

ELKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Even with the school closings this week, we had a successful first week of PARCC testing. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students completed the Math portion of the test. Next week they will take the English/Language Arts portion on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Make up days have been built into the testing schedule for those students who were absent on any given testing day.

I want to congratulate all our students who participated in the Elkridge Talent Show last Friday night. We have extremely talented students here at Elkridge and I was very impressed with each of them! A great big THANK YOU goes out to Ms. Loughery for the incredible job she does working with each act to ensure they are prepared and ready to perform. I would also like to THANK the many staff members who volunteered their time to stay and support the show. Hats off to our performers and our staff!!

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PARCC Assessments

The PARCC assessment will continue next week, March 9-11. This assessment is for 3-5 grade students. The scheduled times of the testing are as follows:

PARCC Testing (ELA)

March 9-11 (Make-up testing March 12 & 13)

4th Grade 9:30 – 11:00

3rd Grade 11:30 – 1:00

5th Grade 1:30 – 3:00

Assessments will resume in April during the weeks of April 20 and April 27. A detailed schedule will be posted at a later date. Please remember that attendance is extremely important for all testing dates. Make sure your child eats a good breakfast, gets lots of sleep, and arrives to school ON TIME. EES Staff would like to remind students to relax and do their best. Thank you in advance for your support!



EES Food Drive

EES Shows Empathy Food Drive to support the Elkridge Food Pantry has concluded.

Thank you to the many families that donated to the food drive last week. We are no longer accepting donations.

Here are the numbers of collected donations:

K- 33 items

1- 27 items

2- 38 items

3- 47 items

4- 57 items

5- 133 items

Congratulations to the fifth graders for bringing in the most donations! We will reward the fifth graders with extra recess time.

Thanks from Kristen Tacka, School Counselor, and the Character Ed Kids

NUTRITION TIP FROM THE HEALTH ROOM:

By helping your child establish a healthy diet and regular exercise, you can reduce his or her risk of experiencing health problems for the future. If you eat nutritious foods yourself, your child will eat healthier too. Make sure to provide a variety of foods so your family gets all the vitamins and minerals their bodies need to function properly.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day! Breakfast provides the energy and nutrients that help with increased concentration in the classroom. Studies have shown that children who eat breakfast perform at a higher level in school and are more physically active than those who skip breakfast. Eating breakfast also helps maintain a healthy body weight. Breakfast increases the body's ability to focus and reduces problems with attention and memory. Whole-grain breads, cereals, fruit, low-fat or nonfat cheeses and yogurt, eggs, vegetables are all good examples of breakfast foods. Use skim or low-fat milk instead of whole or 2% milk. Whole fruit (whether fresh or canned) is higher in nutrients and lower in sugar/calories than fruit juice.

Market Day

Market Day pick-up has been rescheduled due all the school closure days. **The new pick-up date is Monday, March 9 from 5-6pm.** We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Pre-K Program Coming to EES 2015-2016

The Howard County Public School System offers a Pre-K program for children of families who meet the income eligibility criteria and who will be four years old by September 1, 2015. Applications for the 2015-16 school year are now available at the front office or on HCPSS website.

Pre-kindergarten registration is a two-step process:

1. Interested families must first submit an application with proof of income for review; income guidelines are similar to those used to determine Free and Reduced Meal status. This application must be reviewed by school administration.
2. Once approved, students can be registered by calling the front office at 410-313-5006 to schedule an appointment.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

The Board of Education of Howard County regularly holds *Coffee & Conversation* sessions at schools throughout the county. These meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to share a cup of coffee and chat informally with Board members. The meetings are held in various regions of the county, but interested persons from throughout the county are invited to attend any or all of the meetings. The next *Coffee & Conversation* will be held Thursday, March 19 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Lake Elkhorn Middle School in the Media Center.

S.T.E.M. in Our School

Have you visited our EES STEM website, yet? (<http://stemnewsees.weebly.com/>) It has been updated to reflect what each grade level has done to implement STEM learning this past quarter in their classes. It also has opportunities for STEM learning outside of the classroom as well as games your kids can play to help them think critically. Bookmark it, and email Jennifer_wong@hcpss.org if you have any STEM information, opportunities, or resources you would like to contribute to the site. You can find this STEM page link in the School Resources Section of the EES Website. To learn more about STEM in Maryland, click on <http://msde.maryland.gov/stem/>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 13

1st Grade Fieldtrip to Science Center

Monday, March 23

3rd Grade field trip to BMI (Rescheduled from February 20)

Friday, March 27

Schools close 3 hours early

March 30 – April 6

Schools Closed - Spring Break



PTA News

Yearbook Poem and Art Contest

Our yearbook poem and art contest is underway! Does your child like to draw, paint, or write poems? Ask them to consider creating one for the 2015 yearbook contest. One poem and one piece of art will be chosen for each grade to be published in the yearbook. Please base the poem or artwork on this theme "On Track with Elkster". All works must be turned into the front office by **March 14th**. Please make sure the name, grade and teacher is placed on the back of the work. Yearbooks will be on sale at a later date for \$20 each.

Elkster 5k

Help spread the word - the Elkster 5K will be held on April 25th! If you own a business or know of a business that may be willing to help sponsor the 5K please email eespta@hotmail.com! Thanks!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The following events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

Boys Scouts of America

Scouting for Food will be held on Sat., Mar. 14. Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts will be out in your neighborhood to collect your donations, which will go to one of 25 food pantries we service in the county. A bag will be dropped off at your home a few days before. Please remember to put your donations by your front door or your mailbox by 8 a.m. on March 14. Thanks for your generous donations. scoutingforfoddnpd@verizon.net.

Columbia Figure Skating Club

Annual spring production, featuring multiple performances at the Columbia Ice Rink, located at 5876 Thunder Hill Rd., Columbia. Sat, Mar. 21, 3 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Sun., Mar. 22, 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

For tickets and more information, please visit the Club's website: www.columbiafsc.com.