



Erving Elementary
School
Eagle Express

Issue #13

April 5, 2019 Important Dates

Monday, April 8th

MCAS Testing begins for
Gr 3-6

Wednesday, April 10th

Savings Makes "Cents"
PTO Board Mtg. 10:00 am

April 15th Through April 19th

No School- April Vacation

Wednesday, April 24th

School Council Mtg. 11:15

Sunday, April 28th

CNC Playgroup 9:30-12

Wednesday, May 1st

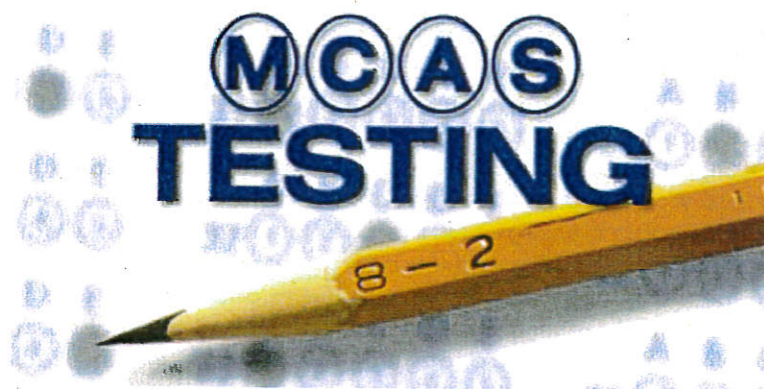
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Weekly Parent/Guardian School Newsletter

MCAS Testing will begin April 8th and run through until May 21st.

Testing will be for students in 3rd – 6th. Please help your student perform to the best of their ability by encouraging them to get a good night's sleep and have a healthy breakfast. Below is some information found on the Valley Sleep Center Website.

<https://valleysleepcenter.com>



Everyone knows that you function better when you get a good night's sleep. It doesn't matter how old you are or what you do, getting the sleep you need boosts your productivity, improves your mood, and enhances your performance. This is because of what happens when we sleep; our body and brain perform important functions that support our ability to learn, our long term memory, and even our immune system.

Given what we know about sleep, it shouldn't be surprising that researchers have found that there is a link between adequate sleep duration and good grades. When students don't get enough sleep, their performance suffers and their grades drop. If you expand those findings to include other areas of academic performance and measurement, it is reasonable to assume that not getting enough sleep would have a similar impact on a student's performance during standardized testing.

Thank you for helping your student do their very best!



Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

Congratulations to our grade 5 and 6 students who were the recipients of some special trophies at their season-ending basketball tournament. The boys and girls team players are: Emma G., Emma L., Linley, Kiera, Audrianna, Cordelia, Alyssa, Leeanna, Trent, Jonathan, Max, Darian, Zander, Jack, Cameron. Thank you to all of the recreation coaches for their hard work and dedication to provide our children with the opportunity to play on a team that values respect for the game, their opponents, and how they represent our community. It is always wonderful hearing positive feedback from opposing team coaches and parents. Thank you to all involved in recreational sports.

Back on March 21 we joined the rest of the world in 'Rocking Our Socks' in honor of World Down Syndrome Day. Thank you all for sharing in this day. When you turned on the television or opened the newspaper, it seemed that everybody wanted to show their feet in support. There are some incredible socks around this world!! Throughout the day one quote sat deep in my heart "things that are different are still beautiful and wonderful". Each day, we strive to find the beauty and wonder in everything that we come across. I am so very proud that our students and staff truly live this message. Our (students and staff) task of educating the world to respect and have compassion for all people seems to get more difficult every day, due to the barrage of disrespect and abuse that flash across cellphones, television, newspapers and social media. These stories and messages cause discomfort and conflict for all of us, particularly young children who already have enough on their plates. We appreciate all that our parents and guardians are doing to support this message of respect and compassion within and outside of their homes. We are a special community that has touched so many lives over the years. May we continue to hold one another in high regard.

