



Eagle Express

SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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SPRING EDITION

ERVING, MA

MAY 19, 2023



Monday, May 29
Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

Saturday, May 20
Bike Rodeo
9:00 – 12:00 noon
EES Playground

MCAS
STE (Grade 5 only)

Friday, May 26
Curriculum Day
No School for Students

MAKEUP
Monday, May 22– Friday, May 26



May 16, 2023

ART NEWS

Hello artists and families! We are hoping to hold an art show this spring, stay tuned for details on where and when. Meanwhile, here's a few photographic updates from art classes.

- Ms. Stewart (stewart@erving.com)



The **preschool** students were inspired by Heather Hansen's technique of dancing with charcoal. They came up with their own dance movements to draw with, using the much cleaner media of crayon. :)



ART NEWS continued.....



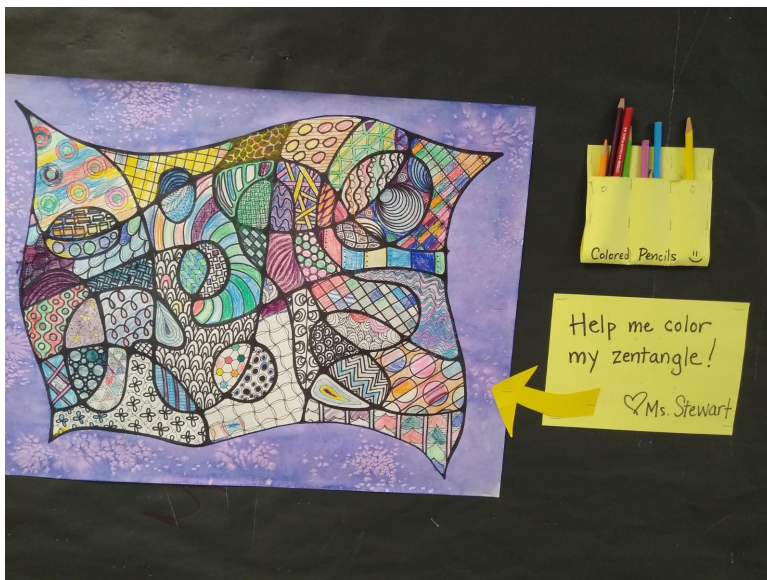
The **preschool** artists are exploring making art outside. Did you know that dandelions make yellow paint, and that clay is really just mud?



ART NEWS continued...



Earlier this spring, the **first graders** learned how to weave on a circular loom, and would weave a little bit at the start of each art class. Their weavings got really big and beautiful, and it was a great learning experience about how sustained little efforts can turn out to be very rewarding.



The wall by the bathrooms has been taken over by hand-drawn coloring pages. Students and staff alike can be found stopping by to add color and chat with one another. It's been lovely to see the pictures develop.

ART NEWS continued...



The **fourth graders** were delighted one day when Mr. Harris stopped by to ask if we wanted a massive box. The fourth graders quickly decided it should become a comfortable reading nook and put it in the library for kids to enjoy.



The fifth and sixth graders enjoy Friday's Art Club, when they can come into the art room for a little extra art time during recess.



The **sixth graders** are wrapping up their public art project unit. Each student was asked to create a project that would be left at Erving after they graduate. One of the projects proposed is this massive mural (**right**) outside the music room. Designed by Myaa and Kaiya, it will feature ocean creatures playing musical instruments and singing fish. The background of the mural was painted by Austin, Dan, Lucas, and Malachi.



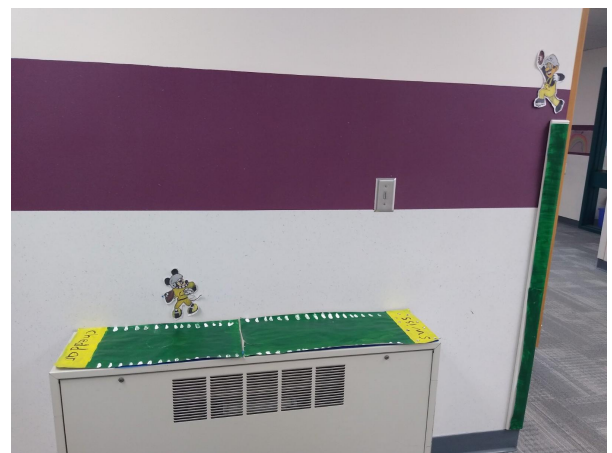
Above: a tiny mystery door painted outside the Kindergarten classroom by Emma P.



Left: a mural on a bookshelf in the art room by Tatianna

Below left: a drawn frog visible under the drain by Tristan.

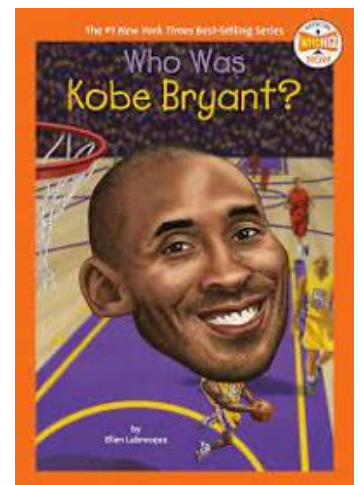
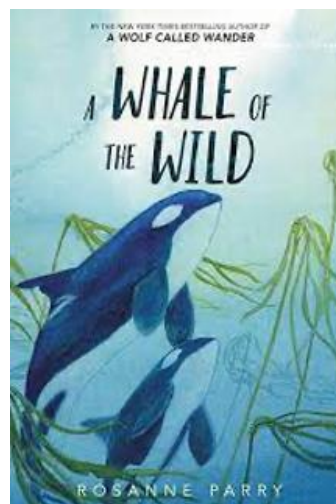
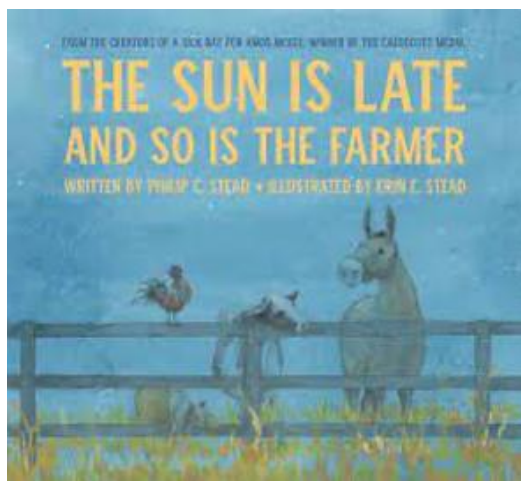
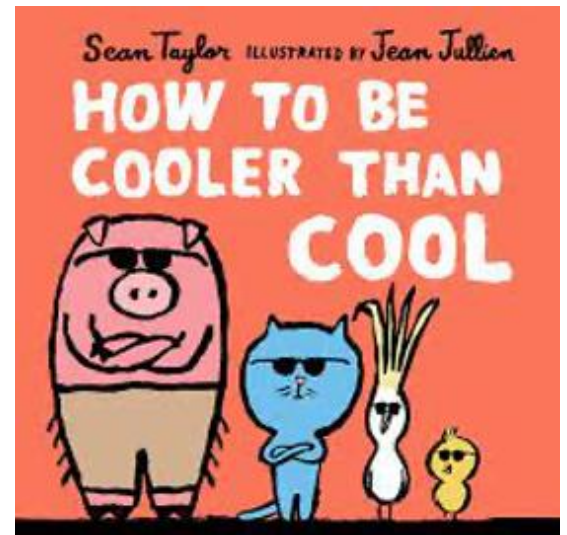
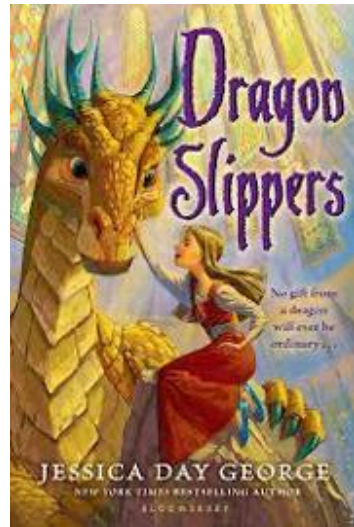
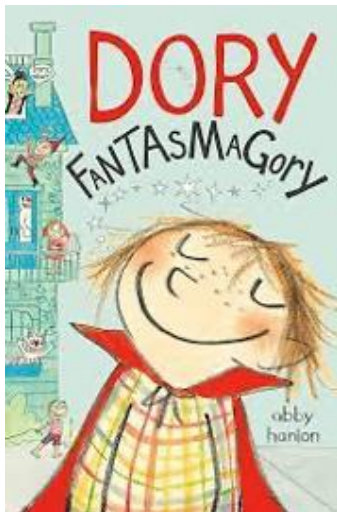
Below right: Mario and Mickey Mouse playing football, in the preschool hallway, by Davis and Jackson





Thank
you!

A huge THANK YOU to P.I.E.E. for their donation to the school library! We have some very happy readers, thanks to you!



We appreciate you
Thank you!

Thank you!
Wendy!

Thank you
Lorie Flaherty
😊

Becky

Thank you,
Tom & Jennifer

Thank you
so much! ♥

Laura
George

Thank you
Megan

Many
thanks!
Nettie

Thank you Leah

Thank you
Donna

Melissa Masella

Thank you!!!
Beth

Thank you!
Beth

Thanks!
Steve Kazmarczyk

Elizabeth DeBart

Thank you!
Jess

Thank you!
Kammyn

Thank you!
Wendy

Thank you!
Keri

Thanks!
Andrea
Elsin

LOVE ALWAYS,

Thank you
Tom & Jen
Smith

Thank you!
Mark - Burnett

Big thanks
Jill Kolodzig

Debra Lou Hale

Heather Petersen

Thank you
so much!
Erin

Tracy
Saharewski

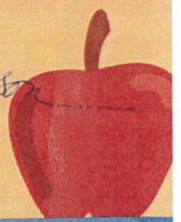
THANK YOU ERVING COMMUNITY

Thank you PIEE, Lisa, and our INCREDIBLE community members for all the amazing goodies during teacher appreciation week. We appreciate you all and feel blessed to work in such an amazing community.

Erving Teachers & Staff

Thank you!
- Michelle
Arena

Thank
you
Jaime



ACTIVITY LIST

- Swimming
- Arts & Crafts
- Lunch with Friends
- Outdoor Games
- Sports
- Fun and Laughs

REGISTRATION

\$125/week for Erving Kids

\$225/week non-resident

SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM

JULY 3 -
AUGUST 11

2023



Registration Link

<https://ervingma.myrec.com>

Questions? email us at Recreation@erving-ma.gov

BIKE RODEO

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

9AM - NOON

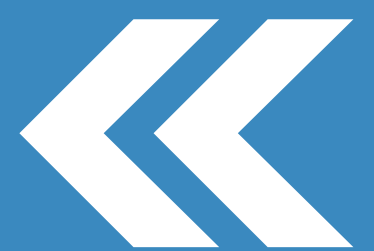
AT ERVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



BIKE DEMOS

RIDER SAFETY

FREE KID HELMETS



PRESENTED BY ERVING POLICE DEPARTMENT
& THE ERVING RECREATION COMMISSION
FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.ERVING-MA.GOV



Community Network for Children Programs



QR CODE TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://form.jotform.com/212215759871158>.

SPECIALS for MAY and JUNE!

