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From The Principal's Desk:

December 18, 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

This week, the staff at Erving Elementary School would like to take a moment to say farewell to Jane Urban, who will be retiring from Erving Elementary School on December 22nd. We honor and thank Jane for her 13 years of dedication and service to the students, staff, and families of Erving. We thank Jane for her devotion and hard work, every child enjoyed a richer elementary school experience because of her unwavering commitment. We hope Jane has nothing but happiness in her retirement years.

With the December holiday season just around the corner, I want to remind families to stay safe, and remember to follow COVID rules that will help keep our community safe and our school open. Even though it will not be a traditional holiday season this year, it is important to remember that a new year can offer all of us a fresh start. Happy holidays to the entire Erving Elementary School community.

Have a great weekend!

Lisa

Mrs. Urban has been a fixture at EES for many years, and was often seen sitting with the students, reading to them, and engaging them with her love of books and reading.

More photos on next page.

The EES Family would like to extend the best of wishes to Mrs. Urban on her retirement as our Librarian. We have so many years of memories to cherish: please join us in hoping that she has many more adventures!

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!

HOLIDAY MEAL SCHEDULE

will be:

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

Service Resumes Tuesday, 1/5/21 and Thursday, 1/7/21

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.

Please join Principal Lisa Candito for a Parent Connection Session

Thursday, January 7th
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.

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MOVEMENT MATTERS with Jess Galvin

These last two weeks have been busy trying to get our candy cane hunts in for all 9 classes! I will say, I'm quite impressed with the seeking abilities of our students. Several classes have found every single candy cane I've hidden in the woods. I thought I was doing a pretty good job of hiding them. I was also so impressed with the kindness I saw as some students struggled to find candy canes. Their peers stepped right up and helped them find their quota of four. In some cases, I even saw students hand over their own candy cane(s) to bring a smile to a classmate's face. This is so heartwarming, especially at this time of year. As you will see in one of the photos, many were seeking the candy canes in the Kingdom of Kind and that they were.

I've continued to adjust some games and utilize equipment that may have never been used before. You can see the 6th graders playing a new version of hockey in some of the photos. Those are knee hockey sticks they are playing with, and yes, they are getting around on scooters! It was challenging for them at first, but they figured it out pretty quickly and did quite well! We've also played a bit of badminton, or a version of it anyway!

Kindergarten took advantage of one of our last few warm days to do some bowling outside. As you can see in some of the pictures, they were pretty focused at knocking down those pins and quite successful as well.

I will continue to modify games to make the most of this difficult situation we all face. My main goal is that your students have safe fun while getting some physical and social exercise at the same time.

I'd like to wish all of you and your families a safe and happy holiday! ☃

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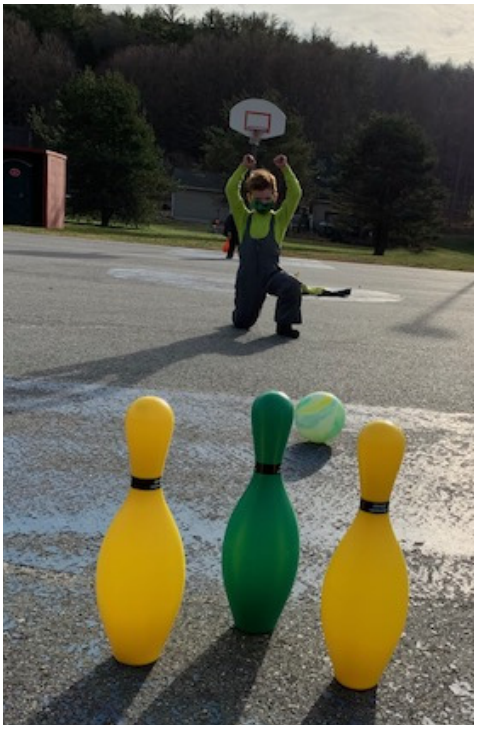

MATH MATTERS with Polly Wagner

In the last newsletter of 2020, I wanted to thank the community and especially teachers for their dedication and focus on students' learning. During the past few months, a lot is talked about in terms of the social emotional well-being of our students and how to support this very important part of setting students up to learn productively. As the math coach, I want to acknowledge how impressed I am with teachers' equal interest in the mathematics life of each student. They understand the importance of rigorous and engaging mathematics and are doing an amazing job at it in this new world of hybrid and remote learning. I meet with teachers, see the activities they do with students and then I get to see engaged students thinking about robust and interesting mathematics - it's a real privilege.

