

# The Elkster Examiner

May 1, 2015

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL UPDATE:

The Maryland State Board of Education has approved the HCPSS 2014–2015 Calendar Waiver request to waive one instructional day that was lost due to inclement weather. **The last student day will now be on Friday, June 19, 2015.**

All schools will be open for a full day on Wednesday, June 17. All schools will close two hours early for students on Thursday, June 18, and will close three hours early for students on Friday, June 19.

## UPCOMING TEST DATES:

### **MAP Testing**

May 4 – 8 Math Grades 1-5

May 11 – 14 English/Language Arts Grades 1-4

May 18 & 19 English/Language Arts Grade 5

### Elkster 5K

There was a great turn out last Saturday. Thanks to all that participated in this event. Congratulations to the winners of last Saturday's Elkster 5K! Here are the winners from each category:

<u>Ages 7&amp; under</u> <b>Girls:</b> Brooklyn Fortney <b>Boys:</b> Brayden Ratliff Alex Harris Ethan Brancazio	<u>Ages 8-12 years</u> <b>Girls:</b> Brook Matney Taylor Schneider Madison Sims <b>Boys:</b> Kendell Phillips Michael Buchman Chris Elikor	<u>Ages 13-19</u> <b>Girls:</b> Amanda Elikor Morgan Oehler Sydney Cassidy <b>Boys:</b> Julian Cohen Joshua Milliken	<u>20's age group</u> No Boys entered <b>Girls:</b> Jenell Boardley Lisa Goldberg
<u>30's Age Group</u> <b>Girls:</b> Kelly Auxt Kendra Jones Olga Franco <b>Boys:</b> Michael Wilson Benaiah Lee John Ratliff	<u>40's Age Group</u> <b>Girls:</b> Arifa Sattar Jennifer Blandford Tatiana Cohen <b>Boys:</b> David Floyd Tony Rita Steve Sirianni	<u>50's Age Group</u> <b>Girls:</b> Pat Harger Susan Baur Connie Ballenger <b>Boys:</b> Ronald Boardley Ken Cunningham Rocky Giannini	

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### **Are You Moving?**

Help us get an accurate student enrollment count for the 2015-16 school year. Please us know if you are planning to move out of this district before school starts in August. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8

Teacher Appreciation Week  
Map Testing (Math) Grades 1-5

Tuesday, May 5

EES Chorus Concert 7pm

Thursday, May 7

Progress Reports Issued  
Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser Pick-up 4:00-6:30PM

Friday, May 8

Spring Fling 6:30 – 9:00PM

Week of May 11 – 14

MAP Testing English/Language Arts Grades 1-4

Monday, May 11

2nd Grade Field Trip – Howard County Conservancy (Andrews, Auxt, Phipps)

Tuesday, May 12

2nd Grade Field Trip – Howard County Conservancy (Beaudoin, Urban, Hurlock)

Friday, May 15

5th Grade Field Trip to Philadelphia

Monday & Tuesday, May 18 & 19

MAP Testing Grade 5 English/Language Arts

Wednesday, May 20

Orioles Game (Just for Dads) 7:05PM

Thursday, May 21

4th Grade Field Trip (Smithsonian Environmental Research Center)

Friday, May 22

4th Grade Field Trip (Smithsonian Environmental Research Center)

5th Grade Simulated Congressional Hearings

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day ~ Schools Closed

Tuesday, May 26

EES Strings Concert 7pm

Thursday, May 28

EES Enrichment Fair

Market Day Pick Up 5:00 – 6:00pm

Friday, May 29

EES Field Day

Tuesday, June 2

EES Band Concert 7pm

Wednesday, June 3

Surprise a Staff Breakfast 8:30am – 9:00am

PTA Meeting 6:30 – 8:00pm

Friday, June 5

1st Grade Authors Celebration 10am – 11am

1st Grade Picnic 11am – 12:00pm

3rd Grade Picnic 1:30 – 3:30

Wednesday, June 17

5th Grade Promotion Ceremony (9:45 – 11:00)

