

ELKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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From the Desk of the Principal:

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break and is getting ready for the final two months of the school year. Tuesday marked the beginning of the fourth marking period. Third marking period report cards will be coming home with student next Tuesday, April 14th. Please take some time to look at your child's report card with him/her. By this point in the year there are many good opportunities to see areas where growth has occurred and to set goals for the final portion of the year.

March was a very busy month for Elkridge Elementary. We had a terrific turn out for Kindergarten registration and are very excited about all our new and incoming Kindergartners. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students worked very hard on their reading and math PARCC assessments. I was very proud of the effort the students showed!

April promises to be just as busy as March. Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following assessment dates:

April 14th & 15th MSA Science 5th graders

April 20th & 21st Math PARCC 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders

April 27th, 28th, & 29th English/Language Arts PARCC 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders

Attendance is extremely important. We ask you to not schedule doctors' appointments or other events that will take your child out of school on these testing dates. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

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Battle of the Books

Our 'Battle of the Books' teams will be competing tonight at Oakland Mills High School in Columbia. This year we have three teams entered, one coached by Ms. Hubbs and Mrs. Hamilton, one coached by Mrs. Kell and Ms. Davignon (Mrs. Kell's Intern), and one coached by Mrs. Milliken (our parent volunteer). Both Mrs. Moroughan and Mrs. Ekberg will also be volunteering at the event site. Our students have worked since October to prepare for this competition. Please keep them in mind Friday evening. They will be using plenty of energy, enthusiasm, concentration and knowledge as they compete.

Attention 5th Grade Parents:

Middle school orientation at Elkridge Landing Middle is scheduled for Thursday, April 16. All parents of incoming sixth graders are welcome to visit in the cafeteria for general orientation information from 7-8pm. Parents of students going into G/T classes next fall are invited to attend a G/T orientation information session in the media center between 6-6:45.



Orioles Game Night

The "Just for Dads" group will be having our annual trip to Oriole Park on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:05pm. The cost per ticket is \$10. If you would like to purchase tickets for yourself & family members please submit cash or check made payable to EES. Please turn in your order to me by Friday, April 17th.

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

Tuesday, April 14

Deadline yearbook order forms
Science MSA Grade 5 10:45-12:00
Report Cards Issued

Wednesday, April 15

Science MSA Grade 5 10:45-12:00

Thursday, April 16

Middle School Orientation

Friday, April 17

Deadline for Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser
Deadline to purchase tickets for Orioles Game Night (5/20)

Monday, April 20

PARCC Testing Grades 3-5 (Math)

Tuesday, April 21

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Wednesday, April 22

Kindergarten Field Trip to Clark's Eliaok Farm



Thursday, April 23

EES Spring Individual Portrait & Class Group Photos

Friday, April 24

EES Spring Individual Portrait & Class Group Photos

Saturday, April 25

Elkster 5K

Monday, April 27-April 29

PARCC Testing Grades 3-5 (English/Language Arts)

Thursday, April 30

Market Day Order Pick-up 5:00-6:00PM

Thursday, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

Spring Fling 6:30 – 9:00PM

Friday, May 15

5th Grade Field Trip to Philadelphia

Wednesday, May 20

Orioles Game (Just for Dads) 7:05PM

PTA News

Yearbooks

The last day to get your payment in for yearbooks is Tuesday, April 14th! The cost is \$20. Can't find your order form - no problem, just send in payment with checks made out to EES PTA in an envelope labeled "Yearbook". Please include the child's name (first & last), teacher & grade, email and phone number.

Elkster 5k

The 5th annual Elkster 5K and 1 mile Fun Run will be April 25th. Forms went home the week of March 27th. Please visit our race website www.elkster5k.blogspot.com for forms, sponsor info, and online payment. Like our race page on Facebook! Don't want to run but want to help out? Check out our volunteer signup <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0849afab2fa46-5thannual>. Email eespta@hotmail.com with any questions.

Congratulations to Eva McGrath for winning the Elkster 5K T-shirt contest!

Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser

Orders and payment due next Friday, April 17th. The class (grades K-2, 3-5) with the highest rate of participation will get to have a lunch period outside! The top three sellers will also earn gift cards on top of the great prizes already offered by Claire's Gourmet.

Teacher Appreciation

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is quickly approaching once again (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. If you would like to donate a gift card(s), please drop them off (or have your child) drop them off in the school office in a sealed envelope marked **EES PTA/TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** by **FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015**. 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.

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.

S.T.E.M. in Our School

Have you visited our EES STEM website, yet? (<http://stemnewsees.weebly.com/>) It has recently 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/>.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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 or mailed/delivered to Howard County Recreation & Parks, 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046.

North Laurel Community Center

A new, free walking program for the community beginning Sat., Mar. 28, at the North Laurel Park, at the North Laurel Community Center, 9411 Whisky Bottom Road, Laurel MD. The walking program will be every Sat. from Mar. 28-Oct. 31. New member registration is at 8:45 a.m. program is 9-10 a.m. For more information call 410-740-7601.

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 visit www.thefirstteehowardcounty.org email info@thefirstteehowardcounty.org, call 410-730-1114.



CrossLife Community Church

Men's Ministry "Wild Game Dinner" Sat. Apr. 11, 5- 8 p.m., Grace Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 6725 Montgomery Road; Elkridge, MD, \$50.00 due by Mar. 30 (Seating is limited) Dave Maier, call 410-796-0605 or email Maier7@gmail.com

Elkridge Youth Organization

The EYO 12U Baseball Team is hosting a Bingo Night, April 11, 7 p.m., at the OLPH Gym located at 4801 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City. There will be Designer Purses filled with great prizes for each bingo winner and also Special Bingo card rounds. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Tickets may be bought online at <http://12ucanesbingonight.eventbrite.com> or 12ubingo@verizon.net

Cedar Lane School

Cedar Lanes Annual Walk for Our Stars, Sat. April 18, 10 a.m., Maple Lawn Community Center. Come join us for this fun, non-competitive walk. All money raised will be used to support our students with significant special needs and our staff. Funds will go towards the purchase of specialized equipment, expand the school's cultural arts program, increase the number of student field trips, and provide staff development opportunities beyond what is provided by the county. Please support The Walk and help those who can't walk, learn to stand on their own and those who can't speak, find their voice. For further information, please contact Cedar Lane School at 410-888-8800 or walkforourstars2015@verizon.net

Mt. Hebron High School Girls Lacrosse Program (Viking Backers)

12th Annual Golf Tournament, Mon., Apr. 20, Turf Valley Resort. Cost: \$150 individual/\$550 foursome. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.vikingbackers.org

Howard County Government

Womenfest, A Health & Wellness Event for Women, Sat., Apr. 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **FREE**
Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood, Cooksville, MD. For more information visit the event's website at www.howardcountygaging.org/WomenFest or call 410-313-5440.

Harpers Choice Community Association

Health and Safety Fair, Sat. Apr. 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Kahler Hall, 5400 Old Tucker Row Columbia, MD.

LUNGeivity

Help fight lung cancer. Join us for Breathe Deep Columbia, a 5K walk in Town Center on Sat., Apr. 25 sponsored by the LUNGeivity Foundation. Register at www.LUNGeivity.org/columbia.

Columbia Association

Mixed Media Mania with Korey Rosenbaum ages 5-10, Tues., April 26 - May 18, or Sun., June 7-28, 1-2:30pm. Note: Drop-ins for one or two classes are welcomed. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@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.

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 ckmcgarvey@tahoo.com More information is also available <http://www.afsusa.org/hosy-family>.

Slayton House

Sign up now for these spring workshops in the Performing Arts

Razz-A Ma Tap-Shuffle off to Buffalo and learn techniques of Tap dance for fun, Exercise or that next audition. Classes begin May 12 on Tues., for grades 3-10. For more information call 410-730-2380.

Columbia Association

Schools Out Botanical Printmaking, June 17; Dimensional Explorations, June 18. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org

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

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

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 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 Mark Lemon at 800.641.4487.