Our All-School Play reflected the beauty and wonder that is contained within each one of our students and staff. There were many moments when you couldn't help but be in a state of shock at the phenomenal talents on display. Our children are incredible artists! In Erving, we are so very fortunate to have a rich and varied pool of opportunities for our students to excel and realize their potential. The hard work and dedication demonstrated by each and every student reflected that same commitment by the staff/instructors, mentors, and of course you their parents, guardians, and grandparents. The 'Erving Elementary School Play' is a rite of passage in the truest sense of what a community event should be. It is recognized by all as one of those requisites we should always strive to provide. There were plenty of accolades at the end of the show. A group of visiting guests came over to say that they have never witnessed such talent at this age, and they stated they have been in and out of many local area schools. Thank you Ms. B.C. for your leadership, and dedication to the arts. Thank you Emily Stewart, Cameron Lewis and Jane Urban for your involvement and the many hours dedicated to putting on the show! Our appreciation to Gary Porlier, Eric Harris, Matt Kolodziej, Allison Graichen, and Emily Samuels for your critical roles in support of the music, lights and staging.

This week we recognized our paraprofessionals. Every day, they perform critical work directly with our students. They step in to lead the class whenever a teacher is absent, or is attending a meeting. They care deeply about their roles and are invested in ongoing professional development to further their own instructional skill set. On behalf of our whole community I would like to thank all paraprofessionals for their deep commitment to the work of educating and caring for our students. We truly recognize the challenging work that you undertake each and every day.

Interestingly, next week is the week of the child :)

Have a great weekend.

Jim

The Tale of The OObleek

"Be Careful What You Wish For!"

We thank you all for coming and supporting the students at Erving Elementary School.