Thursday, June 18

Schools close 2 hours early

Friday, June 19

Last Day of School – Schools close 3 hours early

### **PTA News**

#### **Teacher Appreciation**

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is this week (May 4th-8th). This year our theme is "Rising UP to Excellence". We need all types of volunteers for many different jobs and activities throughout the week and the Thursday before. Please take a minute to review this sign up and sign up for something if you can. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0849afab2fa46-teacher3> If you are unable to sign up for a donation of time or food items, but would still like to contribute, we have also added a sign up for simple donations of gift cards in any denomination. If the gift card itself does not specify how much it is for, please write the amount on a note or envelope. The gift cards serve as prizes for the various activities that have been planned for the teachers and staff. This is a great opportunity to show the teachers and staff at EES how much we appreciate everything they do for our children. If you have any questions, please email [eespta@hotmail.com](mailto:eespta@hotmail.com).

#### **Spring Fling**

Save the Date! For the first time ever, EES will be throwing a Spring Fling. There will be food, games, karaoke, silent auctions, pictures with Elkster, and lots of fun for EES families. The event is Friday, May 8th from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. To make this event a success, we need lots of volunteers and some donated items. If all goes well, we are hoping to make this an annual event. As a PTA, we really want to provide events that will make for great memories, especially as another school year is coming to a close.

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

*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.*

#### **Recreation and Parks**

Recreation & Parks has established local baseball teams for several age groups in your community. We are writing to invite you and your neighbors to participate in the Columbia Baseball League (CBL). Come help us bring baseball back to your community. First time and experienced players are welcome. Thanks to support from the Howard County Public School System, permits for your local school fields were issued to Recreation & Parks. We recognize some families could use a little extra assistance with the price of registration. Recreation & Parks has a sliding scale for financial assistance program. Howard County residency is required for financial assistance. To apply for financial assistance, a scholarship application and acceptable proof of income must be submitted. Applications and income verification can be faxed to 410-313-4658,

emailed to [registration@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:registration@howardcountymd.gov) or mailed/delivered to Howard County Recreation & Parks, 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046.

### **Kennedy Krieger**

We are recruiting children ages 8-12 to participate in an MRI research study to learn if there are differences between the brain's structure and its function in children with and without ADHD as well as with and without High Functioning Autism. The study involves participating in 2 seven-hour days of paper and pencil tasks, computer activities, and a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the brain. Parents will receive a report of the IQ assessment administered to their child as well as the radiology report. All testing is done free of charge and you get to choose the dates you participate. For more information about this study, please contact Alyssa Tiedemann at 443-923-9263, Mary Martinelli at 443-923-9258, or Kristie Sweeney at 443-923-9254 or by email [LNIR@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:LNIR@kennedykrieger.org)

### **The First Tee**

A unique youth development program that teaches children and youth ages 7-14 core values and healthy habits through the game of golf. Classes begin in Apr. at Fairway Hills Golf Club in Columbia and additional program locations will be offered around the county this summer. Sessions are \$60-\$150 and scholarships are available. For more information call 410-730-1114. [info@thefirstteehowardcounty.org](mailto:info@thefirstteehowardcounty.org)

### **AFS USA INC.**

Host Families Sought for AFS Exchange Students: Next school year, some twenty AFS exchange students from around the world will come to Howard County for a life-changing year of cross-cultural sharing. Exchange students live in a family such as yours and attend the locally district HS from your address. Contact Christina McGarvey at 410-997-7087 or [ckmgarvey@tahoo.com](mailto:ckmgarvey@tahoo.com) More information is also available <http://www.afsusa.org/hosy-family>.

### **Columbia Association**

Painting Exploration and Design with Manique Buckmon begins with the basics for ages 6-9, Tues., Apr. 28 - May 19, 5:30-7 p.m. or Tues., May 26-June 16, 5:30-7pm. Painting by Design with Kate Cavanaugh explores composition and color theory for students ages 10 and up begins Mon., April 27 - May 18; or Mon., June 1-22, 5:45-7:15pm. Both classes are \$60 resident, \$70 non-resident. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075) or email [artstaff@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:artstaff@columbiaassociation.org).

