

# ELKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## **PARCC Assessments**

The PARCC assessment will begin on **Monday, March 2** and will continue through the week of March 9. This assessment is for 3-5 grade students. The scheduled times of the testing are as follows:

PARCC Testing (Math)

March 2-3 (Make-up testing March 4, 5 & 6)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade 9:30 – 11:00

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 11:30 – 1:00

5<sup>th</sup> Grade 1:30 – 3:00

PARCC Testing (ELA)

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

4<sup>th</sup> Grade 9:30 – 11:00

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 11:30 – 1:00

5<sup>th</sup> 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 day. 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!

## **Kindergarten Registration and New 1st Grade Registration**

Kindergarten registration and new 1st Grade registration, for the 2015-2016 school year, will be held March 2nd - March 6th. Students must be 5 years old by September 1st, 2015 to register for kindergarten. Hours of registration at EES will be 9:30am – 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. We will also have two evening registration times: Monday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 4 from 4:30pm – 7:00pm. 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 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 will be available beginning Monday, March 2nd 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.



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### **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](mailto: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/>.

### **Market Day**

Market Day pick-up has been rescheduled due to yesterday's snow day. The new pick-up date is Monday, March 2 from 5-6pm. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Monday, March 2

**Kindergarten Registration @ EES**

**Monday - Friday 9:30am - 3:00pm**

**Evening hours: Monday and Wednesday 4:30 – 7:00pm**

Market Day Pick-Up 5-6pm **(NEW DATE!)**

Tuesday, March 3

**Kindergarten Registration @ EES**

**Monday - Friday 9:30am - 3:00pm**

Wednesday, March 4

**Kindergarten Registration @ EES**

**Monday - Friday 9:30am - 3:00pm**

**Evening hours: Monday and Wednesday 4:30 – 7:00pm**

Thursday, March 5

**Kindergarten Registration @ EES**

**Monday - Friday 9:30am - 3:00pm**

Friday, March 6

**Kindergarten Registration @ EES**

**Monday - Friday 9:30am - 3:00pm**

March 13

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to Science Center

Monday, March 23

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade field trip to BMI **(Rescheduled from February 20)**

Friday, March 27

**Schools close 3 hours early**



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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.

### **Box Tops**

Please keep sending in your box tops! The class who has sent in the most box tops since the beginning of the school year through February 27th will earn a class party! Don't wait till the last minute to send them in! We earned \$900 sent in through the beginning of November!

### **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](mailto:eespta@hotmail.com)! Thanks!

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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

### **Road to Kindergarten Workshops**

For details about dates, times, and locations, visit <http://www.hcpss.org/f/schools/kindergarten/road2Kflyer.pdf>. The purpose of the session is to help make the process of entering kindergarten less stressful and more exciting. Howard County parents with children who will be five years old by Sept. 1, 2015 are invited to come with questions and concerns pertaining to the kindergarten process. If you have any additional questions, please contact Kris Woodson at [kris\\_woodson@hcpss.org](mailto:kris_woodson@hcpss.org) or 410-313-5693.

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.columbiafsc.com).

### **University of Maryland**

iEngineer@UMD a summer STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) camp for rising 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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>