



The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2017

School dates for June

05

Monday – Day 5
Track & Field North
Championships

06

Tuesday – Day 1

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Wednesday – Day 2

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Thursday – Day 3
FUN FAIR 3:30 – 7:30



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Friday
PA Day – NO SCHOOL

From the principal

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

Excitement is building in the school as Fun Fair will be happening rain or shine on Thursday, June 8th starting at the end of the school day. I can attest that the classroom craft for this year's Silent Auction is amazing. There may be a bidding war in the mix!!

EQAO is done for our Grade 3's. I am so proud of how well our students handled the testing. Thank you to the staff members and to the parents who worked so hard to prepare and support our students during this process.

Another reminder if you are moving at the end of the school year to please let the office know if you have not done so already.

Have a great weekend. Let's hope it is filled with sunshine!

Holly Richards

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



Continuing Education – Summer Music Camps

Add to your child's summer vacation with music camp. Through three unique programs – Summer Sounds, DownTown Summer Strings and Toronto Summer Music Camps – the TDSB offers band, strings and orchestral experiences for students from Grades 3-9. Registration is open now.

For more information, please visit www.tdsbsummercamps.ca

Elementary Summer School

Elementary summer programs increase engagement and build self-confidence in our students. This summer, from July 5 – 28, we are opening schools across the city to help build reading, writing and math skills in students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Visit www.tdsb.on.ca/summer for a complete list of participating schools.

Summer International Languages

Register your child in TDSB's half and full day international languages summer programs. Open to all students from SK to Grade 8 at 12 schools, our language learning programs involve cultural activities like games, songs, dance, storytelling, traditional crafts and writing. Classes begin July 4 – 28.

Visit www.ILEprograms.ca for a complete list of participating schools and language classes.



Continuing Education - Community Programs

Summer Learn4Life classes begin July 4! Take up a new hobby, learn a language, and meet people in your community. Put your hands to work through art and cooking. Take up a sport and stay active this summer. Register at www.learn4life.ca.



Arts in the Parks:

Toronto has become an international summer hotspot as our city buzzes with energy and culture during those blissful summer days and nights. For a second year, Toronto will be coming alive as never before with an exciting new initiative called Arts in the Parks. Think music, theatre and dance ... think film, arts installations and performance. Everywhere throughout the city from Etobicoke to Scarborough and North York to the downtown core. All of it completely family-friendly and free! It's the biggest, most inclusive arts initiative that Toronto has ever seen. Visit www.artsintheparksTO.org for full events listings, dates and details.

Continuing Education – Improve your English with us

This summer, adults can build literacy and English language skills from July 4-28. Learn about your community and the services available. We offer a wide range of classes from beginner to advanced to help you improve your conversation skills, further your education, and prepare for citizenship and language proficiency tests. Adult ESL program is free for eligible learners. For more information, visit www.ESLtoronto.ca or call 416-338-4300.

June is Italian Heritage Month at the TDSB

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize June as Italian Heritage Month. In June 2010, the Province passed the Italian Heritage Month Act, recognizing "the important contributions immigrants have made in building Ontario's communities and the economic, political, social and cultural achievements of Italian Canadians throughout the province. Italian Canadian immigrants have played a prominent role in supporting Canada's post-war boom and Toronto's emergence as a diverse, vibrant world-class city.



During this month we celebrate the spirited culture and traditions of the Italian community with students, staff and community members of the Toronto District School Board and province of Ontario. Events are scheduled throughout Toronto to recognize the Italian heritage and below are three for your reference:

Evening of Italian Culture – June 1, 2017

Italian Contemporary Film Festival – June 8 – 16, 2017

Taste of Little Italy – June 16 – 18, 2017

To find out about Italian Heritage Month events throughout the city, visit www.italianheritagecanada.com.



June is Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month at the TDSB

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize June as Portuguese-speaking Heritage Month. During this month, the TDSB's Portuguese-speaking communities are provided with opportunities to share their vibrant culture and traditions and also gain a better understanding of the Portuguese-speaking diaspora.

