Tomatoes are many times as mushy as pumpkin guts. The seeds are also very slimy.
Tomatoes have very bad taste. Tomatoes are so gross that you will want to throw up. Don't you even dare to try a tomato!

By: Sigurd

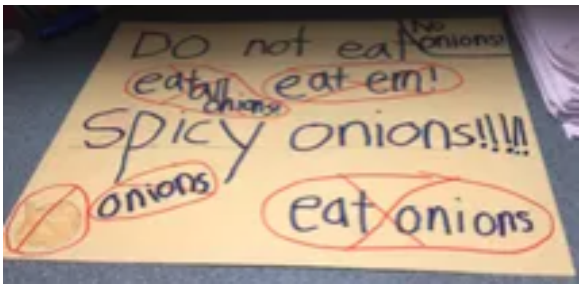
Have you ever tried asparagus? I have not tried it for three reasons.
My first reason is for how asparagus looks. The prickly top looks like a rose bush full of thorns. Thorns hurt if you touch them. There is dirt on the asparagus when you buy it. If you don't wash it off, dirt will be in your mouth. Dirt tastes gross and feels like hard hard salt.
My second reason I don't like asparagus is the smell. When being cooked or grilled, the house stinks. I am not sure what it smells like but it is bad. After everything is eaten, the house smells like asparagus.
My third reason I don't like asparagus is you pee smells bad. The bathroom stinks like asparagus after the toilet has been flushed. The smell is strong and spicy to me. I don't want me pee to smell like that!
I don't like asparagus and I don't think anyone should try it! Asparagus is incredibly disgusting!

By: Domenic



Potatoes are yucky! You should never try and eat one. They are tasteless. When you eat them, there's no flavor in your mouth.
Potatoes have a weird texture. It has a rough paper feeling. The skin of it does not look good. It isn't appetizing at all. Potatoes are one of the most disgusting vegetables I've ever put in my mouth. You should never try one!

BY: Helen



Onions are not suitable for me or for you. It smells worse than the world's stinkiest trash can! Who would want that bad of breath? You wouldn't!
They are also hotter than the world's hottest peppers. Your mouth will be on fire. You will sweat so much your eyes will water.
They take so long to chew, for anyone even a kid. They are almost as hard as a pebble. Nobody should try spicy onions!

By: Lucian

The Partners in Education at Erving (P.I.E.E., formerly the PTO) are having a pie sale to raise funds! Pies will be from Black Cow Burger, and will be delivered frozen! The sale is from April 19th through 28th, and pies will be delivered on May 6th. Don't miss your chance to get a great desert AND help out our school!

Banana Cream ($10)
Apple Dutch High Pie ($14)
Pecan Pie ($14)
Strawberry Rhubarb Pie ($15)

Click on the link to order after April 19:

https://forms.gle/au5fcUTkxV1eWgwY8

May – Breakfast 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	3 Assorted cereal, fruit & milk	4 Mini pancakes, fruit & milk	5 English muffin w/butter & cheese stick, fruit & milk	6 Assorted cereal, fruit & milk	7 Wg muffin, cheese stick, fruit & milk	
	10 Assorted cereal, fruit & milk	11 Mini waffles, fruit & milk	12 Bagel w/cream cheese, fruit & milk	13 Assorted cereal, fruit & milk	14 Wg muffin, cheese stick, fruit & milk	
	17 Assorted cereal, fruit & milk	18 French toast sticks, fruit & milk	19 English muffin w/sun butter, fruit & milk	20 Assorted cereal, fruit & milk	21 Wg muffin, cheese stick, fruit & milk	
	24 Assorted cereal, fruit & milk	25 Mini pancakes, fruit & milk	26 Bagel w/cream cheese, fruit & milk	27 Assorted cereal, fruit & milk	28 Wg muffin, cheese stick, fruit & milk	
	31 Memorial Day No School	June 1 Mini waffles, fruit & milk	June 2 English muffin w/butter & cheese stick, fruit & milk	June 3 Assorted cereal, fruit & milk	June 4 Wg muffin, cheese stick, fruit & milk	

All sandwiches are made using whole grain bread. Each lunch is served with a choice of 1% white, skim, 1% milk. All meals are subject to change without notice.

All meals are served w/fruit. Breakfast requires a grain, fruit & milk. Lunch is served with a grain, protein, fruit, vegetable & milk

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***WG = whole grain**
***WW = whole wheat**
***HM = homemade**

May – Lunch 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	3 Chicken bacon ranch salad bowl, breadstick, apple & milk	4 Turkey & cheese wg flat bread, three bean salad, mandarin oranges & milk	5 Ham & cheese sandwich, carrot sticks w/hummus, banana & milk	6 Egg salad on a wg roll, corn salad, orange wedges & milk	7 Cold pizza sticks w/marinara, celery sticks w/dip, diced pineapple & milk	
	10 Chef salad w/egg, ham & turkey, fresh broccoli, sun chips, diced peaches & milk	11 Sun butter & jelly on wg bread, corn & black bean salad, mandarin oranges & milk	12 Chicken salad on a wg roll, sliced cucumber & tomato salad, fresh apple & milk	13 Turkey & cheese on wg roll, carrot & corn salad, diced pineapple & milk	14 Build your own pizza kit, cucumber wheels w/dip, diced pears & milk	
	17 Grilled chicken w/salad greens, breadstick, fresh apple & milk	18 Ham & cheese sandwich, three bean salad, diced peaches & milk	19 Bagel lunch w/cream cheese, yogurt, carrot sticks w/dip, raisins & milk	20 Seasoned chicken w/red potato salad, mandarin oranges & milk	21 Cold pizza sticks w/marinara, celery sticks w/dip, diced pineapple & milk	
	24 Taco salad w/tortilla chips, broccoli, fresh apple & milk	25 Turkey & cheese sandwich, corn & black bean salad, mandarin oranges & milk	26 Ham & cheese bagel, cucumber & tomatoes, craisins & milk	27 Egg salad sandwich, chipotle corn, diced peaches & milk	28 Build your own pizza kit, cucumber wheels w/dip, diced pears & milk	
	31 Memorial Day No School	June 1 Chicken, cheddar bacon ranch salad on a wg roll, season black beans, peaches & milk	June 2 Ham & cheese on a wg roll, baby carrots w/dip, banana & milk	June 3 Egg salad on a wg roll, corn salad, diced pears & milk	June 4 Cold pizza sticks w/marinara, celery sticks w/dip, diced pineapple & milk	

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Erving Elementary

Picture Day is Coming Soon!!

Thursday, May 13th

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We look forward to offering a service through Geskus Studios for your student's school pictures on *Thursday May 13th.* All photo's will be taken outside. Each student will be photographed in standing poses (no seated poses will be offered). Unfortunately, at this time there is no re-take opportunity.

Sent home with students and included in this week's newsletter, is the flyer for picture choice and payment. Each child will need his/her own envelope. Please use this envelope when sending in your payment as it contains the information the photographer will need. Online ordering and payment option is available, please see the flyer for more information.

Virtual students are welcome to have pictures taken at 11:30am. Parents of virtual students will need to accompany their student(s). Please arrive at 11:30, stop by the office and we will escort you to the photography area.

If families have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the school office at 413 423-3326.

picture day
is coming soon!

we're better together and we're so happy to see your smile again!

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packages *sus paquetes*

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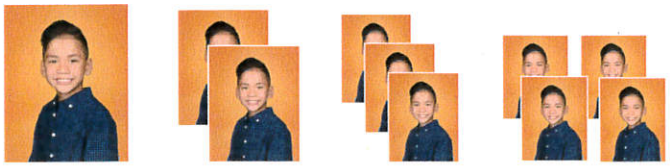

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SET OF 2!

Ornament #1
ornamento #1

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Ornament #2
ornamento #2

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Set of 2 Magnets
dos imanes

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SET OF 2!

Ornament #3
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Ornament #4
ornamento #4

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More keepsake items and specialty prints available online!
Mas recuerdos y impresiones especiales disponibles en linea!

enhancements *mejorias de fotos*

retouching

minimize minor facial blemishes*
retoque disponible para corregir imperfecciones

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before

after

personalizing

student's first name and year printed on all photos*
personalice sus fotos solamente con el primer nombre de su hijo(a)

*Only available on packages & a'la carte sheets.

Enhancements cannot be ordered alone.
Mejorias solo se incluyen con pedido de fotos.

important *importante*

your picture day
su dia de fotos

For cool picture day tips please visit us at:
www.wearegeskus.com/blog

Your Picture Day Date(s) will be determined by and announced by the school. Please contact the school to learn more about your child's Picture Day Date.

your unique code
su codigo individual

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Use this unique code to pre-order until midnight of picture day at: ***www.geskusprint.com***
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backgrounds *escoja sus fondos*

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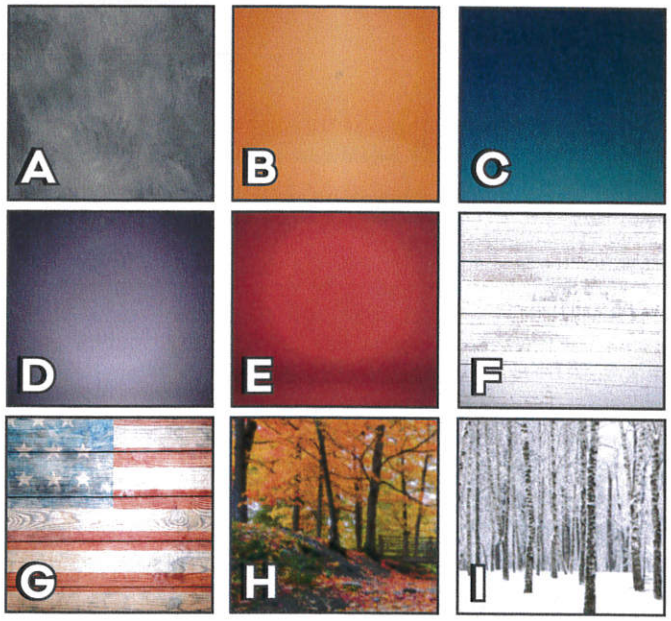

If no background is chosen, background A will be used.
Si ningun fondo es indicado, se le asigna fondo A.

TEAR HERE & SEAL ENVELOPE - Return only this sealed envelope with your student on picture day

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your information *su informacion*

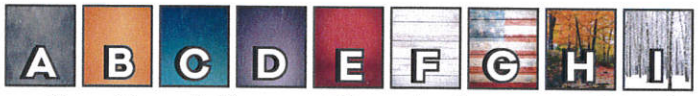
Thank you for your loyalty!

If you ordered online, do not fill out this form.
Please do not combine sibling orders.

Si usted completo su pedido en linea, no necesita completar este formulario. Favor de no combinar pedidos de hermanos.

School: Erving Elementary School	
Student Name:	**Grade:**
Teacher:	
Phone: ( ) -	

your order *su pedido*



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PACKAGES *sus paquetes*	1. Most Popular			x $39	
	2. Deluxe			x $47	
	3. Value			x $26	
	4. Basic			x $20	
	5. Specialty			x $23	
SHEETS *hoja de fotos*	6. (1) 8x10			x $13	
	7. (2) 5x7s			x $13	
	8. (4) 3x5s			x $12	
	9. (8) wallets			x $12	
KEEPSAKES *recuerdos*	10. (2) Keychain Set			x $20	
	11. (2) Magnet Set			x $18	
	12. Ornament #1			x $20	
	13. Ornament #2			x $20	
	14. Ornament #3			x $20	
	15. Ornament #4			x $20	
	16. Academic Calendar *As shown in Pkg 1:"Most Popular"*			x $16	

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Mejorias solo se incluyen con pedido de fotos.

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Si no, haga clic en "Create Account." Ingresa su correo electrónico y escoja una contraseña.

2. Su hijo(a)

Si el nombre de su hijo(a) aprese, haga clic en cuyo nombre y siga al paso 3.

Si no, haga clic en "Add Student" y añada la información de su hijo(a).

3. Agrega su código

Agrega su código individual donde "your unique code" es indicado.

Este código se encuentra dentro de este formulario. Indica el grado de su hijo(a), apellido de profesor(a) y haga clic en "Next."

4. Confirmación de datos

Confirma los datos (nombre de la escuela y dia de fotos) y haga clic en "Confirm." Si hay algún error en sus datos, haga clic en "Cancel and Go Back" y ingresa el código de nuevo.

Si no puede avanzar con su pedido, favor de comunicarse con nuestras oficinas o su escuela.

5. Su pedido y fondo de foto

Escoja las fotos y productos que quiera pedir haciendo clic en "Select" debajo de cada botón correspondiente.

Haga clic debajo del fondo que quiera escoger y luego haga clic en "Done."

6. Mejorias (opcional)

Haga clic en "Add Personalization" si desea agregar solamente el primer nombre de su hijo(a). Si no lo desea, haga clic en "Skip Personalization."

Haga clic en "Add Retouching" si desea agregar retoques a sus fotos para corregir imperfecciones. Si no lo desea, haga clic en "Skip Retouching."

7. Completa su pedido

Al terminar su pedido, haga clic en el icono de carrito y luego haga clic en "Proceed to Checkout."