- **NEW! CNC HIKE MEET UP!** Join Leverett Dad, Andrew, and explore local, family friendly hiking trails. Some will be just for the dads and some for all family members **May 9, 16, 31 June 3 and 7**. Register using the JotForm link to be notified of hiking locations!
- **Parent Cafe! Discussion Group for Families with Young Children:** Come join our friendly group of parents for an evening of discussion, connections and exchange of information. Families with children not yet in school are welcome. Help us plan for this group in the coming year! Parent led group. **May 8th at Shutesbury Elementary School 6:00 Dinner/6:30-Child Care/Parent Discussion. REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- **CNC Children's Closet OPEN HOURS on SATURDAY- May 20th 10:00am -1:00pm.** 4 Montague Rd, Leverett behind the church. **FREE CLOTHES!** We welcome donations of clean, summer clothes in good condition. **ALL WELCOME!**

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- **TUESDAY - New Salem Tales & Tunes with Katie at the New Salem Library - 10:00-11am June 6 and 13.** Music, books and playtime!
- **WEDNESDAY-Wendell Playgroup with Sylvia Wendell Library Playgroup - 10:00-11am May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7** Free play, socialization and story time. Thank you to the Friends of the Wendell Free Library for supporting this program!
- **WEDNESDAY - Leverett Library Playgroup on Wednesdays at the Leverett Library - 10:30am. May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - June 7 and 14** Playgroup for children and their grown-ups 0-5 years of age. Free play time with a short circle time and books to wrap up!
- **FRIDAY- Shutesbury Tales & Tunes with Katie at Shutesbury Elementary School 8:45-10:00am . May 5, 12, 19 and June 2.** Music, books and playtime! Thank you to the M.N. Spear Memorial Library and Shutesbury Elementary for supporting this program!

WEEKLY STORYWALKS - Please be sure to check for ticks!

- Erving Public Library- Posted on Mondays around the outside of the library.
- Leverett Library- Posted on Thursdays on the trail behind the library.

CNC CHILDREN'S CLOSET: 4 Montague Rd, Leverett

- Open Thursdays by appointment or drop-in from Noon-3:30. Text or call to confirm schedule has not changed. **CLOSED June 22-July 6.** Free clothes, diapers and more!

CONTACT Gillian with questions at CNC 413-422-0170 call/text or budine@erving.com

The CNC Program is funded through the Union #28 schools by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and Community Donations.

Informational Session at the Erving Public Library

Learn About Foster Parenting and Adopting from Foster Care



Join us for a discussion on the process of becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent and other ways you can assist children in care. Also in attendance will be the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE)

Location: Erving Public Library
2 Care Drive, Erving

Date/Time: Sunday, May 21, 2023 / 12 pm – 2 pm

Food will be provided

Please RSVP to: Daisy.Acosta@mass.gov

There will be an option to join virtually if you are not able to make it in person. Please contact: library@erving-ma.gov for more details



Erving Public Library
Helping to Make Every Child's Place at Home



The Massachusetts Department of Children & Families serves children of all ages — from infants to adolescents — from every community — who need a home.

- ◆ You can be single, married, partnered, divorced; or widowed.
- ◆ You can rent or own a home.
- ◆ Time spent with you in a stable and secure environment gives a child a chance to heal.
- ◆ The rewards of providing daily care, guidance and acceptance to a child are immeasurable.



MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF Children & Families

1-800-KIDS-508 | mass.gov/dcf

Every Parent Makes a Difference.



Erving Public Library
presents



Family Movie Afternoon



See a free movie the
whole family will enjoy!

First Sundays
1 p.m.
in the
**Community
Room**

2 Care Drive,
Erving, MA 01344
413-423-3348
library@erving-ma.gov

through June - then join us for
Summer Reading Programs!



Erving Public Library

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



through June 21st - then
join us for Summer Reading!

Wednesdays, from 1:30-3 p.m.

Come by after school
for some fun activities
at the library, which
may include...

- Coloring or another craft
- Doing the scavenger hunt
- Playing a computer, video or board game
- Participating in storytime
- Using the computer for homework help
- Having a snack!*



*Snacks are provided by
the Friends of the Erving Public Library

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Teen Movie Monday

Monday, June 5th
3:30 PM
in the Teen Room

Enjoy
snacks on
us!



