



The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF MAY 1, 2017

School dates for *May*

- 01** **Monday – Day 1**
Staff meeting
- 02** **Tuesday – Day 2**
Forest Valley – Rooms 105 & 203
Last night for International Languages

03 **Wednesday – Day 3**

04 **Thursday – Day 4**
Pizza Lunch



05 **Friday – Day 5**

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

From the principal

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

We had a very successful “Welcome to Kindergarten” evening last night. It was a great opportunity to meet many of our families and students that will be joining our Elkhorn school community.

I am still waiting to hear from the Blue Jays regarding the video of our students singing and will post the link as soon as it is available.

To all families that have students participating in the International Languages program, the final class is on Tuesday, May 2nd. I would like to thank Ms. Daley for all her hard work in making this program run so smoothly.

Have a good week as we head into the month of May.

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

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

Practices will be happening for Grades 4-5 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.



Forest Valley trip Rooms 105 & 203

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.

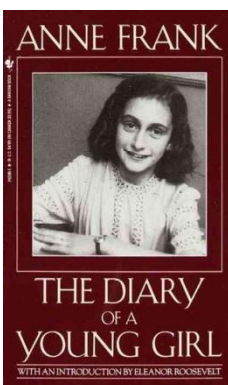
This week Rooms 105 & 203 will be going to Forest Valley. If your child is going on this trip please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather on the day of the trip.



International Languages

For all our students who are in International Languages this is a reminder that this Tuesday, May 2nd is the last night for the classes.

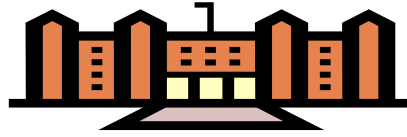
Registration for next year's classes will be Tuesday, September 12th.



Anne Frank Exhibit

The TDSB is proud to be hosting the [“Anne Frank - A History For Today” exhibit](#) at John Polanyi CI. In addition to school visits, this exhibit, originally from the Anne Frank Museum in Amsterdam, will be open to the public on Sunday, May 7 and Sunday, May 28.

Bayview M.S. Information Evening



Grade 5 Parents, Guardians & Students

Please Join Us!

**Come on out and learn about
Bayview M.S.!**

When: Tuesday, May 16th, 2017

Where: Bayview M.S. Café

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Moving On from Grade 5 - 7

- **What do I do on the 1st day of school?**
- **Understanding the school timetable**
- **Learn about our various clubs, trips, events**
 - **How to be successful in Grade 6**
 - **Homework and expectations**
- ***Question and Answer Period***





Equity Ward Forum

Thursday May 25, 2017

George Vanier SS, 3000 Don Mills Road

6:30 - 8:30 pm



Join us!

Equity is the foundation of achievement and well-being.

Our TDSB community is invited to participate in a working session to develop strategies and to improve equity in your school. These highly interactive sessions are an opportunity to share what's working well, consider solutions for challenges and develop an action plan that will benefit everyone.



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Food, refreshments and childcare are provided

To register see below

**Join the conversation. Share your voice.
Please register here:**

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/HowtoGetInvolved/EnhancingEquityTaskForce/EquityWardForums.aspx>

A Message from Elkhorn's School Advisory Council (SAC)

ELKHORN'S FUN FAIR LOGO CONTEST WINNER!!

The Fun Fair Committee is proud to announce Errita from Mr. Ribeiro's class as the winner to this year's Fun Fair Logo Contest! The Fun Fair Committee was thrilled by the number of contributors and also amazed by their creative designs. Congratulations Errita and a big thank you to all the students who submitted their entries!



PONY BEADS PLEASE!!



The Fun Fair Committee is in need of Pony Beads for one of the craft activities planned for the Fair. The Pony Beads may be plain, heart-shaped, or even butterfly! If you have some Pony Beads to donate to this year's Fun Fair, it would be much appreciated! Please drop off your Pony Bead Donation to the school office at your earliest convenience – thank you!

PLAYSCAPE PARENT REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

The masterplan for the new playscape is moving forward and two parent representatives are invited to attend the Playscape Steering Committee meetings led by TDSB alongside with Principal Holly Richards. There is also opportunity to lead the SAC Playscape Sub-Committee. Please send an email to chair@elkhornschoolcouncil.ca if you are interested.



OPEN CHAIR POSITION ON ELKHORN SAC FOR 2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR



The term of the current Elkhorn SAC co-chair positions is coming to an end. The Elkhorn SAC is seeking a new chair or co-chairs for the 2017/18 school year. This is a great opportunity to promote parent engagement and be the liaison between parents and the school administration. The SAC election will take place in September 2017. If you are interested in the chair position and would like to learn more, please send an email to

chair@elkhornschoolcouncil.ca.

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ONLINE STORE – ORDER YOUR PIZZA TODAY!! May 4 • May 18 • Jun 1 • Jun 15

The store is still open to place your orders for the upcoming pizza lunch dates. Order your pizza online TODAY at www.elkhornschoolcouncil.ca/store/. **Please place your order by Monday May 1 for the May 4 pizza lunch!** If you are experiencing difficulty creating an account or placing your pizza order, please contact our website administrator, admin@elkhornschoolcouncil.ca, for assistance. Only online orders are accepted.



VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN!!



We *always* welcome volunteers - get involved at Elkhorn! We have volunteer opportunities for pizza lunch and Elkhorn's upcoming Fun Fair! Please email us if you would like to be part of the pizza and/or fun fair teams!

For pizza volunteers: pizzalunch@elkhornschoolcouncil.ca

For Fun Fair volunteers: funfair@elkhornschoolcouncil.ca