Confirma su dirección y correo electrónico y haga clic en "Ok."

Si quieres realizar un pedido para otro hijo(a), haga clic en "Add Student" y proceda con los pasos 2 - 6.

8. Pago y confirmación

Cuando completa su pedido, haga clic en "Pay with Credit Card." Añada su numero de tarjeta de crédito y haga clic en "Pay."

Usted recibirá confirmación por correo electrónico.

Si no puede avanzar con su pedido, favor de comunicarse con nuestras oficinas o su escuela.

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additional information

informacion adicional

For families with 3 or more children

Pay full price for first two children's orders and recieve each additional child's order for free. Each child needs their own order form, DO NOT combine payment. You must include a note in each child's order envelope listing all participating children & schools.

Como les podemos ayudar?

Si tiene mas de tres hijos, su tercer pedido y cada pedido siguiente es gratis. Favor de no combinar pagos o pedidos y incluya una nota con todos los nombres de sus hijos(as) y sus escuelas. Cada hijo(a) necesita su propio formulario.

Order online until midnight the day of picture day at: **www.geskusprint.com.** Or bring this form to your school's main office, or mail it to our office at the address below:

Olvidaste pedir?

Puede pedir en linea hasta la media noche de su dia de fotos o mande este formulario a la oficina de la escuela de su hijo(a) o a nuestra oficina:

Geskus Studios, ATTN: Ordering Department
10 Whitaker Road, Unit #4, Seabrook, NH 03874

Erving Elementary School Kindergarten

Erving Elementary School is beginning kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2021, 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 was sent home with your child in April.

All registration forms need to be returned by May 14, 2021.

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**

Erving Elementary School Preschool

Erving Elementary School is beginning to register preschoolers for the 2021-2022 school year.

If you have a child who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2021 and you live in the town of Erving, they are eligible to attend preschool at Erving Elementary School.

*__At this time we are only registering 4-year-old children__.

Please contact the school to obtain a registration packet.

All preschool registration forms are due on May 14, 2021

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**

Mask Hygiene

Do you know how often you should change your mask? How often should it be washed?

Cloth mask should be changed and then washed after each wearing or sooner if they look dirty. Our students are wearing their masks all day - think of all the germs, food and dirt those masks collect by the end of the school day!

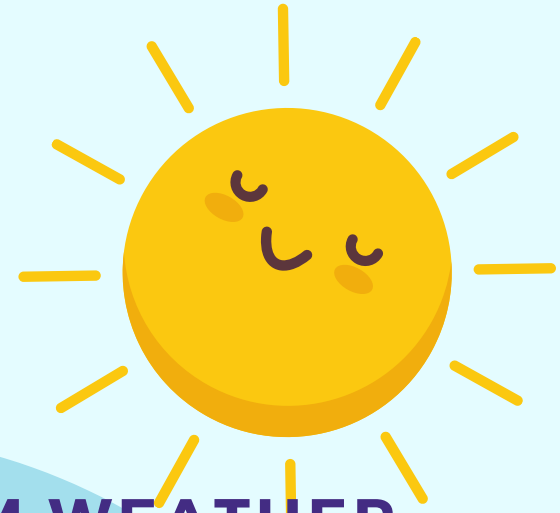
I treat my mask like the rest of my clothing. Each day I change out of my dirty clothes and launder them before wearing them again - I do the same with my mask!

You can include your cloth masks in your regular laundry, using your typical detergent and drying them in the dryer or hanging to dry. If you prefer, you can wash them by hand but be sure to rinse well to thoroughly remove any residual soap or detergent. Make sure masks are completely dry before wearing again. It's difficult to breathe through a wet mask.

If you don't already, please consider sending your student in with multiple masks for use during the day. As the days get warmer, masks will get soiled with sweat much quicker.

Don't forget to take the dirty masks out of the backpack at the end of each day!

UNION #28 CNC
COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM



SUNNY DAYS & WARM WEATHER ARE HERE!

FREE

CNC Children's Clothing SWAP

Dresses-shorts-sandals

Sun hats-shorts-t-shirts

Remember your mask

ADULTS ONLY please!

Saturday, May 1st

11:00am-2:00pm

4 Montague Rd, Leverett
@ the Dixon House

Bring warm weather clothes to SWAP or just come SHOP for FREE!
Open to all with young children, Newborn-Elementary Age.
Questions? contact budine@erving.com /413-422-0170 call/text
Thank you to the First Congregational Church of Leverett for space and assistance

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