



The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2017

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Welcome Back!!!

From the principal

It has been a very busy week. It was awesome to hear from the students all of their wonderful experiences over the break.

This week has also brought some challenges with all of the changing weather conditions. I would like to remind parents that unless there is an extreme weather alert warning students do go outside for recess and at lunch time. We encourage that all students have warm clothing including snow pants, hats and mittens.



The morning and afternoon drop offs are still presenting some problems for one and all. Following the school rules in these areas should always be adhered to. This ensures our Elkhorn School Community is SAFE!!!!

Pizza lunches are up and running. If this is something you would like for your child please follow the instructions included in this link:

[Pizza lunches](#)

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



Kindergarten is a big step in your child's life. We make the transition a wonderful experience for your child and a reassuring decision for you. A safe and welcoming Kindergarten, coupled with balanced academic and social programs, provides the best foundation to nurture your child's abilities.

Start your children in Kindergarten at our school and watch them achieve great things.

Our school is classified as **closed for optional attendance** so **you must live in our school residential area** to ensure successful registration of your child at our school. To register your child at our school, please check that your residential address is in our school area. You can check to see if you are in our area by clicking here [FindYour Schools](#) on the tdsb.on.ca website. Our school website shows the catchment area that our school serves.

Registration for September 2017 will be starting on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017**. Please call our office to book an appointment. We will be scheduling appointments between 10:00 am - 11:30 am and from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm.

Children who were born in 2013, turning 4 years old by the end of this year are eligible for enrolment in Junior Kindergarten for September 2017.

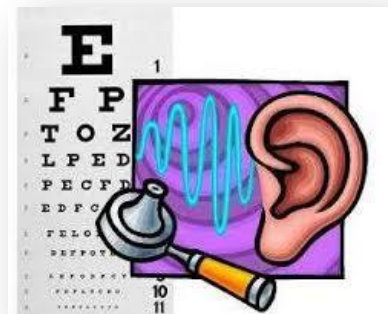
Children who were born in 2012, turning 5 years old by the end of this year are eligible for enrolment in Senior Kindergarten for September 2017.

For further information on the registration dates and procedures, please [click here](#).

Please let your friends and neighbours know if they have children who will be eligible for starting school next year.

Sight and Sound Clinic

If you have registered for the Sight and Sound clinic this is a reminder that it will be happening this **Monday, January 16th**.



Scientists in School

The Grade 5's will be having a workshop on Monday with Scientists in School.



Design a Bookmark Contest 2017

From the Toronto Public Library

From Saturday, December 10, 2016 to Saturday, January 21, 2017, Toronto Public Library is running their annual bookmark contest. One winner is chosen at each branch and bookmobile from each of the three age groups:

- * up to 6 years
- * 7 to 9 years
- * 10 to 13 years

Pick up your entry form at your local branch or download a copy [here](#).

From the winning entries 16 bookmarks are chosen for publication. There are 4 Elizabeth Cleaver Winners and 12 Grand Award Winners.

At a special award celebration in the spring, winners receive a book prize and 100 copies of their bookmark. The bookmarks are then available in all the branches.

Here are the links for the contest.

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/kidsspace/Contests/contest14.html>

http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/kidsspace/Offline_Activities/documents/Bookmark_Contest17.pdf



Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre

The Grade classes will be going to Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre for a field trip on Wednesday. If your child is going on this field trip please make sure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather.





Participate in the Canada Day Challenge and Celebrate Your Future!

The Canada Day Challenge invites young Canadians from 8 to 18 years of age to celebrate Canada's culture, explore its heritage, and to participate in a unique creative experience! This year's theme is ***Celebrate Your Future!***

2017 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Canada Day Challenge, an art, photography and creative writing contest. Participants could **win an all-expenses paid grand prize trip for two to Ottawa** to celebrate Canada Day and take part in activities for the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

Canada is 150 years young in 2017!

Thousands of events, activities and dialogues will take place and Canadians are invited to participate, celebrate and explore Canada in 2017 to discover what it means to be Canadian.

Young Canadians are encouraged to get inspired and show us their vision of Canada's next 150 years by submitting an entry in the following categories: *Draw it!* (drawing or painting), *Snap it!* (photography) or *Write it!* (creative writing).

The Challenge will accept entries from **January 3 to March 31, 2017**.

Teachers, parents and educators – Visit this website for more contest details, such as how to submit an entry.

Learning resources are also available online to all Canadians free of charge, at www.canada.ca/canada-day-challenge.

Should you require more information, please email us at PCH.defi-challenge.PCH@canada.ca.

Pizza Lunch Reminder!

The next Pizza Lunch is on Thursday, January 26th.

There will also be pizza lunches on February 9th and 23rd as well as on March 9th.

if you have not yet placed your order using our online store* , www.elkhornschoolcouncil.ca/store, you still have time!
Please be sure to place your order by Monday, January 23rd.



We always welcome volunteers – please email us at pizzalunch@elkhornschoolcouncil.ca if you would like to be part of the pizza lunch team!

*If you are experiencing difficulty creating an account or placing your pizza order, please contact our website administrator admin@elkhornschoolcouncil.ca, for assistance.

PA Day

This **Friday, January 20th** is a PA Day.

There will be no school for the students on that day.

