

Important Dates

Tuesday, January 15th
School Committee Meeting
7pm Conference Room

Wednesday, January 16th

Savings Makes "Cents" School Council 3:30pm

Thursday, January 17th
All School Sing 2:30pm
In the gym

Monday, January 21st
No School

Tuesday, January 22nd
Math night grades 3 & 4
515-7

Weekly Parent/Guardian School Newsletter

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

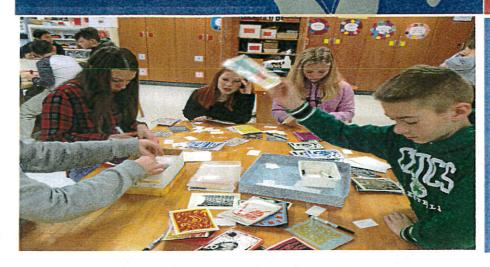
The rather mild winter weather seems to be playing havoc with our immune systems. One day warm, next cold, next freezing and then back to warm! So far we have been rather fortunate with regard to health issues, however, that being said we do need to remain vigilant when it comes to looking after the health of our children and each other. Our custodians came in over the weekend to disinfect the work surfaces, door handles, windows, and areas where germs decide to live for periods longer than 24 hours or more. Throughout the winter season the custodial staff will spend additional hours performing this whole-school cleansing. In addition, our classroom educators will continue to wipe down all surfaces. We ask our children to wash their hands on a regular basis. We are fortunate that we have a full-time school nurse on site. Gail Dubreuil regularly reminds our students to follow some basic health guidelines, washing hands, sneezing and coughing into elbows, keeping hands to yourself, and drinking plenty of water (fluids). We ask that our parents and guardians mirror the same routines at home. Together we can help reduce the effects of any illness.

The cold weather on Sunday did not have any impact on the outcome of the big game. As usual, the Patriots handled the weather and the Chargers with relative ease. Like the Patriots, our students seem to have a pretty strong constitution:), especially when it comes to stepping up to give their best.

As we continue our research into how we can source more locally grown food, a recent article in the Hampshire Gazette has grabbed the attention of a lot of people across the northeast. Hydroponic growing, although an expensive start-up, may provide our school with the opportunity to harvest sufficient fruits and vegetables that can be introduced into our daily breakfast and lunch menus. We are looking into the costs associated with growing our own food, including the use of a greenhouse, growing beds, and indoor growing towers. Mary Glabach, Jaime Parse and I paid a visit to Hawlemont Elementary School to view their agricultural program. The school grows a lot of its own vegetables, makes honey, cheese, sells eggs, spaghetti sauce and many other locally grown products at a weekly farmers market that is held at their school. A few hours prior to us arriving, there was a lot of excitement as the staff and students welcomed a newborn lamb. The school is thriving due mainly to the innovative ideas that engage their staff and students.

Have a great week.

Jim



News from 6th grade

6th Grade Print Block Cards for sale

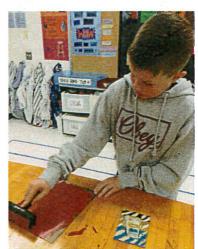
6th grade has been working hard on block print cards. Most of the students currently have cards available for sale near the front office. Cards are sold for \$2.00 each and the proceeds will go towards their trip to New York City in May.





















Preschool News & Updates





News from Mrs. Glabach & Mrs. Wheeler

Brrrrrrr it's been cold in Preschool the last couple of weeks as the preschoolers begin to learn about Arctic animals and how they adapt to the cold conditions. Did you know polar bears have two thick layers of fur to protect them from extreme cold and Arctic waters? They even have fur that grows over the bottom of their paws to keep their paws from freezing when swimming in the icy water.

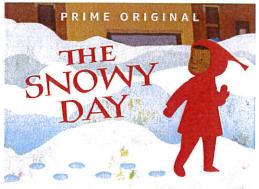
Our Pizza/Sandwich shop dramatic play area is bustling! There are lots of orders being taken for pizzas and sandwiches! They've been learning the song "I Am A Pizza" and will be singing it to their Kindergarten friends next week.

A special thanks to Mrs. Elson for setting up <u>The Snowy Day</u> storybook walk out on the track. Even without any snow on the track, it still was a fun afternoon!









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Erving Elementary 6th grade



HILLSIDE PIZZA FUNDRAISING



Erving Elementary 6th grade will receive up to \$6 for every pizza or cookie tub sold.

Order from:_____

Order several! Pizzas and cookie dough can be frozen and enjoyed later.



www.HillsidePizza.com

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PRACTICED ROUTINES:

Positive Behavior Support Program for Parents

Developed by Dr. Meme Hieneman, BCBA & IRIS Educational Media

Delivered by Behavior Research Team members from the UMass Amherst School Psychology program under the supervision of Dr. Sarah Fefer, BCBA

Have you ever struggled to understand your child's behavior? Perhaps you have a New Year's resolution to have more positive family time? Join us for Practiced Routines!

Routines are important to families, but may be difficult to establish in families raising children with challenging behavior. During this training, you will learn about the different purposes your child's behavior might serve and how to use proactive, teaching, and management strategies that fit your home and community circumstances.

If you have a child in preschool or elementary school and would like to learn how to use the principles of Positive Behavior Support to improve your valued routines and family life in general, you are a great candidate for a FREE 3-week parent training program called Practiced Routines.

Sessions-at-a-Glance

Session 1 on 1/10	Session 2 on 1/17	Session 3 on 1/24
 Introduction/Overview Identifying Goals/Routine Recording Behavior and Finding Patterns 	 Activity Check Analyzing Patterns Creating a Routine-Based Behavior Support Plan 	 Activity Check Using Plan with Fidelity Transferring to New Routines
Practice Activities	Practice Activities	Maintaining Practices
Watch: Watching and Recording Behavior & Identifying Patterns Do: Recording Behavior & ABC Recording	Watch: Proactive Strategies, Teaching Skills, & Managing Consequences Do: Routine-Based Plan & Recording Behavior	

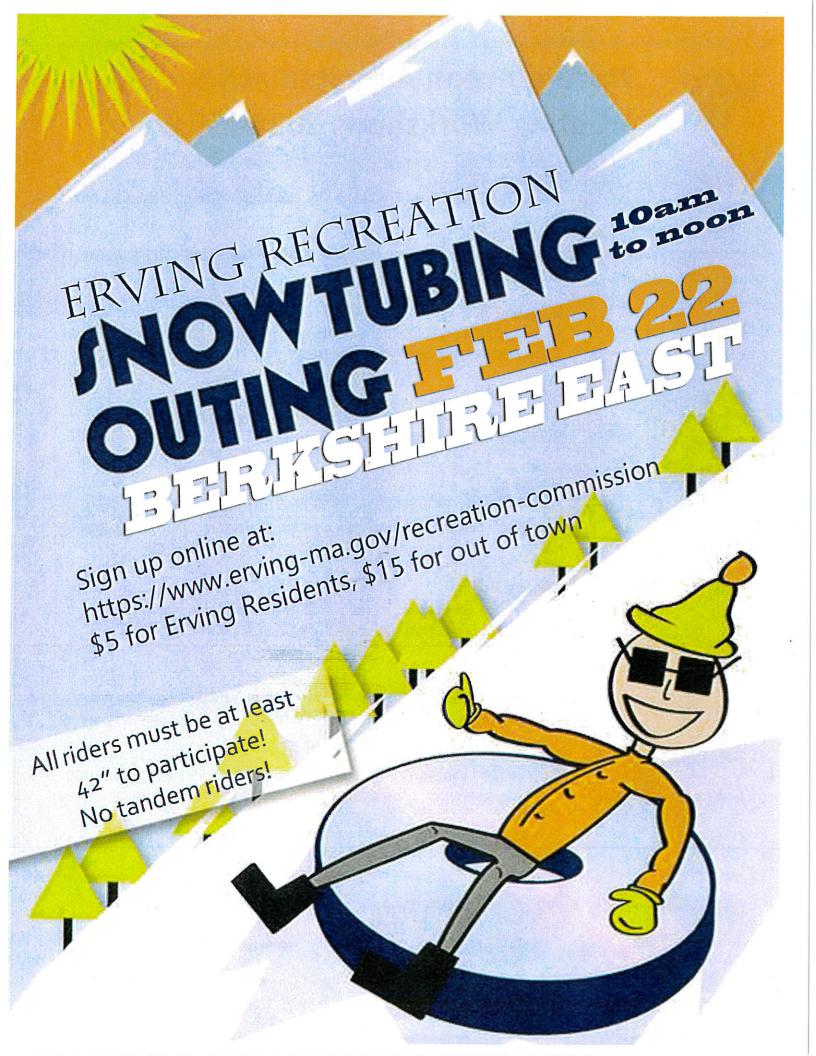
Training Dates/Times: Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 (January 10, 17, & 24) Family style dinner will be provided, and childcare will be available by request