During the holiday season while your child is away from school, consider continuing their mathematics learning experience by playing math games with your child(ren). The math team has collected some suggestions on our Erving Math Website - please check them out - there are games from our curriculum as well as some board and card game suggestions.

In addition to playing math games regularly, it would be a great time for children to work on their math facts - in a fun and playful way. For the youngest children this means counting! For the middle ages, this means working on addition and subtraction. For our older children, it would be great if they spent a few minutes each day practicing their multiplication facts. Below are some suggestions for how to do this:
Youngest learners - HUNT FOR IT
Middle grades - The Tub Game and Grab-Bag Subtraction
Oldest learners - For multiplication practice here are some fun ways to practice: How Many Cups? and Mathigon Multiplication and the Product Game.

Please reach out if you have any questions! I hope you all get a chance to fill your holidays with joy and lots of math games!

Polly Wagner , math coach wagner@erving.com

From the Erving Elementary School Staff to your family:

Massachusetts is First State to Gain Federal Approval to Continue Pandemic EBT through School Year 2020-21

The Baker-Polito Administration received federal approval to issue Pandemic EBT benefits (P-EBT) for the rest of the 2020-2021 school year. P-EBT promotes increased food security for families who participate in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National School Lunch Program (NSLP), covering the cost of missed school meals for more than 500,000 students in remote or hybrid learning environments.

Families with eligible students will receive the next round of P-EBT benefits by the end of December will continue to receive benefits monthly through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Based on federal rules, families will receive varying P-EBT amounts. Families with children in a fully remote learning environment will receive $117 a month per child, and children in a hybrid learning environment will receive $58 a month per child. Families who already receive DTA benefits will get their P-EBT benefits on their existing EBT card. Families who do not receive DTA benefits but were mailed a P-EBT card in the past, will get their P-EBT benefits on their existing P-EBT card. Families who lost their P-EBT card can request a new one. Families can check their P-EBT balance by calling the number on the back of the card.

P-EBT benefits can be used anywhere Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are accepted, including online from Walmart, Amazon and ALDI. Learn more about P-EBT at MAp-ebt.org. Some retailers have a delivery fee, and all Instacart orders have a service fee. New with this expansion and to help subsidize costs for EBT SNAP beneficiaries, during a 90 day period starting December 16, 2020, Instacart will waive delivery and/or pickup fees on up to the first three EBT SNAP orders **from ALDI** for each customer with a valid EBT card associated with their Instacart account. SNAP benefits cannot be used to pay for fees, like delivery fees.

January Breakfast & Lunch 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Breakfast is served w/fruit & milk	4 Assorted cereal – turkey, cheese & bacon wrap, broccoli	5 Pancake bites – soft beef taco, three bean salad	6 Bagel w/cream cheese –chicken patty on a wg roll, carrots	7 Assorted cereal – cheeseburger on a wg roll, oven fries	8 Wg muffin, cheese stick – cheese pizza, green beans	
	11 Assorted cereal – bacon cheddar burger wrap, broccoli	12 Waffle bites – nachos w/ground beef & cheese, corn & black bean salad	13 English muffin w/butter, cheese stick – chicken patty on a wg roll, sweet potato fries	14 Assorted cereal – ham & cheese bagel, oven fries	15 Wg muffin, cheese stick – cheese pizza, wax beans	
All lunches are served w/fruit, vegetables & milk	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	19 Pancake bites – chicken fajita w/sour cream, season black beans	20 Sausage, egg & cheese muffin – breadsticks w/marinara, yogurt & carrots	21 Assorted cereal – chicken patty on a wg roll, oven fries	22 Wg muffin, cheese stick – cheese pizza, green beans	
	25 Assorted cereal – chicken salad wrap, broccoli	26 Waffle bites – soft beef taco w/sour cream, three bean salad	27 Bagel w/cream cheese – pasta w/meat sauce, carrots	28 Assorted cereal – chicken nuggets, oven fries	29 Wg muffin, cheese stick – cheese pizza, wax beans	

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