



The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF MAY 29, 2017

School dates for *May/June*

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Monday – Day 5

Drum Fit



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Tuesday – Day 1

EQAO begins Grade 3's

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Wednesday – Day 2

EQAO Day 2

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Thursday – Day 3

EQAO Day 3
Pizza lunch

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Friday – Day 4

From the principal

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

The Fun Fair event is only 1 week away. Please help to support this fun event. All proceeds from the fair are going towards building the new playscape.

EQAO begins this week for our Grade 3's. It is very important that our students participate in this testing. The Grade 3 assessment evaluates the reading, writing and math skills that students are expected to have learned by the end of the primary division, according to [The Ontario Curriculum](#).

If you are moving at the end of the school year please let the office know if you have not already.

Have a great weekend.

Holly Richards

EQAO – General questions and answers

Classroom tests and EQAO tests have different goals and provide different kinds of information.

Classroom tests

- measure how well students have learned specific information and take place throughout a particular school year;
- provide immediate information on student learning that teachers can use to modify teaching strategies in their classrooms; are developed, administered and scored independently by teachers and may have subjective grading components, based on teachers' knowledge of individual students and provide results that may not be comparable across the school, board or province.

EQAO assessments

- measure students' cumulative knowledge and skills at key stages of their education in relation to a provincial standard;
- provide annual information on student learning that teachers, schools, school boards and the province can use to monitor progress and plan for improvement;
- are developed and administered by Ontario teachers;
- are scored in a consistent and objective manner by Ontario teachers and other qualified individuals who have completed specific training and provide results that are comparable across the school, board and province from year to year.

Are all students required to participate in the Grade 3 assessment?

The provincial tests are part of Ontario's public education program. All Grade 3 students who attend publicly funded schools and who follow The Ontario Curriculum are required by *The Education Quality and Accountability Office Act* to write the Grade 3 assessment.

How are students with special education needs supported on the Grade 3 assessment?

Students with special education needs who are on an Individual Education Plan (IEP) are permitted accommodations on the Grade 3 assessment that are allowed by EQAO and that are consistent with their regular practice for classroom assessments.

How are English language learners supported on the Grade 3 assessment? Are exemptions permitted?

English language learners are permitted special provisions on the Grade 3 assessment that are allowed by EQAO and that are consistent with their regular practice for classroom assessments.

In certain cases, students may be exempted from writing the Grade 3 assessment if they meet criteria established by EQAO. Decisions about a student's participation in the provincial tests and about accommodations and special provisions are made at the school level by the principal and school team in conversation with the parents or guardians.

What happens if my child is absent on the days of the EQAO assessment?

If your child is absent on the days the Grade 3 assessment is administered, the school can make arrangements to have your child write the assessment when he or she returns, but only within the designated two-week assessment period. If your child does not return to school within that period, he or she will not be able to participate in the assessment. Students who are expected to participate in the assessment but do not do so are still included in the public reporting of results. Since the publicly funded education system is accountable for every student, EQAO reports on every student. If a student is not exempted under EQAO's guidelines and does not write the assessment, he or she is counted as absent, and therefore as having no data, in EQAO's reporting.



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AND MUCH MORE!

**VOLUNTEERS!
NEEDED!**

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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!



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Buy your Fun Fair wristband(s) at the Elkhorn SAC online store today for \$15 each! Price goes up to \$20 the day of Fun Fair so don't delay! Tickets are also available online for purchase. All proceeds from Fun Fair will be allocated toward the Elkhorn Playscape Replacement Fund.