

# ELKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### MORNING DROP OFF/ AFTERNOON PICK UP REMINDERS

We know that we have many families who are new to our car rider and walker drop off and pick up procedures. Here are a few reminders to make the process go smoothly and safely.

1. The pick-up and drop off area permits 5-8 cars to unload or pick-up students at the same time. **In the AM students will enter the school's side door.** Staff will greet and assist students to the side door.
2. To exit, cars will continue around the lane on the outside of the parking lot.
3. **In the PM, students will be dismissed from Pre-K door (left hand side of the building); staff will call students to their assigned cars.**
4. Your child is a walker if you park and meet them at the Pre-K door. You may request a car sign if there are days you will be in the car rider line.

*\*\*Please do not park along the sidewalk or islands. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Carter by phone or e-mail, [Katherine\\_Carter@hcpss.org](mailto:Katherine_Carter@hcpss.org)*

### Kindergarten Registration and New 1st Grade Registration

Kindergarten registration and new 1st Grade registration, for the 2016-2017 school year, will be held February 29th - March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 2:30. There will be two evening registrations available on Tuesday, March 1 and Thursday, March 3 from 4pm - 7pm. Students must be 5 years old by September 1st, 2016 to register for kindergarten.

The following documentation is needed to register your child. This includes: Birth certificate, birth registration or passport, current immunization record, deed or lease to your current home, a current utility bill and photo ID of parent/guardian. If you would like more information on the requirements for registration, please visit Howard County Public School System website at <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/enrollment-and-registration/>.

Pre-K applications will be accepted beginning February 29th. Students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2016 to apply. This Pre-K program is based on income eligibility and approval needs to be granted prior to registration.



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### **News From the Cafeteria**

There will be a menu change on Tuesday, February 16 and Wednesday, February 17. Due to problems with food delivery the menus for these two days will switch. Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll will now be served on Tuesday and Fish Shapes w/ Roll will be served on Wednesday. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### **February is Black History Month**

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

Why not take this time to visit a museum, or visit Elkridge Howard County Public Library to pick out a good book celebrating the accomplishments of great African Americans? Here are just a few museums to visit: Reginald F. Lewis Museum in Baltimore, Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum in Oella, and the Banneker-Douglass Museum in Annapolis.

### **February Counselor Corner**

February 1 - 5 National School Counseling Week From the American School Counselors Association website: ([www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org))

#### **Why Elementary School Counselors?**

"Today's young people are living in an exciting time, with an increasingly diverse society, new technologies and expanding opportunities. To help ensure that they are prepared to become the next generation of parents, workers, leaders and citizens, every student needs support, guidance and opportunities during childhood, a time of rapid growth and change. Children face unique and diverse challenges, both personally and developmentally, that have an impact on academic achievement."

- "Toward a Blueprint for Youth: Making Positive Youth Development a National Priority," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

If you feel your child needs individual support from one of our school counselors please contact [kristen\\_tacka@hcpss.org](mailto:kristen_tacka@hcpss.org) for grades K, 1, 3, & 5; and [sarah\\_coppi@hcpss.org](mailto:sarah_coppi@hcpss.org) for grades 2nd & 4th.

February EES Character Education Word of the Month is HONESTY in honor of Presidents' Day.



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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Monday, February 15**

Presidents Day - Schools Closed

### **Tuesday, February 16**

PTA One Dish Cuisine Restaurant Night, Ellicott City 5-8pm

### **Friday, February 19**

Talent Show 6pm (PTA Bake Sale)

### **Saturday, February 20**

PTA Restaurant Fundraiser @ Corner Bakery Café, Columbia (7am - 9pm)

### **Thursday, February 25**

3rd Grade Fieldtrip to BMI 9:30 -2:00 (Ruffing and Ridgley)

GT & Middle School Orientation @ ELMS 7pm

### **Friday, February 26**

3rd Grade Fieldtrip to BMI 9:30 - 2:00 (Shilling, McNally, Bass)

### **February 29 - March 4**

Kindergarten Registration (9:30 - 2:30) Evening hours Tuesday & Thursday 4-7pm

### **Saturday, March 12**

PTA Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast 8am - 10am (Laurel)

### **March 25 - April 3**

Spring Break (Schools Closed)

### **Monday & Tuesday, April 11 & 12**

Spring Portraits & Class Pictures



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## **PTA News**

### **Upcoming PTA Events:**

- PTA Bake Sale at the Talent Show, Friday, February 19 from 6-8 pm
- Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast, March 12 8am-10am
- Elkster's Birthday Party, Friday, March 18 from 6:30-8:30 pm
- Family Fit Night, Tuesday, April 19 from 6-8 pm
- 2nd Annual Spring Fling, Saturday, May 21 from 11-3 pm

### **PTA RESTAURANT NIGHT**

Allergy Friendly Restaurant Night at One Dish Cuisine in Ellicott City. **Tuesday, February 16th from 5-8pm.** This restaurant is completely free of gluten, oats, soy, eggs, fish, shellfish, peanuts, tree nuts and sesame. Also two separate lines in the kitchen for dairy free items without cross contamination. One Dish Cuisine will be donating 20% of sales from this event back to EES. If your family has been unable to attend other monthly restaurant nights due to food allergies and sensitivities, this is the night for you. Hope to see you there.

Note: Flyer is required to receive donation

### **HCPSS Public Information Office**

The following announcements have been approved by the Public Information Office for school notices and distribution. Please feel free to contact the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682 if you have any questions.

### **Columbia Association**

The Columbia Art Center offers a variety of Art Classes for children of all ages and a new Youth Artistic Masters Certificate Program! Check out the Fall Brochure on [www.columbiaartcenter.org](http://www.columbiaartcenter.org) for more information. For inquiries or to register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email [art.staff@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:art.staff@columbiaassociation.org).

