



# EAGLE EXPRESS

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DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

## *From The Principal's Desk:*



December 11, 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

As our winter season gets started, please make sure the main office has your most up to date contact information so you can receive text, email and phone messages regarding the school and inclement weather. Even though we will not have snow days, we will still be notifying our school community about remote learning days due to inclement weather. With the cold weather upon us, and snow on the ground, please remind your child to dress appropriately for outdoor mask breaks, recess, and arrival and dismissal. These are all times when our in-person learners will be outside, enjoying the fresh air.

Have a great weekend!

Lisa



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Read to Succeed Tickets Extended!

Unused tickets earned during the 2020 season will be valid through August 31, 2021.

Thank you for your participation in Read to Succeed. We know that this has been a trying year and because of this, we have extended unused 2020 Read to Succeed tickets through August 31, 2021.

## Tech Talk... with Mr. Smith

Please remember to power off your iPads every night. Not only is it important for students to get a screen-break, but your iPads reset nightly. If they can't reset, it will slow our kiddos down the next day when they need to log in. Remember: turn it off when school's done!

## **Please join Principal Lisa Candito for a Parent Connection Session**



Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
From 1:30-2:30 pm.

This session will be an opportunity for parents/guardians to stay connected with Lisa and other families during this challenging time. These sessions will take place on the first and third Thursday of the month.

[CLICK HERE](#)

## **HOLIDAY MEAL SCHEDULE**

will be:

Tuesday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>  
(15<sup>th</sup> will include meals up to  
breakfast on the 21<sup>st</sup>)

and MONDAY Dec 21<sup>st</sup>  
(will include lunch for 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> breakfast &  
lunch, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> breakfast & lunch, and  
breakfast for Jan 5<sup>th</sup>)

BOTH at 11:45 am

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

Please remember to wear your **mask** during  
pickup! We will keep you updated with  
changes.

## MATH MATTERS with Polly Wagner


Last time I wrote about the importance of supporting students' math learning with regular math routines because they are the perfect tool for practicing critical skills and concepts. They are designed to develop students' numeracy skills, reasoning and sense-making. Just as important, they support mathematics confidence in students.

One math routine used across the grade levels is called *How Many?* It's simple and elegant. Teachers share a visual image with the class, give them time to look at it and think about the questions, "How many?" And "how do you know?" There are other questions teachers can pose too, depending on the mathematics content students are studying, but these two simple questions provide ample opportunities for students to think flexibly and learn from each other. The basic principle is about seeing and talking math, making connections to the real world and expanding our understanding of important math facts. Here is a slideshow from the nationally renowned website, *Illustrative Mathematics*, that will give you a picture of how this routine is used across many grade levels: [Talking Math](#).

Here is an example of our own 1st and 2nd graders sharing their thinking. This may look like a simple picture of an egg carton but in the math world, this is a model for addition and subtraction, "a whole/ part" problem. This image encourages students to see a set of objects, in this case, a rectangular array of a 3x6, in multiple ways. Notice the variety of responses, how they took apart and put back together quantities, all of which develops number fluency. What we can't see is how these images enabled rich math discussions! Check out what our young students are thinking about ... expect to be interested and engaged by how our students think!

If there were 7 more eggs there would be 18,

**$8+3=11$**



**7 missing**

**11 eggs**



$3+3+3+2=11$


$4+4+3=11$

$5+5+1=11$


$6+5=11$

$5+6=11$

$5+3+3=11$



$5+6=11$



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 $9+2=11$

$3+3+3+2=11$

$5+3+3=11$

$3+6+2=11$

$6+5=11$


$20-9=11$

$30-19=11$

$31-20=11$

$32-21=11$

$33-22=11$



**$18-11=7$**

**$18-7=11$**

**$11+7=18$**







The City of Greenfield Announces

# FREE COVID-19 TESTING

No Fee – No Referral – No Symptoms

FOR ALL OF FRANKLIN COUNTY!

Take a picture of the  
code below with your  
phone's camera to  
pre-register!



**TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 15TH  
10AM-3PM**

**WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 16TH  
1PM-6PM**

Greenfield Community College  
One College Drive  
Greenfield, MA 01301

**YOU MUST  
PRE-REGISTER**

**HTTPS://TINY  
URL.COM/Y6E  
TUAJC**

**QUESTIONS?  
413-772-1404**

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FOR A  
DRIVE-BY WITH

# Santa and Mrs. Claus

SATURDAY

DEC 12 \* 10-11:30 AM

at the Erving Community & Senior Center  
1 Care Drive, Erving MA 01344

*Bring your letters to Santa and receive a special  
Holiday gift from the safety of your car.*

A socially-distant holiday event brought to you by  
the Erving Recreation Commission