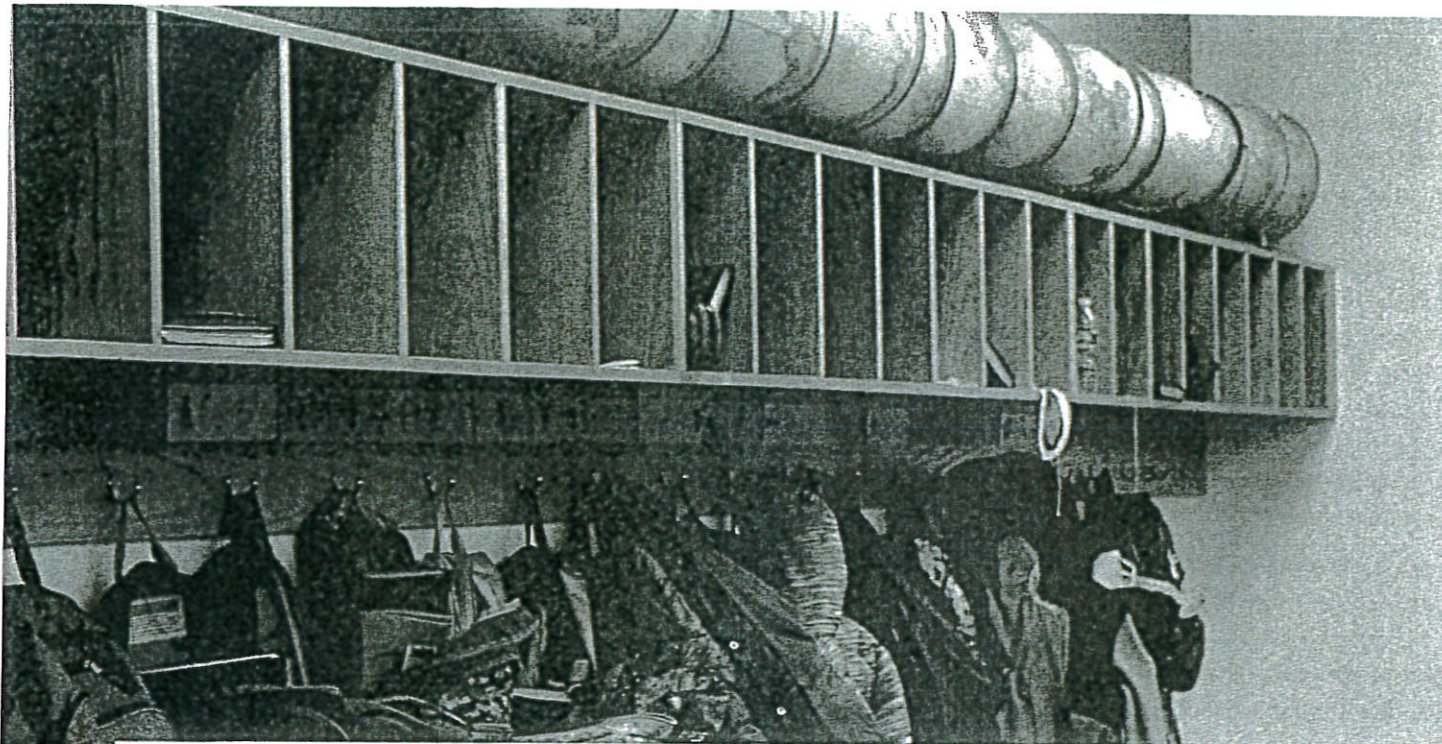


Photo by Martha Malony

DEEPENING PARAEDUCATOR SKILLS AT ERVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The day begins at Erving Elementary School, and Principal Jim Trill's team of educators are ready. As students leave their cars and buses, they run for the school entrance, where adults greet each entering student with a smile, calling them by name as students move through the long hallway to different learning areas, hang up coats, set backpacks down, greet their classmates and prepare to begin their learning day. "Our greatest assets are our staff," says Trill. "I've always felt that if we could support our staff and provide them with the toolbox they need for their trade, then that will gain the best results and our outcomes will be there for us."

CES Curriculum and Instructional Specialist in Special Education Sharon Jones has been working for over two years on coaching and training with a specific group within the strong team that Trill has built at Erving Elementary - the paraeducators. Trill explains, "I saw a desire on the part of the paraeducators to grow beyond where they were. Our professional staff also strongly advocated for this work. They value the paras as professionals, and this has created trust - a major component of the work that gives rise to a stronger, more cohesive community. Our teachers felt that the stronger our para base, the smoother the work would be. I knew Sharon Jones had a fabulous reputation, and I had heard of her work in other districts, and reached out."

"I have the ability now to really progress in my work with students."

— Cassandra Putnam, Paraeducator, Erving Elementary School



Trill asked Jones to come and work with the paraeducators in Erving Elementary School. For the first year, Jones developed six afternoon training sessions on topics such as behavior support, differentiation, and gradual release. Participants felt that their skill sets were improving and were pleased with the process, so Trill and Jones set up a second year, scaffolding on the first year's training with some more in-depth focus on particular topics. "This is quiet work," said Jones, "It doesn't get big press. But it is the quiet work that is happening in some of these schools that is the most profound and impactful for kids."

Cassandra Putnam was in her first year as a paraeducator at Erving Elementary School when the program began. Today, she works with a dozen students each week, ranging from PreK through 6th grade. She was excited after the first meeting with Jones in September of 2016 - "Sharon wanted to know what was important to each of us. I wanted to be able to offer better support to the students and the teachers. Support for 6th grade looks so different than support for 1st grade!" Putnam, who will soon complete her Bachelor's in Behavioral Education at the University of Massachusetts, was especially interested in the differentiation work with Jones and appreciated the additional focus on this in the second year.

"After this training, I see a real future for myself in special education," says Putnam. "I've been able to learn so much, and I love working with the students and teachers. We are a tight-knit team and my hope is to stay here and grow."

Plans are in place for a third year of paraeducator professional development at Erving Elementary School, with each paraeducator completing an independent learning project based on their particular interest. When complete, they will share their work with the Erving Elementary School educator team.

LEARN MORE: collaborative.org/specialed-pd



HEALTHY HAMPSHIRE SUPPORTS A CAMPAIGN FOR HEALTHY EATING AT COOLEY DICKINSON

CES Healthy Families and Communities works with projects like Healthy Hampshire to promote strong families and create a local culture where youth are supported to make healthy



choices. This year, Healthy Hampshire worked with Cooley Dickinson Hospital to assist them in promoting healthy food choices. Staff and committees at Cooley Dickinson worked with Healthcare Without Harm to purchase foods that prioritize the health of hospital patrons, staff, and the planet. Harvard School of Public Health provided recommendations on reducing sugar and sodium in the hospital's cafeteria and vending machine offerings, and these were the basis for signage and posters developed by the Healthy Hampshire/CES team which were placed throughout the Cooley Dickinson cafeteria to alert staff and visitors of the healthier options available. This was one of multiple community projects coordinated by the Healthy Hampshire coalition and CES during the year.