### **Slayton House**

On Camera Kids, Learn techniques for Acting on Camera and how to get started in the television/films. Classes begin Weds. Apr. 29, 5-6 p.m., for three weeks for \$60.00. Both classes are held at Slayton House in the Wilde Lake Village Center. For More Info please call Slayton House at 410-730-2380.

### **Robinson Nature Center**

Native Plant Palooza, Sun., May 12- 4:30 p.m./ **FREE** Come shop Robinson Nature Center's native plant sale and learn how best to care for native plants that

can attract wildlife while reducing the need for pesticides and fertilizers in your lawn and garden. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of all plants benefits educational programs at the Nature Center.

See [www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCplantnative.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCplantnative.htm)

### **Town Center Community Association**

Art in the Afternoon, Sun, May 17, 3-5 p.m. Historic Oakland 5430 Vantage Point Road Columbia, MD. **FREE** admission. Registration preferred 410-730-4744.

### **Benjamin Banneker Historical Park**

Colonial Market Fair. Sat and Sun., June 13 & 14, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Benjamin Banneker Historical Park, 300 Oella Avenue, Catonsville, MD. A \$5.00 donation for parking is requested.

### **Forest Hill Swim and Tennis Club**

Swim America swim lessons, 3, 2-week sessions starting June 22- July 31. Learn to dive lessons, 5, 1-week sessions starting June 22-July 20, 4310 Columbia Road Ellicott City. For more information go to FHSTC.com and click Swim Lesson and or Dive Team tab.

### **CAMPS**

#### **Centennial High School Boosters**

2015 Lady Eagles Basketball Camp, girls ages 8-14, July 13-17, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m., Centennial HS, 4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, MD. For information contact Bobby Macheel, 443-474-5558, [macheelr@gmail.com](mailto:macheelr@gmail.com)

#### **University of Maryland**

iEngineer@UMD a summer STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) camp for rising 4th and 5th grade girls. This one-week commuter day camp is an exciting opportunity for girls to learn more about STEM through a variety of fun, hands-on activities. Mon., Jul. 6 –Fri., Jul. 10, 9 a.m. -3 p.m. for more information and to apply, visit <http://wie.umd.edu/k12/iengineer>

#### **UMBC Summer Day Camp**

The UMBC summer Day Camp will be celebrating it's 36th year of existence in 2015, and we hope that you will send your child to spend all or part of the summer with us. Please let us know if you have any questions 410-455-2638 or email us at [summercamp@umbc.edu](mailto:summercamp@umbc.edu)

#### **Junior Achievement**

JA BizTown Summer Venture for young people ages 9 to 12. Dates: June 22 – 26, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, 10711 Red Run Blvd., Suite 110, Owings Mills, MD. For details or to register, contact Rebecca Golloub at [rgolloub@jamyland.org](mailto:rgolloub@jamyland.org) or 410-753-3292 <http://jamyland.org/programs/summer-camp>

#### **Savage Boys and Girls Club**

**Savage Recreational Baseball**, register now and learn from the 2014 Maryland High School Coach of the Year. Coach Adam Leader of the Reservoir Gators will conduct free in-season Coach & Player clinics this season. Ages 5 - 14 can register at [savagebgc.org](http://savagebgc.org) or call Ken Harn at 443-605-6977

**Baseball Factory**

July 6-10, 2015 at Kiwanis-Wallas Park, July 13-17, 2015 at Kiwanis-Wallas Park.

**All Star Camp** Designed for boys and girls ages 8-11. Grouped according to age and ability, players will learn the fundamentals of baseball through individual, group and team instruction.

**Elite Camp** This camp is for boys ages 12-15 and is designed to teach fundamentals, advanced skills and strategies of baseball. Learn and improve skills through an intense week of instruction, drills and simulated game experiences. All proceeds benefit the Factory Athletics Foundation, the charitable arm of Baseball Factory. [www.baseballfactory.com/camp](http://www.baseballfactory.com/camp) Mark Lemon at 800.641.4487 x 109