

The Elkster Examiner

Friday, May 22

From the Desk of the Principal:

This has been an extremely busy few weeks with many wonderful events happening around the building. On Wednesday we had our 2nd Annual New Kindergarten Visitation Day and were very excited to meet many of next year's new kindergarteners and their families. Our six wonderful kindergarten teachers, Ms. Boardley, Ms. Jagoda, Mrs. Vannurden, Mrs. Nation, Mrs. Petry, and Mrs. Herman greeted our guests, read them a story, and did an interactive activity with them. Families were invited to the playground for a play date sponsored by our PTA. Outside, families were able to meet and socialize with each other. Everyone had a terrific time and Mrs. Anoff and Mrs. Carter enjoyed meeting our new friends and families.

Let's hear it for the RED, WHITE, & BLUE 😊 What an amazing job our 5th graders did today with their Simulated Congressional Hearings. Throughout the year, our students have studied the following four units: Colonial America, The American Revolution, Building a New Nation, and We the People. Today's simulated congressional hearings were an authentic performance-based activity where our students

demonstrated their understanding of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Throughout the day, EES students did a phenomenal job assuming the role of constitutional experts. They prepared and presented oral statements before a panel of “judges” and responded to follow-up questions. Hats off to Mrs. Sloat, Mrs. O’Connell, Ms. Rager, Ms. Schwarzl, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Zimmer, Ms. Meyenburg, Ms. Thogersen, and Mrs. Bateman for all their hard work and dedication to SCH. Your support helped make today a remarkable day at Elkridge Elementary School.

Please put **May 28th** on your calendar to participate in our Enrichment Fair, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This evening offers our students the chance to showcase the products created in our enrichment program! There is something for everyone and we look forward to seeing you that night!

As we get closer to the end of the school year, please help our school and our hard working bus drivers continue to transport our students to and from school safely. Take a few minutes to review these simple bus rules with your student:

BUS RULES:

1. Follow directions from the bus driver the first time they are given.
2. Stay in your seat at all times until you come to your

designated stop (especially while bus is in motion).

3. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.

4. Keep hands, feet, legs, arms, personal property, and voice to yourself.

Thanks so much for your support and cooperation!

Mrs. Anoff, Principal

Field Day

Field day is scheduled for next Friday, May 29. Here are a few reminders to prepare for this fun, annual event.

*Have your child wear sneakers and appropriate clothing.

*Apply sunscreen at home prior to coming to school

*Bring bottled water

We are in need of volunteers for field day. If you are available to help, please sign-up at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1077rSbw-O35hW-8gONZtT->

[7oiMdFPJZkCIHXQonpbCU/viewform?usp=send_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1077rSbw-O35hW-8gONZtT-7oiMdFPJZkCIHXQonpbCU/viewform?usp=send_form)

Are You Moving?

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

Lost and Found Clothing Items:

EES has an enormous number of clothing items that have been placed in our lost and found area. We encourage parents take the time to search through these items for any possible lost belongings. Our staff will have all items displayed on tables to view at two upcoming EES events, Strings Concert on May 26 and Enrichment Fair May 28. Items that aren't claimed by the last day of school will be donated to a local charity.

IMPORTANT--Medication Notice from the Health Room:

Any student medication or supplies kept in the health room during this school year should be picked up by a parent/guardian by the end of staff hours on the last day of school- Friday June 19, 2015. All medication/supplies not picked up will be destroyed. Any questions please call the

Health Room at 410-313-8506.

Attention 5th Grade Parents:

ELMS spirit wear is now available to order! It's a great opportunity to receive items before school starts next year and students can immediately feel a part of the school.

<http://www.schoolteamstores.com/login.htm>

GT NEWS

HCPSS GT Department sponsored - Summer Institute for Talent Development There is still room in the following classes held through the HCPSS Summer Institute for Talent Development: The two classes take place during session II (July 13-July 24) and are "Construct and Sculpt" (grades 1-2) and "The Painter's Studio" (grades 4-6). Below is a description of each class

Construct and Sculpt (grades 1-2)

This class is designed for students who have an interest in putting together unusual materials to create three-dimensional objects. Based on individual student needs and strengths, instruction will focus on a variety of exciting and fun ways to problem solve and create original 3-D structures while experimenting with clay,

paper, foam core, wire, plaster-craft and papier-mâché using a variety of diverse sculpting techniques.

The Painter's Studio (4-6)

This course is designed for students who love to paint, want to improve their painting skills, and/or simply enjoy pushing paint around on a surface. They will explore how artists paint from life and how they create abstract designs using shapes and colors. Students will develop their skills using a variety of types of paint from watercolors to acrylic, spray paint to traditional homemade paints.

Howard County STEM Event:

3rd Annual Howard County STEM Festival is scheduled for June 7 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM at Howard Community College.

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.

AFS Intercultural Program

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. Host families volunteer to provide room and board for a student and get to know a great kid and learn more about a different part of the world. Exchange students learn about our American culture from the inside and share about theirs. Students are available from countries over 90 countries, including Germany, Italy, Sweden, Japan, and Thailand. Students have interests including dance, soccer, track, choir, and scouting. Howard County Public School's placement deadline for next year is coming up very soon.

If you would like to hear more about the process of becoming a host family or any other aspect of our program, please contact Christina McGarvey at (410) 997-7087 or ckmgarvey@yahoo.com. More information is also available at

<http://www.afsusa.org/host-family>

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 25

Memorial Day ~ Schools Closed

Tuesday, May 26

EES Strings Concert 7pm

Thursday, May 28

EES Enrichment Fair 6:30 – 8:00pm

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

5th Grade Social @ ELMS 6:30 – 9:00

Thursday, June 11

3rd Grade Assembly 2:30 – 3:30

Friday, June 12

Kindergarten End of Year Picnic 10:30 -11:30

4th Grade End of Year Picnic 12:30 – 1:30

Monday, June 15

2nd Grade Literacy Showcase 10:30 – 11:30

2nd Grade End of Year Picnic 11:30 – 12:15

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

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.*

Columbia Association

Mixed Media Mania with Korey Rosenbaum ages 5-10, Sun., June 7-28, 1-2:30 p.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email artstaff@columbiaassociation.org

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.

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

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.

SPORTS

Laurel Soccer Club Tryouts for 2015-2016, registration is open. www.laurelsoccerclub.org

CAMPS

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@jmaryland.org or 410-753-3292
http://jmaryland.org/programs/summer-camp_

The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County

Journey Camp 2015 Sun., July 12 – Sat., July 18. Journey will be held on the picturesque campus of Washington College in Chestertown, MD on the Eastern Shore. Applications can be obtained at www.mlw.org and will also be available in guidance counselor offices at local middle schools. Limited financial assistance is available. Applications are due by May 15, 2015. For further information, contact the MLW office at 301-444-

8623 or office@mlw.org.