LEARN MORE: healthyhampshire.org

Erving Elementary School PTO

2nd Annual Cash and Prize Calendar Raffle

The **WHO**: **YOU** and your family!

The **WHAT**: The EES PTO is holding an all school fundraiser: a cash and prize calendar raffle in April. We have received approximately \$2,500 of in-kind prize donations from overwhelmingly generous local businesses and families.

The **WHEN**: Calendars go home with students the week of April 12th and the **deadline to return money and calendar stubs is April 29th**. Tickets may be purchased until the end of May. We are requesting that each family sell 5 calendars, at \$5 each, so \$25 per family. *If you are unable to participate, kindly return the folder with raffle calendars to the Front Office ASAP for redistribution.* Once a ticket is drawn it will be re-entered into the raffle, for potential multiple winnings. Winners will be notified via phone/email and posting on our EES PTO Facebook Page.

The **WHERE (How to Buy)**: All Erving Students or EES front desk; Accepted payment: Cash or check, made payable to EES PTO

Questions: Facebook: Erving Elementary School PTO Page; Email: pto@erving.com

The **WHY**: The more tickets sold, the more money netted for each classroom and all 131 students!

The **HOW**: The raffle ticket is a May calendar with approx \$75 in prizes raffled daily.

Over \$2,500 in Prizes from over 45 donors:

2nd Street Bakery, Two \$10 Gift Certificates, 99 Restaurant, \$25 Gift Certificate, Debbie Allen- In-home spa basket
Andy's and the Oak Shop, \$30 gift certificate, Bagley Goodwin Hrinda, Drawstring backpack with oral supplies
Black Cow Burger Bar, \$20 Gift Certificate, Gillian Budine \$25 to Greenfield Farmers' Cooperative Exchange
Cleary's Jewelers, \$30 Gift Certificate, Crooked Tap, \$10 Gift Certificate, Dan's Veggies, Two \$10 gift certificates
Deerfield Country Store, food smasher and decorative compass, Melissa Gerry (Doterra,), mini oil diffuser, 2 essential oils
Dunkin Donuts, Stainless steel travel tumbler and bag of coffee, Elements Hot Tub Spa, \$50 gift certificate for 30 min hot
tub session for two, Erving Paper Mill, \$250 Cash, Erving Paper Mill Union Workers, \$50 Cash, Erving Recreation Commission,
5 tshirts and 2 sets of sweatbands, Erving Station, \$50 gift certificate; Two \$25 gift certificates, Family Game Gift Basket by
Aimee Wood and Jess Allen, Friends of the Erving Library, \$50 book basket, Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center,
\$15 Gift Certificate; \$25 one year family membership, French King Bowling Alley, Twenty Five, 2 free game bowling passes
French King Restaurant, Gift Certificate, Garden Cinema, Two free movie passes, Gill Tavern, \$25 gift certificate
Greenfield Community College, bag; sweatshirt; travel cup; two tshirts, Great Falls Yoga, 5 sessions free
Ja'Duke, 2 free theatre passes, Hair Affair Salon, free haircut, wash, blow-dry, J&J Hockey, \$25 Gift certificate
Kidder & Son Painting, \$50 Home Depot Gift Card, Lularoe by Brooke Shippa, \$25 gift certificate and free leggings
M3G Photography, free mini session photo shoot, Mystic Pinball, \$20 gift certificate, Pipiones Sports Shop, \$25 gift
certificate, Poplar Mountain Maple, Half gallon maple syrup, Prondecki's Store, Gift Certificate of favorite meal
Rendezvous, \$25 Gift Certificate, Snap On Tools, 7 piece soft grip combination screwdriver set; Beach Towel; Two
hot/cold stainless steel travel tumblers; Limited edition ratcheting screwdriver; Two "S" wall mounts
The Recorder, Three month subscription, Tim's Barbershop, 2 free haircuts (\$28), Wagon Wheel, Two small ice cream cone
coupons, Wild Arrow Photography, Free mini session photo shoot