### **Howard County's Department of Citizen Service**

Winter 2016 Edition of Parent Pages, a newsletter designed for parents and families raising children in Howard County. Published by the Department's Office of Children's Services, the Winter issue contains articles about topics such as helping children with stress, how to start difficult conversations with teens and planning for the long term. To view the newsletter, click on Winter 2016 Parent Pages.



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#### Howard County Government

"2016 "Children On Board" Preschool/Child Care Information Fair, Sat., Feb.13, 1-4 p.m., Ten Oaks Ballroom, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD. The new 2016 Parent's Guide to Howard County will be distributed at the event free of charge. For more information about the Fair, contact the Office of Children's Services at either 410-313-1940 or via e-mail at [children@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:children@howardcountymd.gov).

#### American Association of University Women

All organizations and individuals interested in the advancement of girls in STEM fields are invited to attend the upcoming MAGiC Research Forum, Sat., Feb.13, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., University of Maryland Jeong H. Kim Engineering Building College Park, MD. <http://ngcproject.org>

#### Junior Achievement Rising Women

JA Rising Women is a unique after-school opportunity for female high school students in Howard County, Wed., Feb. 17-May 18, 5-6:30 p.m. (with 3 sessions extending to 7 p.m.) at bts Software Solutions in Columbia, MD. For more details and application requests, please contact Hina Naseem at [hnaseem@jamaryland.org](mailto:hnaseem@jamaryland.org) or 410-313-6403.

#### Columbia Orchestra

The Columbia Orchestra presents the Young People's Concerts on Sat., Feb. 20, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., at the Jim Rouse Theatre at Wilde Lake High School. Visit us at [www.columbiaorchestra.org](http://www.columbiaorchestra.org) or call 410-465-8777 for tickets.

#### Oakland Mills Community Center

Lively Arts for Little Ones presents: "Musical Fun with Mr. Hyson" on Fri., Feb. 26, 10 a.m. at The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia. For more information, call 410-730-4610 or visit [oaklandmills.org](http://oaklandmills.org).

#### University of Maryland

Keys to Empowering Youth program, Mar. 5, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland. Registration is conducted on a first come, first serve basis until all available spaces are full. Submit your registration form, which can be found at [www.wie.umd.edu/k12/key-program](http://www.wie.umd.edu/k12/key-program) as soon as possible to secure your place in the March program. For further about this program, please contact Dawn Ginnett at [dginnett@umd.edu](mailto:dginnett@umd.edu) or 301-405-0315.

#### Howard Community College

Educational Foundation cordially invites you to the annual Silas Craft Collegians Dinner to benefit the Silas Craft Collegians Scholarship Endowment and Program. The Chinese dinner buffet will be served continuously from 5-8 p.m. on Mon., Mar. 7, at 7091 Deepage Drive in Columbia. Tickets are \$45 per person and the Silas Craft Collegians Endowment receives 100% of the proceeds from the ticket sales to the event. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Development Office at Howard Community College, 443-518-1970 or visit [www.howardcc.edu/sccathunan](http://www.howardcc.edu/sccathunan).



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### St. Louis Catholic Church

Youth Ministry Presents The 35th Annual Italian Dinner On Sun., Mar. 13, 12:30-6:30, St. Louis Cafetorium, Rte. 108 & 32. All meals include Spaghetti or Lasagna soda/coffee/tea, salad, garlic bread, and homemade desserts. Tickets cost \$10/adult, \$5/children (10 & under), \$13/Lasagna, \$16/Combo Spaghetti/Lasagna & \$40/Immediate family of 6. Call (410) 531-6668.

### Howard County Government

Youth and Teen Model Call. Young men and women are invited to participate in an audition to perform in the 4th annual Fashion Show produced by Sean Gibson of Model Citizen Models. Model Call for 8-10 year olds will run from 1-2 p.m.; Model Call for 11-17 year old will run from 2-3 p.m. Fashion Show will take place on Sat., Mar. 19. Preregistration is encouraged, but not required. Registration: 410-313-7275. Information: Holly Harden, 410-313-4625 or [harden@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:harden@howardcountymd.gov)

### Columbia Association

Howard County Library System, Howard County Public School System, and the Columbia Association Art Center are calling on students in grades K to 12 to enter the annual Choose Civility Poster and Video Contest. Posters and videos should be submitted by Mar. 25 by mail or in person to: Monica Herber, Columbia Association Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD.

### Glen Mar Church

Singers (adults and high-school age) are needed to perform John Rutter's entire "Requiem" at a Good Friday Worship Service on Mar. 25, 7:30 p.m. at Glen Mar United Methodist Church in Ellicott City. Practice starts on Thurs., 7 -7:30 p.m. in Jan. Contact Sophie Hong, Glen Mar's Music Director at 410-465-4995 ext. 209 or [sofie.hong@glenmarunc.org](mailto:sofie.hong@glenmarunc.org)

## **SPORTS**

### 4th Quarter

Spring after school leadership program at Bonnie Branch and Elkridge Landing Middle School (Spring registration ends Mar. 1, 2016). The Fourth Quarter uses fitness and touch football to tackle these MAJOR community issues: 1. Lack of focus 2. Experimentation with drugs and alcohol 3. Childhood obesity 4. Failing to reach ones leadership potential. Become apart of the 4th Quarter TEAM by downloading a 4th Quarter Spring registration form at [the4thqtr.org](http://the4thqtr.org) or [jguy@the4thqtr.org](mailto:jguy@the4thqtr.org)