



The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2017

School dates for *April*

- 24** **Monday – Day 1**
SAC meeting
- 25** **Tuesday – Day 2**
Forest Valley – Rooms 202 & 208
- 26** **Wednesday – Day 3**
- 27** **Thursday – Day 4**
Kindergarten Orientation night
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- 28** **Friday – Day 5**
Elkhorn t-shirt day

Track & Field practice – Grades 4-5
2:20 – 3:00
Monday to Friday
Weather permitting

From the principal

“Accept and Respect. We are all different.”
(Anonymous)

AWESOME!!!! That was our experience at the Blue Jays game yesterday. The students singing were amazing and I received numerous compliments from Jay's staff on how wonderful our students are. In spite of the weather and the Jays loss, lifetime memories were made yesterday.

A huge thank you to the School Advisory Council in organizing and funding the Peter Pan performance we had on Tuesday. The students thoroughly enjoy the production.

Next week is another busy one with the SAC meeting on Monday, April 24 @ 6:30 pm and the Kindergarten Orientation Information night on Thursday, April 27th starting at 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This evening is for parents who have children coming to Elkhorn in Kindergarten in September.

Have a good week.

Holly Richards

To report a student absence or late call 416-395-9505
or email the school at elkhorn@tdsb.on.ca

Track and Field

With the weather warming up, that only means one thing...Track & Field!

Please have your child prepared to participate in various running and jumping events by coming to school with their outdoor RUNNING shoes!



Grades 4-5 students will begin practices this upcoming Monday, April 24. Practices will be happening every day until Monday, May 8 from 2:20 - 3:00 pm. If it rains, practice will be cancelled that day.

Grades 1-3 students will develop their running, jumping & throwing skills during their regular Phys. Ed. classes.

Thank you for supporting an Active Elkhorn!

Earth Day

April 22 is the annual celebration of Earth Day.

For some people it's a reminder that they should be better at recycling and turning off the lights when they leave a room. For others, it's an incentive to make big changes in their life in order to benefit the planet.



However you choose to protect the Earth, it can seem like a daunting task— every little bit you can do helps.

The aim of Earth Day is simple: To protect future generations from the side-effects of global warming. This year the specific focus is on creating better environmental and climate literacy and educating people – both children and adults – on environmental issues.

Find out what you can do to help take care of our planet. Go on the Internet and visit various sites to see what you can do to make changes that help our planet.

Every small change helps to make bigger changes. *What you do does make a difference.*



SAC Meeting

The next school council meeting is this Monday at 6:30 pm. The meetings are open to everyone.

Come out and get involved with events that affect your child. Your voice is the one who can help to make the changes you want to see happen in the school.

Make your voice count and come out and let your opinions be heard.



Forest Valley trip Rooms 202 & 208

Forest Valley is one of ten outdoor education centres within the Toronto District School Board designed to provide safe, active and enriching learning experiences by immersing students and staff in natural and urban environments and to enable participants to practice personal responsibility and develop respect for themselves, for others and for their world.

Teachers collaborate with our Outdoor Education Staff to create an experiential, inquiry based, learning experience that brings the Ontario Curriculum to life and strengthens our connection to the natural world that coexists with Toronto's urban environment.

The goal of the centre is to connect with student's previous learning and ignite their sense of wonder by connecting with nature so that they are inspired to take action to make their world a better place.

If your child is going on this trip please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather on the day of the trip.



Safety Alert ***

Today we received an email from a parent regarding an issue in the bus loop. An excerpt from the email is below:

"I remember that a few weeks (or maybe months) ago in the Express that it had a short message about the behavior of the parents when dropping the kids off. Well, I am afraid it is time to give them a memory refresher.

This morning, when I was arriving at the school with my child, two women (one in a white car, the other in a black car) started to fight and yell at each in the bus loop. As far as I noticed, the one in the black car start to honk and flash the headlights to the white car, because she was in a hurry and the white car was not moving. Even when the white car had moved on, the black was still honking. Then the driver of white car suddenly stopped, jumped out and started to yell at the driver of the black car.

It was really awful, because there were a lot of kids and parents passing by on the sidewalk and they saw everything."

We ask that everyone please be mindful of your behavior and to have respect for each other. We realize that it is extremely busy in the morning with everyone arriving at school but our student's safety is of the utmost importance and our number one priority.

It is important that you yourself model the behavior you expect to receive from other people and also to teach to our children.

Kindergarten Orientation Night

On Thursday night we will be having our Kindergarten Orientation night for parents of students who will be starting next year in Kindergarten at our school.

Come visit the school with your child and see some of our Kindergarten classrooms. Meet some of the Kindergarten team who will be happy to answer your questions regarding the program and about the expectations of the classroom.



The orientation night will begin at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium.