



Erving Elementary School Eagle Express

Issue #8

March 1, 2019
Important Dates

Monday, March 4th
6th Grade Dare Graduation

Wednesday, March 6th
Savings Makes "Cents"
PTO Meeting 6pm

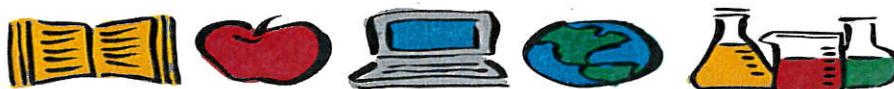
Tuesday-Thursday,
March 12, 13 and 14
Parent/Guardian/Teacher
Conferences: 1:15 Dismissals

Tuesday, March 12th
School Committee Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, March 13th
School Council 3:30pm

Thursday, March 14th
All School Sing 9:30am

Weekly Parent/Guardian School Newsletter



News from the Principal

Dear Families,

I would like to inform you of our plans to pilot Alternative Learning Days (ALD) on some upcoming snow days, during the remainder of this school year. The School Committee has agreed to pilot up to 2 ALD's. Alternative Learning Days will count as student-directed school days that we will not have to make up in the summer. Alternative Learning Days will give students an opportunity to practice independent learning at home.

When we can anticipate a potential snow day, students will receive a bag with a selection of assignments to take home. Students may choose assignments from this selection, or they may elect to work on an e-learning assignment. Since not all families can access online assignments at home, e-learning will only be one available option, but will never be required. For example, Dreambox will always be an option, but never a required assignment. All assignments will be designed to allow students to work independently and will be due on or before the fifth school day following an Alternative Learning Day. Submitted assignments must be accompanied by a cover letter signed by a parent/guardian to indicate attendance for the day (cover letters will also be included in the bags).

Not every snow day will be an Alternative Learning Day. Teachers will only send work home when it is possible to prepare for an Alternative Learning Day ahead of time. For example, if we are anticipating a one-day storm that turns into a three-day storm, we may have one Alternative Learning Day and two snow days. Alternative Learning Days will be announced over the robo call system along with the school cancellation notification.

By piloting this program at Erving Elementary, we hope to gain insight on how well it will work for our students and our families. We hope that introducing Alternative Learning Days will allow for us to utilize some of our poor weather days for learning. Additionally, we hope to provide our students with a valuable opportunity to practice self-directed learning and independent study. If we are able to try Alternative Learning Days this school year, we will send home a survey in the spring to learn about individual experiences with this program. Please be on the lookout for Alternative Learning Day announcements on any school cancellation days. If you have any questions, please be sure to reach out to your student's classroom teacher. We welcome your feedback!

Sincerely,

James D. Trill

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

This morning, grade 3 through 6 students welcomed Officer Loynd ICAC (Internet Safety & Crimes Against Children) liaison to Erving Elementary School. Officer Loynd presented information to students in each classroom on the topic of Internet safety. We continue to educate our children about the dangers of the Internet, especially access to social media sites that open up a world that is often difficult to monitor and trust. Please consider all of the ramifications before you allow your child access to sites that you may not be able to monitor. In this age of advancing technology, that seems at times to be way over our head, the safety of our children should be our main concern. Our goal is to protect all of our children. All of our Desktop Computers, iPads and MacBook's have software that continually monitors and blocks access to sites and information that are considered inappropriate. Parents and Guardians have the ability to control access to whatever our children are exposed to on the Internet. If we allow our children unrestricted access to the Internet we risk their safety and the safety of their friends. Allowing access to your child could have an impact upon what your child says and does to another student at school. We encourage you to talk with your son or daughter about the potential danger of the Internet. Ask if they have a social media account. You may want to review his or her profile to ensure that no personal and identifiable information has been posted. We also encourage you to establish rules and guidelines to ensure the safety of your child while on the Internet. Thank you for your support as we continue to educate our children. I am attaching an article to this newsletter, which I ask you to read carefully. The article was published by Bark for Schools, the same company that protects our technology. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend.

Jim

Hi Jim,

We wanted to reach out separate from our usual Bark for Schools emails. Many schools have contacted us with concern about the Momo Challenge, which has been covered in local and national news and press. It is worth noting that stories differ — some verify the credibility of this threat, and others suggest it's a hoax that has been blown out of proportion. While it's hard for us to comment either way, what we can say is that we have detected many, many instances of kids mentioning and sharing content related to Momo

The concern around this phenomenon has actually been around for several months now, and we have taken various measures to protect children wherever possible. For Bark for Parents users, we have adjusted our algorithms to better alert parents to signs that their children are talking about or sharing specific content referencing the Momo Challenge. We do this across the dozens of platforms we monitor including Snapchat, Instagram, SMS, and WhatsApp.

We've taken similar action for your school and system. Content pertaining to the Momo Challenge triggers our algorithms to look for potential issues with suicidal ideation and self-harm. It's always important to note that context is a huge factor for evaluating a genuine risk. The Bark for Schools system will be looking for multiple triggers within a conversation before determining the issue is something more severe and thus worthy of bringing to your attention.

This is clearly a serious and dynamic situation, and we continue to keep a close watch as it develops. Bark's Chief Parenting Officer, Titania Jordan, did this interview with Fox Business last summer when the Momo Challenge first started going viral. More information on the Momo Challenge can be found here should you wish to share this with concerned parents.

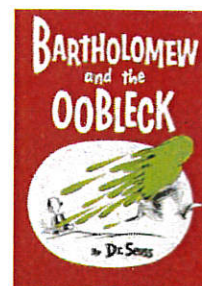
Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Bark for Schools team with any further questions. We are here to help and can be reached by replying to this email or at help@bark.us.

Here to help
Ross Paterson



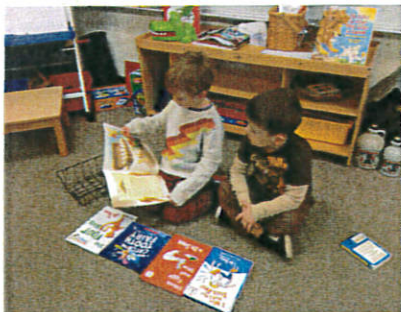
Preschool News

This week in preschool we were busy reading and talking about Dr. Seuss books. We noticed all the silly rhymes and whimsical illustrations that he uses in his stories; and enjoyed participating in fun activities to go along with the books we read! One of the most popular activities was reading Bartholomew and the Oobleck and making our own batch of oobleck! Most of the preschoolers think that the messier the activity is the better, and this one was quite messy! The preschoolers also worked very hard on making paper mache hot air balloons after reading, Oh, The Places You'll Go and are excited to pop the balloon inside of the paper mache to see if the shape will hold! The preschoolers also counted cubes and stacked them to make truffula trees. Zoë holds the class record for making a truffula tree 17 cubes high! We LOVE Dr. Seuss in preschool and can't wait to read more of his books!





Members of the staff and community members are enjoying reading time with the students here at EES. Students are working hard to reach their goal of 25,000 minutes of reading so they can OOBleck Mr. Trill.



ERVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

CALENDAR RAFFLE FUNDRAISER



DONATIONS NEEDED:

Gift cards, Cash,
apparel/products
with company logo,
basket of new board
games/sporting
equipment,
electronics

**IN 2018 45 DONORS HELPED
PTO SELL 1,000 CALENDARS!!**

**Upon receipt of donation:
Donors will be publicly acknowledged
on Facebook and in the Greenfield
Recorder.
Tax write off letter will be mailed.**

**EMAIL Jess Allen for more info:
PTO@ERVING.COM
DEADLINE: MARCH 28
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR DONATION!**

**EES PTO scholarship
Franklin County Technical School**

2019 EES PTO Franklin County Technical School Scholarship

The Erving Elementary PTO will be awarding (1) \$200.00 scholarship to a graduating senior of the Franklin County Technical School. The scholarship is available to any June 2019 graduating senior, residing in Erving, who has attended a minimum of one year at the Erving Elementary School.

Each application will be judged on academic and trade performance, citizenship, school/community involvement, and how they will use the money awarded to purchase tools/materials for their trade/field.

Applications are available at the Erving Elementary School office, at the FCTS guidance office or may be downloaded from the EES.com website

Completed application forms must be returned to the Erving Elementary School office by Friday April 26th 2019.

Scholarship Opportunities

Erving Teachers' Association Erving PTO

The Erving Teachers' Association and the Erving PTO are pleased to announce two scholarship opportunities. Students need only submit one application to be considered for both awards.

Winners of an ETA scholarship of \$300 and a PTO scholarship of \$200 will be chosen after the receipt of a complete application. The scholarship is available to any June 2018 or 2019 high school graduate who has attended Erving Elementary School.

Each application will be judged on academic performance, citizenship, and school and community involvement. Applications are available at the Erving Elementary School office, at your high school guidance office or can be downloaded from the erving.com website.

Completed applications must be mailed to Erving Elementary School by Friday, April 26, 2019.



Erving Elementary School Preschool Registration

Erving Elementary School is beginning to register preschoolers for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you have a child who will be either 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2019 and you live in the town of Erving, he/she is eligible to attend preschool at Erving Elementary School.

Please call the school at (413) 423-3326 to have a registration packet sent to you.

Families that currently have a child attending preschool at Erving Elementary School are automatically enrolled for next year and a registration packet will be sent home in February.

All registration packets need to be returned by March 8, 2019.