EES PTO 2nd Annual Calendar Raffle

DONOR LIST

- 99 restaurant \$25 gift card
- Accurate Automotive
- Allen family: young child story time basket (3 books and 3 stuffies)
- Allen, Debbie: gembox; home spa basket; electronic family games basket
- Applebee's: \$25 gift card
- Black Cow Burger Bar Two \$20 gift certificates
- Budine, Gillian: \$25 Greenfield Farmers Coop gift card
- Creative Cs: hand painted wine glass and coffee mug
- Cleary's Jewelers: \$25 gift certificate
- Crooked Tap: \$15 gift card
- Dunkin Donuts, Erving: mug and coffee
- Eds Barbershop: 2 free haircuts
- Elements Hot Tub and Spa: \$50, 30min hot Tub session for 2
- Emily Dickinson Museum: 4 passes and poetry book
- Eric Carle Museum: 2 sets of family passes for 4
- Erving Paper Mill: \$250 cash donation
- Erving Recreation Commission: 7 youth tees, 4 hats
- Erving Station: 1lb chocolates
- Flourish, \$50 gift card
- Four Leaf Clover: \$25 gift card
- French King Bowling Alley, Three \$25 gift cards
- French King Restaurant, \$25 gift card
- Gerry, Melissa: Norwex gift card
- Great Falls Harvest: \$40 gift card
- Great Falls Yoga: \$75 gift card, 5 sessions
- Hair Affairs Salon: Wash, cut, blow dry with Robin Morrison
- Hodges, Rachel: signed copy of *Gingerly*
- Jaduke: 2 tickets to Winnie the Pooh May 17, 18 or 20
- Kens Roadside Diner: \$20 gift card
- Lady Killgrew: \$20 gift card
- Lyod, Kelly: Doterra Essential Oils
- Maurice's: \$10 gift card and coupon
- Mayhew Tools: Screwdriver set and pry bar
- Megadance: 2 free classes
- Mystic Pinball: \$20 gift card
- North Village Smokehouse: \$25 gift card

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- Novak, Jolynn: jumping beans bounce house \$75 gift card
- Nussbaum, Ashley: \$25 gift card for Unique Styles
- Pellerin, Chris: 2 needle point artworks
- Petermans Boards and Bowls: medium sized hand crafted wooden bowl
- Pipiones Sport Shop: \$25 gift card
- Poplar Mountain Maple, 3 small maple syrup
- Principal for a Day with Erving Elementary School Principal Jim Trill
- Prondeckis Store: gift card
- Renaud, Rachel: Avon gift basket
- Red Fire North: \$20 gift card
- Rendezvous: \$20 gift card
- Sadler Family: Thieves dishwasher detergent, Young Living
- Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters: 2 pastries and 2 drinks of choice
- Shippa, Brooke: Lularoe \$50 gift card
- Shire Photography: \$50 gift card
- Snap On Tools: screwdriver set; 4 color changing mugs; 2 stainless steele travel mugs; baseball cap; Wall mount S
- Sweet Lucys Bakery: \$25 gift card
- Terrazza: \$100, four \$25 gift card
- Tiny Dinosaur Farm, Soph and Eli Petreccia: gift basket of handmade body butter and bath salts
- Town Line Ice Cream, \$15 gift card
- Towne Family: \$25 Amazon gift card
- Toy Box: \$20 gift card
- UMASS Fine Arts Center: 4 passes to 2019-2020 season; silicone phone pockets
- Wagon Wheel: 2 free cones
- Tim's Barber shop: 2 free haircuts



Northampton Area Pediatrics, LLP PARENTING WORKSHOP

Vaping Facts: Why It's Not a Harmless Vapor

with Melinda Calianos, Director of Hampshire Franklin Tobacco Free Community Partnership, and Jonathan Schwab, M.D., Medical Director of Northampton Area Pediatrics

Parents and teens are welcome to hear this presentation and open discussion about vaping which has now become the most common way for teenagers to use substances.

Come and see these devices and find out what we know and don't know about the health consequences of vaping.