LAST SESSION FOR THE SUMMER!

With
Andrea the
Librarian



2 CARE DRIVE, ERVING, MA 01344
413-423-3348
LIBRARY@ERVING-MA.GOV

**For ages
11-19**

Visit the library website for movie details:
www.erving-ma.gov/library

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING 2023

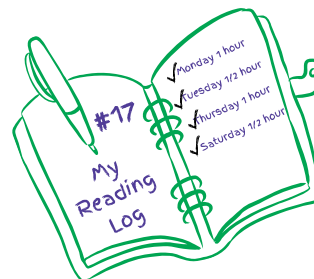
FOR ALL AGES

"Find your voice"



HOW TO PARTICIPATE: ★★

- **Sign up at the library starting & anytime after June 29!**
 - Pick up a reading log, write your number on your log!
- **Track the time you spend reading!** ⌚⌚⌚
- **Check in with a librarian to choose your weekly prize!**
 - Earn a raffle ticket for each HOUR spent reading!
 - Enter to win one of the BIG raffle prizes!
- **Attend the final celebration on August 3! Everyone who participates in Summer Reading gets a *special limited-edition 2023 color-your-own t-shirt!***



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: ★★

*You do not have to be present to win the big prizes or collect your t-shirt

Book Club & Summer Reading Kickoff Pizza Party – Thu. June 29, 5:30pm

Get your reading log, enjoy some pizza and chat with book club about a something you read that is "set in a country you've never visited"! RSVP suggested for pizza party.

Paws to Read – Sundays, July 2 & 23, 2:00pm

Kids read to a dog! Dog handlers present at all times. Sign-up highly suggested, space limited.

Writing Workshop – Tue., July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 5:00pm

Follow the weekly prompts and find your voice through writing! For teens and adults.

Tattoo & Piercing 101 – Thu., July 13, 5:00pm

Informational session only. For teens and adults.

Tell, Create, Connect – Sun., July 16, 11:00am

Storytelling workshop for families to find their voice with Rona Leventhal. Funded by Erving CC.

Pineapple Project – Tue., July 18, 1:00pm

Theater experience that explores gender, creativity, and each child's freedom to be who they are. Best suited for families with kids 3-8 years old.

Book Club & Make Your Own Sundae – Thu., July 27, 5:30pm

Theme: "Read a book borrowed from your local library"! Chat with other readers & have ice cream.

Music and Movement with Tom and Laurie – Sun., July 30, 11:00am

A highly interactive bilingual program for young children, funded by local cultural council grants.

Summer Reading Celebration – Thu., Aug. 3, 5:00-7:00pm

Party with prizes, popcorn, popsicles, and cake! Raffle drawing!

Special limited-edition color-your-own t-shirts for all summer reading participants!

★★ **PLUS: Carrie Ferguson & the Grumpytime Club Band** ★★

Concert with teenage musicians funded by the Erving Cultural Council!

The Grumpytime Club Band is a red and gold family music party band including costumed dancers. Playing original music from Carrie Ferguson's award-winning 2021 album, *The Grumpytime Club*, spent 2022 rocking fairs and festivals with their high-energy funky folk-pop. Featuring a shifting pallet of horn, violin, guitar, mandolin, keys, bass and drums, their music is highly danceable and truly fun for all ages, highlighting themes of inclusivity, social justice, Earth stewardship and LGBTQ youth/family pride.

MORE INFO ONLINE: WWW.ERVING-MA.GOV/LIBRARY ★★

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 - THURSDAY, AUG 3

NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT

Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS



Offered through Boston University's
Metropolitan College & Extended Education

Designed and taught by instructors from the
Institute of Reading Development

Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and will get excited about books and reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

Program for Entering 2nd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a confident fluent reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills and develop reading fluency and strong comprehension. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

Program for Entering 3rd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a strong, enthusiastic reader. Children improve reading fluency and develop excellent comprehension. They build long-word decoding skills and expand their vocabulary. Your child will gain confidence, develop a lifelong love of books and reading, and get off to a great start in third grade.

Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders

In these fun and effective programs, your child will become a skilled, enthusiastic reader and a better writer. Students develop strong comprehension skills in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. They expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly.

Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders

In these effective and enjoyable programs, your son or daughter will make substantial gains in comprehension in fiction and nonfiction, learn to read twice as fast, and become a better writer. Students expand their vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes and study for tests.

Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.



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Phonics

Fluency

Comprehension

Love of Reading

Vocabulary

Textbook Skills

Writing Skills

Reading Speed



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Call **1-800-715-2808**

Mon.-Fri. 8am-9pm, Sat. 8am-7pm and Sun. 10am-6pm

The great books, inspiring teachers, and effective live online instruction your child needs to become a strong reader!



These exceptional classes are offered through Boston University's Metropolitan College & Extended Education. The classes are designed and taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development, which has provided non-credit instructional services in conjunction with Metropolitan College & Extended Education for the past 25 years. Tuition varies by program level. Please ask about our family discount.

"My daughter is sounding out words on her own, and she is so excited about reading to us! She loved this program, and I was very impressed with the books and materials."

– Parent of kindergartner

"Thanks to this program, my son is now reading independently and his confidence is through the roof. I cannot express enough how grateful I am for this program."

– Parent of 1st grader

"Online teaching is a special set of skills, and your teachers are spot on!"

– Parent of 2nd grader

"Allison loved doing the long-word decoding lessons. Her reading skills have improved tremendously, and she is reading more challenging chapter books."

– Parent of 3rd grader

"The teacher was phenomenal! She kept students engaged and participating, and my child was more excited about reading as the weeks went on."

– Parent of 4th grader

"Patrick's comprehension has really improved, and he loved the books. I've recommended this to other parents."

– Parent of 5th grader

"The lessons were fun and easy to follow. It is much easier for me to study and take notes now. I don't put off studying until the last day because I know I can get through it fast."

– 7th-grade student

"I liked tracking my reading speed and seeing it go up from week to week. I used to not like to read because it was too time-consuming, but now it's easier to finish."

– 9th-grade student

Weekend and weekday schedules available!

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INQUIRE EARLY! CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED.

Franklin County Forum

Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Our Community



Thursday, June 1st
Greenfield Middle School
Library
5:00pm - 7:30pm



Communities that Care COALITION

- 5:00** Welcome and refreshments
- 5:30** Opening remarks - Dr. Jeffrey Trant, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center of Franklin County and North Quabbin
- 5:40** Prevention is the Key - Northwestern District Attorney David Sullivan
- 6:00** Enough Abuse: Strategies for Your Family and Community - Jetta Bernier
- 7:00** Community Conversation - Engaging Citizens in Child Sexual Abuse Prevention
- 7:20** Closing remarks - Dr. Jeffrey Trant

TRAINER:

Jetta Bernier is Executive Director of MassKids, a statewide, citizen-based child advocacy nonprofit, where she directs the **Enough Abuse Campaign** - a community mobilization and citizen education initiative on child sexual abuse developed under a 5-year grant from the federal CDC and now adopted in 8 states.

Using the research-informed and highly evaluated Enough Abuse Campaign curricula, Jetta will provide an **overview of child sexual abuse** and **specific policies and practices** that can be implemented to keep children and youth safe. She will discuss **the nature and scope** of child sexual abuse and how to prevent it in families and communities; how sexual abuse negatively impacts children's long-term health and mental health, social-emotional learning, and academic achievement, and legal obligations to report suspected or disclosed cases. **Free resources** will be provided, including *Straight Talk About Child Sexual Abuse: A Prevention Guide for Parents*, the Pledge to Prevent campaign for action, child safety posters for schools and youth organizations, and more.

Scan the
QR Code to
register:



This event will be recorded by GC-TV. If you cannot attend in-person but would like to be notified when it will be aired, or have other questions, contact Kelly Broadway, CAC of Franklin County at kbroadway@cacfranklinnq.org or call 413-475-3401.