If your child is preschool eligible but will not be attending Erving Elementary School, please call the school and let us know.

If you have any questions, please email Mackensy Bailey, Early Childhood Coordinator, at **bailey@erving.com**



Erving Elementary School Kindergarten Registration

Erving Elementary School is beginning kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2019 and you live in the town of Erving, he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten at Erving Elementary School.

Please call the school at (413) 423-3326 to have a registration packet sent to you.

Any child currently attending preschool at Erving Elementary School that will move on to kindergarten next year is automatically enrolled for next year and a registration packet will be sent home with your child in February.

All registration packets need to be returned by March 29, 2019.

If your child is kindergarten eligible but will not be attending Erving Elementary School, please call the school and let us know.

If you have any questions, please email Mackensy Bailey, Early Childhood Coordinator, at bailey@erving.com

March - Breakfast 2019

Alternative	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted cereal, fruit & milk					1 Strawberry banana smoothie, graham crackers, fruit & milk
	4 Bagel w/cream cheese, fruit & milk	5 Waffles, syrup, fruit & milk	6 Deb's sweet rolls, yogurt, fruit & milk	7 French toast sticks, syrup, fruit & milk	8 Blueberry smoothie, graham crackers, fruit & milk
	11 HM breakfast muffin, yogurt, fruit & milk	12 HM pancakes w/real maple syrup	13 Scrambled eggs & toast, fruit & milk	14 Waffles, syrup, fruit & milk	15 Peach smoothie, graham crackers, fruit & milk
	18 Banana bread squares, cheese stick, fruit & milk	19 French toast sticks, syrup, fruit & milk	20 Spring raisin rolls w/honey butter, cheese stick, fruit & milk	21 HM pancakes w/real maple syrup, fruit & milk	22 Mixed berry smoothie, graham crackers, fruit & milk
	25 HM breakfast muffin, cheese stick, fruit & milk	26 Waffles, syrup, fruit & milk	27 Bacon, egg & cheese on a biscuit, fruit & milk	28 French toast sticks, syrup, fruit & milk	29 Strawberry smoothie, graham crackers, fruit & milk

Breakfast is served with a choice of 1% or skim milk. Water is available during meal times, but must be taken in addition to the milk

According to the Food Research and Action Center students who participate in school breakfast show improved attendance, behavior, standardized achievement test scores as well as decreased tardiness. Students who eat breakfast also show greater improvements in math scores, attendance, punctuality, depression, anxiety and hyperactivity than children who don't participate in a school breakfast program.

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March - Lunch

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All sandwiches are made using whole grain bread, salad is served with a whole grain breadstick & whole grain croutons. Each meal is served with a choice of 1% All salads are served with a protein such as yogurt, meat/meat alternative, cheese or egg. Salad is made with romaine lettuce \$.50 for milk w/home lunch notice. Water is available during meal, but must be taken in addition to milk. All meals are subject to change without notice. All salads are served with a protein such as yogurt, meat/meat alternative, cheese or egg. Salad is made with romaine lettuce \$.50 for milk w/home lunch

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***HM = homemade
***WG = whole grain

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www.erving-ma.gov/recreation-commission

You'll get to meet and build friendships with other parents in the community.

Sign Ups End March 22nd.



SUMMER PARK

**July 1
thru
August 9**

2019

FREE breakfast & lunch

**8:30am
to
3:15pm**

The Summer Program is held at EES, indoors and outside. Activities consist of Sports, Arts & Crafts, Entertainment, Field Trips and Lake Days. We accept age FIVE and entering Kindergarten through ANY AGE and entering 6th Grade. Weekly rate for Erving residents is \$75, and \$150 for out of town. Registration is ONLINE ONLY, and is open exclusively to Erving Residents until April 30.

www.ervingrecreation.com



Northampton Area Pediatrics, LLP PARENTING WORKSHOP

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

This workshop is intended to help parents of children of any age who have, or might have, a diagnosis of ADHD. Dr. Sharon Saline will discuss concrete parenting methods which can lead to greater success in both school and life as written in her recent book, "What Your ADHD Child Wishes You Knew".

**Sunday, March 3rd
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
193 Locust St., Northampton**

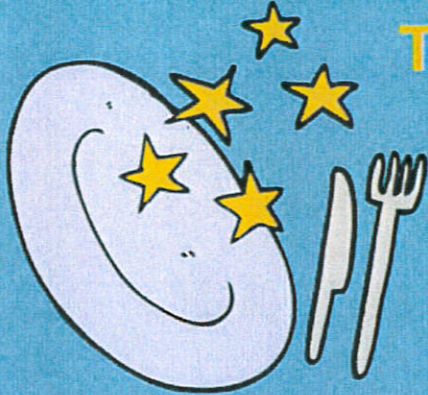
Childcare will be provided but must be reserved.
RSVP by calling 413-517-2226 or email contactus@napeds.com

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

THE COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM IS OFFERING **FAMILIES CONNECTING**

A discussion group with a family meal, child care and facilitated discussion time.