The contributions of the Portuguese-speaking community to Canada's history are vast as it includes the arts, sports, medicine and public life.

- 250 million Portuguese speakers worldwide, making it the fifth-most spoken language
- More than 1,400 TDSB students speak Portuguese as their mother tongue or as a primary language
- Portuguese is the official language of eight countries: Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome & Principe and East Timor
- While the Archipelago of the Azores and the Archipelago of Madeira are a part of Portugal, they are simultaneously Autonomous regions which share in the Portuguese language
- As well, due to historic ties, various regions of the world including Macau, China and Goa and Damao, India, celebrate their Portuguese influences

Events are being planned through the City of Toronto to recognize the Portuguese-speaking heritage including the Portuguese Parade on Saturday, June 10 from 11 am to 1 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the team participating from the TDSB.

Sun Safe Behaviour



Getting students outside and active is good for their health but too much sun can have serious side-effects, including burns, eye damage, premature aging of the skin and skin cancer. We encourage all students to practice "sun safety."

What exactly does sun safe behaviour look like?

- Cover up: Even on days with a moderate UV index students should wear a hat and sunglasses, especially if they'll be outside for over 30 minutes.
- Stay cool: Students should stay in shady areas, particularly at midday when the sun is strongest.
- Use sunscreen: Choose sunscreens with SPF 15 or higher that include protection from both UVA and UVB rays.



IT'S ALL ABOUT FUN FAIR!



Elkhorn Fun Fair
Thursday, June 8, 2017
3:30 pm – 7:30 pm

BOUNCY CASTLES AND SLIDES • GAMES • PETTING ZOO • PONY RIDES • CARNIVAL ENTERTAINERS • VENDORS GALORE • RAFFLE PRIZES • FACE PAINTING • LIVE ANIMAL SHOW • SILENT AUCTION • FOOD PLUS SWEET CARNIVAL TREATS AND MUCH MORE!



WHY IS FUN FAIR ON A THURSDAY?

This year Fun Fair begins on a **Thursday afternoon** so all students can easily attend after 3:30 pm dismissal! And the best part... the next day, Friday June 9, is a PA Day so – No School!

PARKING DURING FUN FAIR

Parking for Fun Fair will be available at Saint Gabriel's Passionist Parish on Elkhorn Dr.



ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YMCA AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Please consider an early pick-up on the day of Fun Fair so your child(ren) may enjoy a fun evening of play with their friends and the Elkhorn community - we really appreciate your support.

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction will take place in the gym during Fun Fair – so don't forget – you won't want to miss this!

Blue Jay Tickets • Tony Hawk skateboard • Pawsitively Pets Birthday Party • 1-month Martial Arts Training • Footsteps to Fitness Birthday Party • Personal Trainer • Facial Gift Basket • Mastermind Toys Gift Basket • Tutoring Sessions • Manicures • Shoppers Drug Mart Gift Basket • Summer Day Camps • 3-month YMCA Family Membership • Tennis Racket ... and more!



Plus there will be a LIVE auction for the Class Crafts at 6:15 pm – only this will not be so silent or quiet!

(Cash and credit will be accepted during Fun Fair).

WE STILL NEED FUN FAIR VOLUNTEERS!

www.elkhornschoolcouncil.ca/volunteer

The students at Elkhorn have not had a playscape all year and they are all looking forward to the Fun Fair! We are looking for volunteers – parents and students – to assist with Fun Fair set-up, supervising activities and clean-up.



Please sign up today – we REALLY need YOUR help to make this Fun Fair a success!

3 MORE DAYS LEFT TO SAVE!

www.elkhornschoolcouncil.ca/store

Wristbands are **\$15** each (one per child) and are available for purchase online only until **Sunday June 4**. The cost of a wristband on day of Fun Fair is \$20 so pre-order using our online store and SAVE NOW!



Tickets may also be purchased: 1 Ticket = \$2 each
6 Tickets = \$10
12 Tickets = \$20

All proceeds from Fun Fair will be allocated toward the Elkhorn Playscape Replacement Fund.