

The Elkster Examiner

May 29, 2015

From the Desk of the Principal:

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of the month of May. During this past week we have had several amazing activities here at Elkridge. It is always an honor to have a platform for our students to showcase their gifts and talents.

We started the week with our Strings Concert on Tuesday night. Our students did a fabulous job and we are very proud of their tremendous progress this year. A special THANK YOU to Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Gill for their leadership and dedication to our Strings program here at EES.

We continued our busy week with our EES Enrichment Fair on Thursday evening, which was absolutely amazing! Throughout the building, students shared their hard work from the 2014-2015 school year. A great big THANK YOU to our very own Mrs. Pfiefer and Ms. Fastman who spent many hours organizing and

preparing for this event. Finally, we ended the week with our EES Annual Field Day today. A great big THANK YOU goes out to Mr. Books, Mr. Brookhart, and Mr. Spliedt for organizing this spectacular event. I also want to thank the many parents who volunteered their time to help during the day. Field Day was absolutely perfect and everyone enjoyed the activities and the weather. On the heels of May is June, where we will continue with our Band Concert on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00pm.

We would like to celebrate all the volunteers who help and support us here at Elkridge Elementary. Please mark your calendar for our **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, June 11th from 11:00-1:00 in the Media Center**. Our school would not function nearly as well as it does without the efforts of our many, many volunteers. This event gives us the opportunity to say a small thank you to those parents, grandparents, and community members who have volunteered this year. Please click [here](#) to RSVP for this event.

Have a Wonderful Weekend,

Mrs. Anoff

News From 5th Grade:

Grade 5 Closing Ceremony

The Fifth Grade Closing Program is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th. It will take place from 9:45-11 AM in the school cafeteria. Each student will receive 2 tickets to give to their parents and/or guests. We must limit guests to comply with the Howard County Fire Code. Please note that small children and infants count as guests. Request for extra tickets will be on a first come, first serve basis. You can put in a request by calling the office. You will be notified if your request was granted by Wednesday, June 10th. Due to the size of our student body, we only have a limited number of extra tickets. Parents and invited guests should arrive by 9:15 AM with the tickets. Your child's 2 tickets will be sent home on Friday, June 12th.

Media News

The end of the year is coming and as usual, we need to inventory our 19,000 items. To facilitate that, we will need to close both book checkout and Media Classes on

June 5th so we can collect books back, organize the shelves, and do our annual inventory. We know our students and staff make ample use of our collection but we hope that you will continue to use the resources available at the Elkridge Branch of the public library. Remember that teachers have special cards available to them to allow for longer check out times, and more items at the public library. Just be sure to bring your teacher card with you when you visit.

Ronnie Baker and Adrienne Zeroth from the public library will visit us on June 4th for our annual Summer Reading Program presentations. This is a free program in which all ages may participate. For more info, visit the Students & Teachers section of www.hclibrary.org

[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.

[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.

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.** Please note: 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.

PTA NEWS:

Attention Parents: While new PTA Board members were voted in at the PTA meeting in April, the PTA still has quite a few open positions for parents willing to be a committee chair, co-chair, or committee member for the 2015-16 school year. The open positions include: Ways & Means (fundraising), Restaurant Nights, Yearbook, Cultural Arts (kids' programs at school during the year), Family Fun Nights (not including the Trunk or Treat and Spring Fling), the Holiday Shoppe (just the kids' shop portion), Spirit wear, Yard Sales, the PTA Website, and, lastly 5th Grade Events. If you or someone you know might be interested in helping out in any of these areas or if you would just like more information, please feel free to contact Terri Marcus, the new PTA president, at eespta@hotmail.com. Thank you!

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, June 2

Grade 5 - Puberty Education Information Night (5:30

in Media Center)

EES Band Concert 7pm (Band students should arrive at 6:45)

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.