

# ***INSIDE ERVING***

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## **MAY**

### **May 10 - 27, 2010**

MCAS Testing - Grades 3-6.

### **May 18 & 20, 2010**

Talent Show Rehearsal - 3:30 pm

### **Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

School Committee - 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, May 20, 2010**

Preschool Orientation - 7:00 pm

## **SIXTH GRADE PARENTS**

### **Secondary School Attendance**

If your sixth grade student will be attending any school other than Great Falls Middle School next year, please call the school to notify us. Secondary school arrangements for children leaving Erving Elementary after sixth grade are with the Great Falls Middle School. This means that if we don't hear from you, we will assume your child will be transitioning to the Great Falls Middle School in the fall. All of your child's academic and health records are automatically transferred there shortly after completion of sixth grade.

If your child will be attending seventh grade at any other school, please contact the Erving Elementary school office so we can make arrangements to forward records to the correct school. Please don't wait until after school ends; if your child's school selection is pending, phone us as soon as possible.

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## **SIXTH GRADE GRADUATION**

There will be a meeting of the sixth grade parents Thursday May 20th 2010 at the Erving Elementary School to discuss planning for the sixth grade graduation ceremony. It is very important that we have all available parents to help out with this. We are the ones responsible for all the planning of this event. So lets give our kids the great night that they deserve!

Any questions please contact Sonya Patterson 413-387-7793, Andrea Garcia 413-422-2558. See you all there.

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## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

This week some of our students have been using electronic devices on the bus. There have been some bus issues associated with these devices. Some students are "grabbing" to take them from students, others are trying to shut the devices off as they are being played on, pairs of students are playing with two separate devices and arguments arise because one of the students is losing in the game, etc. are some of the observable behaviors.

The reason students have been allowed to bring the devices to school is to provide a tool for the students to remain focused on the bus during the ride to and from the building. The school would like to encourage parents/guardians to strictly monitor the types of games the students are playing on these devices. The school certainly does not encourage warlike games that involve killing and suicides as important influences on the children. The school would also like the students to work alone with these devices so that a competition that may result in negative interactions does not occur.

As a school, the staff feels it is important to limit exposure of the students to these violent games. The Erving families and staff would like to be united in our approach to curb the students' exposure to violence.

# NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The third through fifth grade students participated in completing the Mathematics MCAS Assessments this week. Sixth grade will begin their testing next week and the fifth grade will also complete the Science and Technology MCAS Assessment. The students have worked diligently to complete these high stakes assessments to the best of their abilities. We also appreciate the efforts of those students and families who volunteered to receive MCAS tutoring services after school. Those extra efforts certainly should prove to be helpful.

This week, the second meeting of the Erving Elementary School Bus Task Force was held. It was determined that in October of next year; the school will work collaboratively with the Kuzmeskus Bus Company and Erving Police Department to provide a bus safety program during Bus Safety Week. The goal is to create a sense of community with our students and the Town of Erving to ensure that the students exhibit proper bus behaviors to guarantee safe situations on the buses. A huge thank you to the parents, Pam Kuzmeskus, and Chief Blair for their participation in these task force meetings.

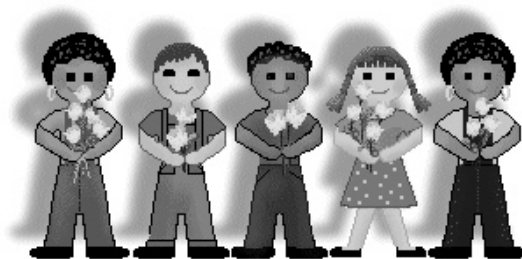
On Friday, the Four-Year Old Preschool Packets and Kindergarten Packets were sent home in the students' book bags. It is important for families to check for these folders and complete the proper paperwork. This information should then be returned to the school. These forms help the school prepare for next year's preschool sessions and kindergarten classes.

Preschool Orientation will be held on May 20 from 7-8 PM for new preschool families. At that time, packets will be distributed. This evening is very informative. Families will be introduced to the various school personnel who are instrumental in their child's educational experiences. Also important information about the preschool program will be thoroughly explained to those in attendance. Also important is that families will be able to sign up for the upcoming play date and screening process. If families are unable to attend, information will be sent to them.

On Tuesday, May 18 our first and second grade students will participate in a new program offered by the District Attorney's Office concerning computer use. This office is proactive in assisting students in learning how to properly and safely use a computer. The school is excited to have this program come to Erving Elementary School to provide fundamental skills and understandings for our young students concerning computer usage.

Last week several letters were sent to new families of early childhood students and summer school students. It is very important that these forms be returned to the school as soon as possible. The early childhood survey is an integral part of the NAEYC process. Those forms should be returned to Michele Regan Ladd, Erving's Early Childhood Coordinator. The summer school forms should be given to homeroom teachers. Again planning for the summer is contingent on the information received in these forms.

As we endure this unexpected cold weather week, we can only hope that warm weather is to follow.



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## SCHOOL PLAY DVD AVAILABLE

We are offering a DVD of the school play for \$1.00 per DVD. If you are interested, please send your payment and name in an envelope in care of School Play DVD by Friday, May 28th.

# UPCOMING DATES TO END THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

May 18 (2-3PM)	Grades 1 and 2 learn about Computer Safety Measures
May 20 @ 7-8PM	Preschool Orientation for Parents/Guardians
May 24-28	Community Week Activities during lunchtime
May 27	Field Day for Preschool and Kindergarten Students
May 28	Memorial Day All School Assembly PTO Barbecue and Talent Show
June 1	Last Day of Preschool
June 2	Preschool Gala
June 3	Preschool and Kindergarten Packets Due
June 7	Field Day for Grades 1-6
June 8	Last Day of Kindergarten
June 8	Fifth and Sixth Grade Trip to NYC
June 8	Three-Year-Old Screening Process
June 10	Rain date for Field Day for Grades 1-6
June 10	Kindergarten Visitation (11 AM-1 PM)
June 11	Sixth Grade Graduation
June 14	Last Day of School for Grades 1-6
September 1	First Day of School



## LAINI'S LIBRARY CORNER

Today the overdue notices for May are going home with students on "lilac" colored paper. You may receive a notice with the price of the book listed; this is the cost for the library to replace it. As we approach the end of the school year, it is especially important for students who have long over-due books out to be in touch with me if the book is truly lost. I hope all families will help teach our students to be good citizens & responsible library-users. And please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Also, there's still time to bring in any gently-used books that your family is willing to share with others. We only want children's books, but everything from pre-school picture books to young adult novels is welcome. Just make sure the books are in good shape, with no mold or dirt, please.