

Retreat Farm Field Trip

Erving Elementary School Eagle Express Issue #17

## May 10, 2019 Important Dates

Monday 13th - Friday 17th
MCAS Testing Resumes

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
PK Coffee Hour 8:30-10:00
café

Chip Wood Presentation: Teaching Social Competencies 5-7:30

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Savings Makes "Cents"

Sunday, May 19th CNC Playgroup 9:30-12:00

Tuesday, May 21st
School Committee Mtg 7pm

Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>
All School Sing
2:15 in the gym
6:00pm PTO Mtg

## Weekly Parent/Guardian School Newsletter

What are "Social Competencies"?

And why are we hosting an evening to talk about them?

We invite you to find out!

Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 Erving Elementary School

A note to families from Molly Alvin and Carol Ortlip

Are you concerned about your child's peer relationships or behavior? You may have heard of "Social Emotional Learning." Well, social competencies and social emotional learning are phrases that refer to the skills children need and the emotional state they need to be in to be ready and available to learn. What social and emotional skills do they need to be successful at school, at home, and in life? Some of the skills are cooperation/ relationship skills, self-awareness, responsibility, empathy, and self-control. We invite you to come learn what we are focusing on at EES, and share discussion about how we can work together to raise healthy, happy, and thoughtful children. Chip Wood, a local expert in these areas. has been working with staff at our school, and has offered to join us in a forum for families on Tuesday May 14. There is no cost to attend, child care is provided, and we will begin at 5:30 with a dinner. We hope you will join us! Please contact the school (or see the flyer that went home) to RSVP.

# PlantShare

#### PLANT SHARE

The EES Monarch Waystation/Pollinator Garden crew have potted up a few of our extra plants. They will be offered for sharing on the path in the garden. Donations toward the maintenance of the garden will

be greatly appreciated. There is a jar on the counter in the office.

#### Erving Elementary School PTO Presents "Aladdin"

When: Saturday May 25th 2019

Time: 9:00am

Where: The Garden Cinema 361 Main Street Greenfield Ma

Cost: \$5.00 per person (tickets)
CASH ONLY

Concessions sold separately All ticket proceeds will go to the Erving PTO



## ERVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

## CHIP WOOD

For forty-five years, Robert (Chip) Wood has worked on behalf of children from preschool through eighth grade as a classroom teacher, teaching principal, and teacher educator. After studying at the Gesell Institute of Human Development early in his career, Chip made developmentally based teaching the center of his educational practice. His core belief: knowing what children at each age are developmentally capable of doing physically, socially, emotionally and cognitively enables respectful, successful teaching of all children no matter their life circumstances or cultural background. A co-developer of Responsive Classroom and co-founder of Northeast Foundation for Children (now Center for Responsive Schools), Chip has served as principal of two public schools and was co-founder of Greenfield Center School. He is a facilitator for the Genter for Courage & Renewal and co-creator of Leading Together, focused on strengthening the adult community of schools.

### **2 SESSIONS**

Tuesday, April 30 - Child Development

Tuesday, May 14 - Social Competencies

Dinner - 5:30pm, Session starts at 6:00pm

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO EES BY APRIL 26 <sup>TH</sup>
THE FOLLOWING # OF PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING THE CHIP WOOD PRESENTATION:
Tuesday, April 30 – Child Development
Tuesday, May 14 – Social Competencies
ADULTS: CHILDREN: WE WILL NEED CHILD CARE: AGES:
DINNER SELECTION: PASTA & MEATBALLS:
PASTA & SAUCE (VEG):

\* SALAD, BREAD, & DESSERT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.



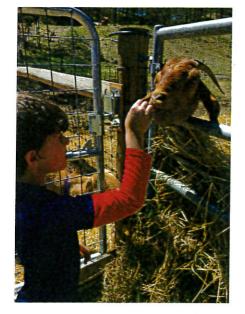
The Preschool Classes and Kindergarteners had an amazing field trip on Wednesday up to The Retreat Farm in Brattleboro, Vermont! All of the children went on a tour to see the farm animals. There were baby chicks, chickens, roosters, a donkey, goats, sheep and baby lambs, a female pig due to have piglets at any moment. Carlos, a Brahma – Red Holstein steer, was by far, the favorite farm animal. They were able to pet the animals and learned how the farm workers take care of the animals and feed them. The preschoolers attended a workshop on how to make ice cream and were excited to taste it! The

Kindergarteners attended a farm craft workshop and each one of them made a felting farm craft! We also enjoyed having lunch outside together! Thank you to those families that were able to help chaperone.











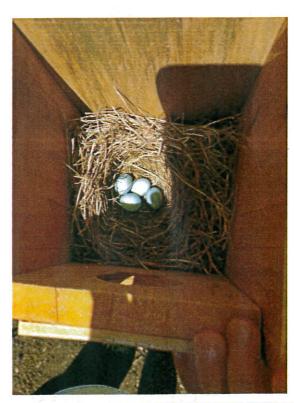




Our names are Brooke and Bennett. We are members of the Explorers Club at the Erving Elementary School. We are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Our club has 12 birdhouses made out of wood. There is one round opening in the front for the birds to fly into. There is a latch on the top so we can check inside. Our houses are numbered. We share number 3 because we are friends. It is in the butterfly garden. Recently a set of bluebirds has built a nest in our house. The mother bird has laid 4 eggs so far! She laid 1 on Sunday, a 2<sup>nd</sup> one on Monday, a 3<sup>rd</sup> on Tuesday and the 4<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday. Were wondering if she might lay one more? We are so excited!!