Training Location: Furcolo Hall, University of Massachusetts Amherst

To register for this FREE training or to learn more:
Email Simone Boykin at sboykin@umass.edu OR call Marina Donnelly at 908-462-2124
Hurry, registration will close on January 7th, 2019

Hope to see you soon!







Northampton Area Pediatrics Parenting Workshops 2018-2019

Join pediatrician,
Jonathan Schwab, M.D.,
and clinical psychologist,
Sharon Saline, Psy.D, and
invited guest speakers
for a short presentation
and Q & A. Gain insights
and ask your questions!



Sundays 4pm to 5:30pm 193 Locust St., Northampton

All parenting workshops are free of charge and open to the public.

September 30th

How to Teach (and Learn From) Our Kids about Sex with Jane Fleishman, MD

October 14th

Parenting Preschoolers with Confidence, Clarity and Empathy with Sarah Abel, LICSW

November 18th

An Introduction to Counseling and Mental Performance Skills Training for Young Athletes with Ben Thompson, LICSW

December 2nd

When Worrying Takes Over: Managing Anxiety in your Child or Teen with Sharon Saline, PsyD and Jonathan Schwab, MD

January 13th

Autism Spectrum Disorders from Toddlers to Teens with David Kieval, PsyD, BCBA, Peter Everett, MD, and NAP Care Coordinators Jill Quinn and Jacqueline Riel

February 10th

Picky Eating from Toddlers to Teens with Ana Maria Moise, MS CNS LDN, Michele LaRock, MS RDN LDN and Kristen Deschene, MD

March 3rd

Everything You Want to Know about Parenting an ADHD Child or Teen with Sharon Saline, PsyD and Jonathan Schwab, MD

April 7th

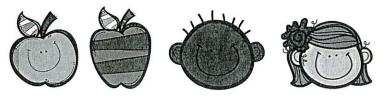
Marijuana and Vaping: Are They Really Harmless? with Jonathan Schwab, MD

May 5

Raising Digital Kids: How to Manage Screens in your Family with More Cooperation and Less Yelling with Sharon Saline, PsyD



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Erving Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

Join the ...

EES PTO STUDENT DIRECTORY

Make connecting with classmates easier by signing up to become a part of the new EES student directory brought to you by the EES PTO. Fill out the bottom portion of this form and return to school with your child by January 23rd. The PTO will then compile the information you provide and turn it into a directory to be used for play dates, birthday party invitations, and much more. You will only receive a copy of the PTO Student Directory if you participate by adding your child/family information. You can provide as much information as you feel comfortable sharing.

Student Name:	Grade:						
Parent(s) Name(s):1.							
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Any other information							