**Sunday, April 7th
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
193 Locust St., Northampton**

RSVP by calling 413-517-2226 or email contactus@napeds.com

Parenting workshops are open to the community and free of charge.

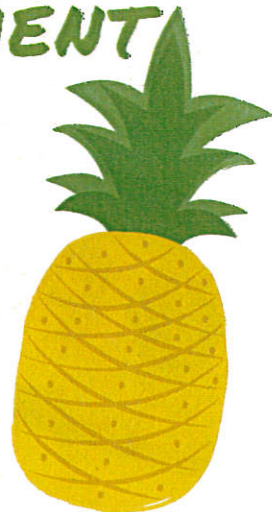


ERVING SCHOOL UNION #28
COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR
CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S **FREE!** CLOSET

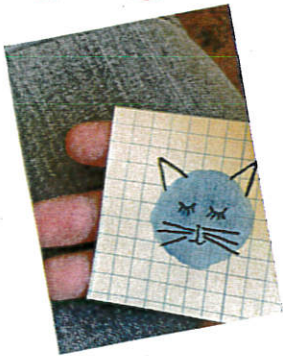
at the Dixon House,
4 Montague Rd, Leverett
WEEKLY OPEN HOURS
THURSDAYS 8:30-11:00AM
OTHER HOURS BY APPOINTMENT

- Children's Clothes
- Diapers
- Canned goods (coming soon!)
- Baby items and more!
- Local information & resources



Contact Gillian @ 413-668-5713 with questions or to make
an appointment to shop!

THE COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN
PROGRAM OFFERS A SCHOOL VACATION WEEK
PROGRAM:



OH HELLO THERE



Regular old paint splotches and blobs can magically turn into funny faces, purring cats, and dancing penguins. Join Emily as we playfully turn process based art experiments into a fleet of friendly faces and creatures perfect for storytelling and imaginative play. Emily will read picture books and lead a discussion about the different ways artists create faces and facial features in their art.

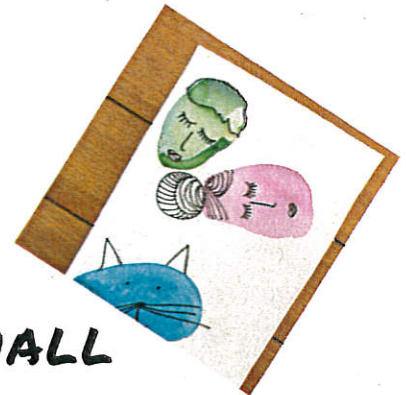


APRIL 16, 2019

TUESDAY

9:00-10:00AM

AT SHUTESBURY TOWN HALL
1 COOLEYVILLE RD

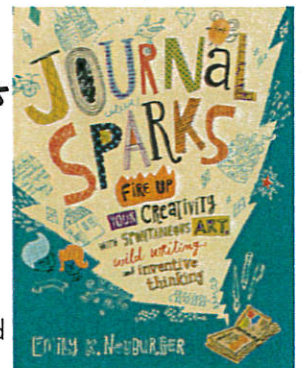


**LIMITED SPACE, PLEASE RSVP TO
BUDINE@ERVING.COM**



THIS WORKSHOP IS GEARED TOWARDS A MIXED AGE GROUP OF 3-5
YEAR OLDS, WITH FLEXIBILITY FOR SIBLINGS AND ADULTS.

Emily Neuburger is an art teacher, author, and artist with a particular interest in story telling, imperfection, and artistic experimentation. She is the author of the award winning books *Show Me a Story* (Storey 2012) and *Journal Sparks* (Storey 2017)



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**Community Network for Children
Program is offering a**

FREE

**CHILDREN'S
CLOTHING**

Pop-Up Swap

Sunday-April 7th, 2019

12:00 - 2:00pm

At Wendell Library

7 WENDELL DEPOT ROAD, WENDELL MA

- ALL WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.
- SWAP IF YOU WANT OR JUST COME SHOP!
- PLEASE BRING BAGS
- MOST SIZES NEWBORN - 4 YEARS-OF-AGE, FEW ITEMS FOR OLDER CHILDREN.

**Please contact Gillian, CNC Program
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(978)544-5157 with questions.**

