

ELKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Testing Dates:

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

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

Battle of the Books

Our 'Battle of the Books' teams competed last Friday night at Oakland Mills High School in Columbia. One of our teams, The Elkridge Sharpie's, won 3rd place in Civility. Congratulations to The Sharpies, and all the students who participated last week. EES students have been working since October to prepare for this event, reading a total of 16 books! Thank you to the coaches for their time and dedication. We'd also like to thank Mrs. Moroughan and Mrs. Ekberg for their volunteer help with this event. Listed below are the coaches and students who represented EES.

Book Bosses

Coach: Rebecca Milliken

Team: Ryan Addai, Katelyn Hertz, Ian Parker, Nathan Milliken

Elkridge Sharpies (3rd Place Civility Winners)

Coaches: Valerie Hubbs & Kelly Hamilton

Team: Nesochim Iheanyi-Igwe, Kiara Betanga, Julia Roe, Hannah Braimoh, Lyna Beraich

Elkridge Rockstars

Coaches: Jill Kell & Emilie Davignon (Mrs. Kell's intern)

Team: Kim Gilbert, Lilly Fales, Mailaika Mbulu, Hannah Kohlhoff, Kayleigh Semanski

Elementary Solo & Ensemble Festival

EES orchestra and band students participated in the Howard County Solo and Ensemble Festival April 11 at Ellicott Mills Middle School. We are very proud of our talents students! The following students performed:

Orchestra

Dylan Cohen, Mayank Gupta, Sheena Haroon, Katelyn Hertz, Noor Jalaluddin, Zara Jalaluddin, Daniel Jones, Lyn Kim, Emmanuel Omole, Ava Pierre, Jaide Ricks, Michael Spencer, Viktor Struck, Samantha Tu, Varsha Vijay, Sophia White, Conor Wilson, & Tobias Yeager.

Band/Solos

Agam Iheanyi-Igwe, Alexa Taylor, Alison Ferris, Anna Chalupa, Ava Greene, Bradley Spirt, Devin Knowles, Faith Spirt, Jaida Adkins, Maria Shinnamon, Meadow Lockwood, Saulo Ruiz, Shaw Shyla, Brooke Matney, Clayton Conley, Danielle Berman, Clayton Conley, Ian Parker, Nick Roby, Gabrielle Rabold, Ian Parker, Josh Berman, Nesochim Iheanyi-Igwe, Nicole Esker, Sarah Nerhood, Savika Raina.



Band/Trios: Danielle Berman, Nicole Esker & Brooke Matney; Danielle Berman, Nicole Esker & Sarah Nerhood; Jessi Ferris, Malaika Mbulu, & Sarah Nerhood; Brooke Matney, Nesochim Iheanyi-Igwe & Gabrielle Rabold.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL UPDATE

The last day of school was originally scheduled for June 10 on the 2014-2015 school calendar, which reserved five additional days through June 17 for inclement weather makeup. As of today, all five of those makeup days have been used, plus three additional inclement weather days. For the three additional days used, the Board of Education on March 12 voted to apply to the Maryland State Dept. of Education (MSDE) for a waiver for one inclement weather day used, and extend the school year by two more days, making June 19 the last day of school for students. **The calendar adjustment will not be final until approved by MSDE.**

Upcoming Picture Days

Our next picture session is just around the corner on April 23rd and 24th. We'll take the class group pictures and spring individual portraits. Payment for the **Class Pictures is due on "picture day"**.

For the **Individual Portraits no pre-payment is required.** We'll photograph every student this year on our speculation plan. Each student photographed will receive a portrait package to take home to decide with their families which portrait sets they'd like to keep and submit payment for and which they'd like to return.

On April 23 Grades 1, 3 and 4 will take pictures and on April 24th Grades K, 2, and 5 will take pictures.

Howard County Healthy Kids Cook-Off Update

~ **CONGRATULATIONS to EES's Healthy Little Cook!** *~*

We would like to congratulate Karis Lee-3rd grade-for being chosen as a finalist in the Howard County Healthy Kids Cook-Off! She was picked out of all the Howard County Elementary Schools and will be preparing her recipe, Rice Paper Wraps, in the live Cook-Off Competition at the Healthy Howard Award Banquet on April 30, 2015. We can't wait to see her in action at the banquet. Below is her winning recipe in case any of you at home would like to try her delicious, healthy wraps. Congratulations and good luck Karis!

"Rice Paper Wraps"

Ingredients: rice papers, chopped onions, chopped carrots, chopped green peppers, chunk pineapples, chopped avocado, any other chopped vegetables that you would like

Directions: Chop the vegetables that you choose, arrange the vegetables in a serving platter, put the rice paper in cold water to make it soft, place on a plate and fill with the vegetables to build your own wrap

News From The Health Room:

Healthy snack ideas

Fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low or nonfat dairy make good nutritious snacks for children. Here are some ideas for ways to serve these foods to your kids:

Fruits:

- Small pieces of fruit stirred into yogurt or cottage cheese
- Strawberries
- Raisins
- Grapes
- Pineapple, orange, grapefruit chunks



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- Apple slices with all natural peanut butter
 - Dried fruit mixes

Vegetables:

- Carrot sticks
- Celery sticks with all natural peanut butter or cream cheese
- Raw broccoli and cauliflower florets with a low-fat dip, hummus or salsa
- Cherry tomatoes

Protein:

- Cottage cheese or ricotta cheese
- Water-packed tuna mixed with mayonnaise on top of celery sticks or whole-grain crackers
- Yogurt topped with granola, chopped dried fruit or a spoonful of oat bran
- Almonds mixed with dried berries

Whole grains:

- Cereals or cereal bars that are low in sugar and fat, and high in fiber and protein
- Whole-grain crackers, breads or bagels

Sweets and desserts:

- Frozen yogurt
- Juice bars
- Sherbet and sorbet

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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, April 20

PARCC Testing Grades 3-5 (Math)

Tuesday, April 21

PARCC Testing Grades 3-5 (Math)

Wednesday, April 22

Kindergarten Field Trip to Clark's Elioak Farm

1st Grade Earth Day Picnic

PTA Restaurant Night @ Red Robin 5-9



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- Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

School Closed for Students

Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8

Teacher Appreciation Week

Map Testing (Math)

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

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

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)

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day ~ Schools Closed



Tuesday, May 26
EES Strings Concert 7pm

Thursday, May 28
EES Enrichment Fair

Friday, May 29
EES Field Day

Tuesday, June 2
EES Band Concert 7pm

Wednesday, June 17
5th Grade Promotion Ceremony

PTA News

Elkster 5k

The 5th annual Elkster 5K and 1 mile Fun Run will be April 25th. 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!

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.

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.

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.

LUNgevity

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