THURSDAYS, 5:30-7:30



February 28th
March 14th & 28th
April 11th



@ Erving Elementary School, 28 Northfield Road, Erving

**"SO HELPFUL TO KNOW YOU ARE NOT ALONE
ON THIS PARENTING JOURNEY."**

- With each session, we will provide a family meal, followed by child care and an adult discussion group with opportunities to connect, share, and ask questions.
- We will use resources from the Positive Solutions for Families Parent Guide and Engaging Families in Children's Literacy Development to help guide our discussions.
- The focus is on families with children 0-5 years of age.
- Bring a friend!
- **Contact the CNC Program to REGISTER FOR DINNER & CHILD CARE budine@erving.com or 978-544-5157**



This program is offered by the Union #28 Community Network for Children Program. Funded through the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, & community donations. Thank you to Erving Elementary School for hosting this series!



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

FREE

**CHILDREN'S
CLOTHING
Pop-Up Swap**

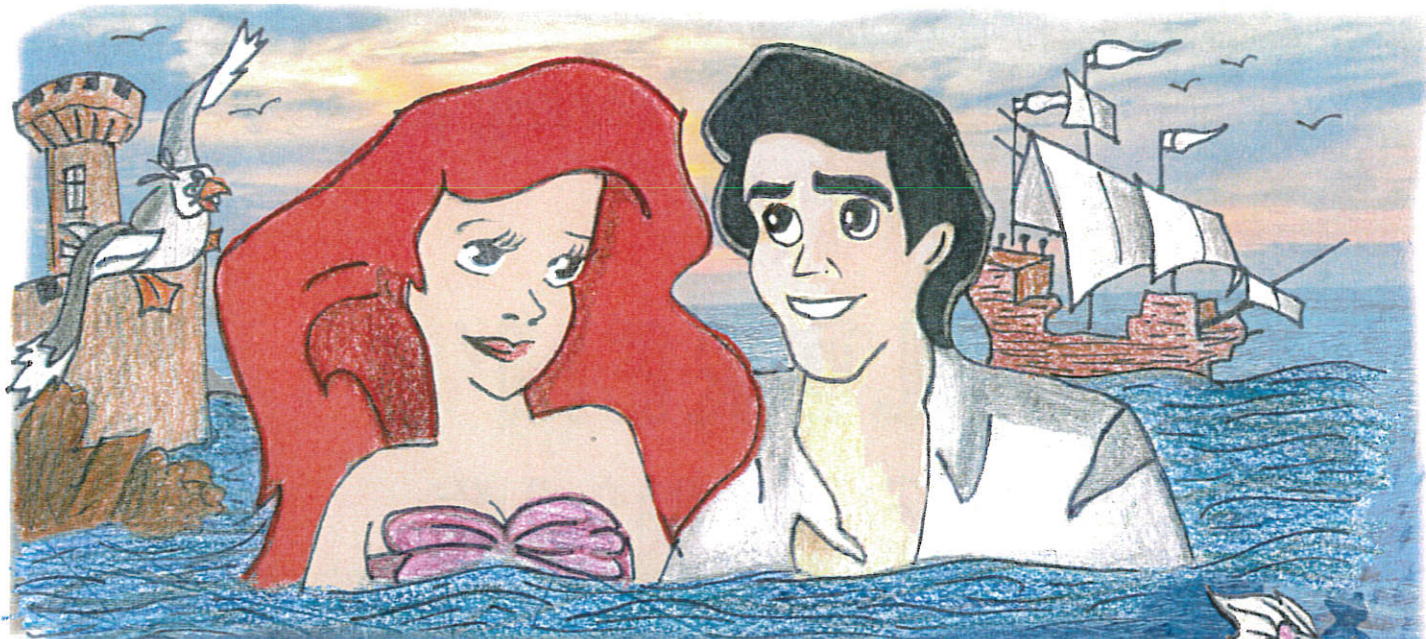
**Sunday-March 10th, 2019
12:00 - 2:00pm**

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
Coordinator, @ Budine@erving.com /
(978)544-5157 with questions.**



TFHS and GFMS Present

Disney's **THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Turners Falls High School Auditorium

March 14, 15 and 16 @ 7pm
and a matinee showing on
March 16 @ 2pm

Tickets are sold at the door: cash only

\$10 Students/Seniors
\$12 General Admission

Directed by
Kayla Dedischew and Sue Dresser

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater
Book by Doug Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Anderson story and the Disney film
Produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker
Written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements

Illustrated by Madison McCassie and Jonathan Chappell