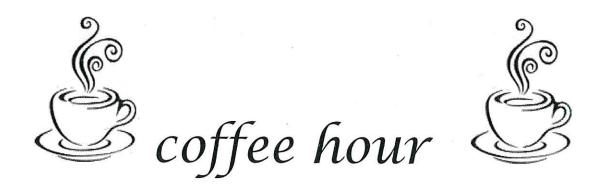
By: Brooke and Bennett Erving Elementary School Grade3











All parents/guardians are invited to our May coffee hour on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am in the Erving</u> <u>Elementary Cafeteria</u>.

This coffee hour we will be talking about car seat safety. There have been several changes recently on when you should move a child from a rear facing car seat to a front facing car seat as well as changes in height and weight regulations. Do you know that the majority of people incorrectly install their child's car seat? Do you know the safest place to locate a car seat in the car? We will have two firefighters from Turners Falls, who have taken a special course in car seat safety, come and answer all of your questions and show you the correct way to install a car seat and booster seat.

This would be a great event for anyone who transports a child.

Everyone is welcome!

We will have a book raffle, coffee and snacks



### Please Join Us!

#### What?

A fun DIY workshop where you'll create a beautiful custom sign to keep or give as a gift!

#### Where?

Hammer & Stain Western Mass 35 Montague Rd. Amherst, MA

#### When?

Thursday, June 6th at 6PM

### Why?

To have a fun night out making a beautiful project, all while supporting the Erving Elementary School PTO





#### How?

Register for \$45, which includes all materials and instructions, at www.hammerandstainwesternmass.com Follow the Private Parties link to find the EES Party!

## Your Ticket to FREE Summer Fun!

## 100 VENUES! 10 FRIDAYS!

#### FRIDAY 28 JUNE

Lyric Stage Company of Boston Cape Ann Museum Clark Art Institute MIT Museum Nichols House Museum Norman Rockwell Museum Plimoth Plantation The Mount: Edith Wharton's Home Wenham Museum Worcester Art Museum

#### FRIDAY 05 JULY

Amelia Park Children's Museum Cape Cod Maritime Museum Children's Museum in Easton Edward Gorey House Falmouth Museums on the Green Jacob's Pillow Museum of Printing Pilgrim Hall Museum The Old Manse, The Trustees The Telephone Museum

#### FRIDAY • JULY

Museum of Fine Arts. Boston Charles River Watershed Association Chesterwood Children's Museum of Greater Fall River Gloucester Stage Company Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center New England Quilt Museum The Patriots Hall of Fame Smith College Museum of Art Springfield Museums

#### FRIDAY 19 JULY

Boston Children's Museum The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University Battleship Cove Cape Cod Children's Museum Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association New England Historic Genealogical Society Peabody Essex Museum Sandwich Glass Museum Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art .

## JULY

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate Cape Cod Museum of Art Commonwealth Museum Commonwealth Shakespeare Company Fitchburg Art Museum Historic Deerfield Larz Anderson Auto Museum The Gardens at Elm Bank (Mass Hort) Ventfort Hall Mansion & Gilded Age Museum

## FRIDAY 02

Franklin Park Zoo Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood Chatham Shark Center Children's Museum at Holyoke Concord Museum International Volleyball Hall of Fame Lynn Museum Museum of Russian Icons Naumkeag, The Trustees Old State House

## FRIDAY 09

Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park Davis Museum at Wellesley College Gore Place Hancock Shaker Village JFK Hyannis Museum Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists New Bedford Whaling Museum Old Colony History Museum Worcester Historical Museum The Greenway Carousel

## FRIDAY 16

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum Berkshire Theatre Group Cahoon Museum of American Art Discovery Museum Fruitlands Museum, The Trustees Fuller Craft Museum Harvard Museums of Science & Culture Paragon Carousel Provincetown Art Association and Museum **USS Constitution Museum** 

## AUGUST 23

The Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston Berkshire Museum Boston Athenæum Buttonwood Park Zoo Emily Dickinson Museum Fort Devens Museum Freedom Trail® Foundation Heritage Museums & Gardens Museum of African American History The Mary Baker Eddy Library & Mapparium

#### FRIDAY AUGUST

Old Sturbridge Village Cape Cod Museum of Natural History Griffin Museum of Photography Hull Lifesaving Museum Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary MASS MoCA Museum of the First Corps of Cadets Osterville Historical Museum Capron Park Zoo **EcoTarium** 



THE COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM OFFERS A FAMILY ART PROGRAM:

STORYTELLING NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP

with Emily Neuburger

Sunday, May 19th

1:00-2:30PM AT THE LEVERETT LIBRARY
75 MONTAGUE RD, LEVERETT

Limited space, Please RSVP to budine@erving.com

Children will work together as a community of artists to create a neighborhood with buildings, homes, people, creatures, and curious objects live happily. Much emphasis is placed on igniting the imagination and encouraging creative thinking.

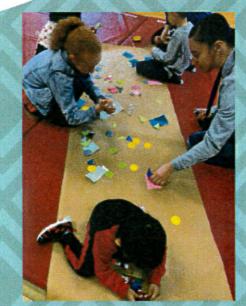
\*Children begin by working on a community collage project where they create a neighborhood using shapes.

\*While collage dries, Emily will read picture books that focus on the themes of community and neighborhood.

\*Participants return to their community artwork to add people, things, creatures to their neighborhood.







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)



