



L'école Elder's Mills

La Voix des Aigles

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School Priorities:

Curriculum Implementation:

Effective Literacy and Critical
Thinking Skills

School Climate

Positive, Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment and School Community

Student Engagement:

Student engagement in explicit and purposeful learning

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 2 - Parent Council Meeting
- April 10 - Spirit Day "Wear Pink"
- April 18 - Good Friday/No School
- April 19 - Easter Monday/No School
- April 22- Earth Day
- April 24 - Dufflebag Theatre



Principal's Message Un Mot de la Directrice:

Coming back from the March Break we have continued our strong curricular focus at Elder's Mills with renewed energy. Our teachers have been focusing on providing explicit and descriptive feedback both to improve their students' academic achievement but also their learning and social skills. We are looking for our students to apply this feedback conscientiously and consistency to help them set goals for their own improvements in all areas. Parents can help by asking your children to describe the feedback they have received and identify what they need to do to improve at school.

With spring around the corner, we are reminded of our environmental responsibilities. It was so encouraging to note the percentage of participants for **Earth Hour** not only here at Elder's Mills but across the province and world as well. As an **Eco-School** we continue our many activities and initiatives throughout the year to promote environmental awareness and conservation. To this end, we turned off lights and technology for an hour on Friday afternoon and hope that families from our community also participated in Earth Hour at home on Saturday night. As a community service, we remind you that we continue to collect old battery and cartridges at the recycling depot in our school foyer for your convenience. To continue our education in the theme of Electrical safety and conservation, we had a presentation from Power Stream which our students found very informative and exciting.

Despite being a shortened month, March had several exciting events such as the bilingual arts performance of Ballet Jorgen, Crazy Hair Day and the Big Apple Crunch day. Also, we continue our Forest of Books reading program where students will soon vote for their favorite books! We look forward to an eventful April as well. With a Social Media Safety presentation, Earth Day, Duffle Bag Theatre, Junior Basketball, Student Voice Conference and the return of the ever popular Jungle Sport in the gym for all to enjoy! We will also be kicking off our "Jump Rope for Heart" charity campaign. More information to follow.

Our **School Council** has been very active in providing opportunities for our parents as well. We hope to see many come out to our next Parenting Presentation with Nutrition Expert on April 24, at 7:00 p.m. We hope that you plan to come out to hear this very knowledgeable and informative speaker. Of course, we look forward to seeing parents come out to our School Council meeting on April 2nd as well. Lots going on in April, see you all soon!

Respectfully yours,
Mme. Joseph

"Student Voice" - School Events

Electrical Safety and Conservation



On Wednesday March 5, our school had an assembly about electricity and about the safe things to know. The presenter showed us ways to be safe if something or someone was in danger. The whole school learned how easy it is to be in danger. For example, if your car is caught in the electrical wires, stay in the car. If you have to get out, you need to cross your arms, get out of the car carefully without touching anything and take tiny hops away from the car. Powerstream showed us what not to go near and what not to do when we are near unsafe things. This year our whole school learned about electricity and how we can save our own lives and each other's lives. Thank you Powerstream for coming to Elder's Mills to teach us about Electricity.



By Chelsea, Grade 4



Ballet Jorgen Performance



The Big Crunch—Apples are a popular healthy snack at Elder's Mills! On Thursday March 6 we participated in "The Big Crunch" event to promote healthy living and healthy eating. The entire school bit into a delicious apple at the same time for one big massive, synchronized bite.

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away...."



Elder's Mills so much enjoyed the presentation of the "Velveteen Rabbit" by Ballet Jorgen. The performance was introduced by a French Speaking instructor who helped us understand the different roles the dancers played and how they used their faces and body movements to explain a story. Some parts of the story were very funny and other parts were sad but we could understand it all through the dancer's movements even though they didn't say a word. It was great! We loved it!

Elder's Mills New Gr. One F.I. Open House

When: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 11:00 -12:00
Where: Elder's Mills P.S. in the gym
For: New Gr. 1 French Immersion registrations

- An information session for parents on what to expect and how to prepare your child for September
- Opportunity for children to visit in a grade one French Immersion classroom and experience learning French
- French kits for sale \$13.00 (CD and resources)
- Bilingual Book Fair taking place in our Library

Due to space limitations we ask that you **RSVP: by April 30, 2014** by e-mail: elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.edu.on.ca OR by calling the school at 905-893-1631

Merci! We look forward to seeing you soon!

ECO CORNER

Earth Hour 2014

This year's Earth Hour was conducted globally on March 29 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This global awareness event has millions of people participating annually to show their support for the environment. During Earth Hour, communities and their residents are encouraged to reduce the amount of energy being consumed by turning off their lights and not using any energy. What a great opportunity to go for a family walk or to cuddle up next to your children and read books to candle light. In order to raise awareness and educate our students, Elder's Mills conducted their own Earth Hour on Friday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Classroom lights, hallway lights and computers were shut off during this hour. It was a great opportunity to discuss with our students the purpose of Earth Hour, and how our daily actions affect our planet.

Community Recycling Program

The Community Recycling Program has been a huge success thus far. We are very pleased to see the community participating at such a high level. That means less hazardous waste is being improperly disposed. So far hundreds of batteries and toners have been properly recycled. Thank you and keep bringing us your old cell phones, batteries and empty ink toners/cartridges.

20-Minute Vaughan Makeover/Wear Green Day

With spring having officially arrived, much of the garbage that was covered underneath snow is now littering our school yards, neighbourhood parks and our communities. Elder's Mills will be a proud participant of the 20-Minute Vaughan Makeover that will be taking place across the city and on Tuesday, April 22nd at Elder's Mills. Members of the community are also encouraged to take 20 minutes out of their day and to pitch in the cleanup from home, work or school. With everyone pitching in together, we can clean up this world class city and enjoy the warm months ahead in a clean and healthy environment.

Earth Day: Earth Day is April 22! How can you help our planet?



Eco School/ BOOMERANG LUNCHES

Help Elder's Mills continue to be *green* Eco- School:

- Email virtual School Newsletters
- Pack a litter-less lunch
- Take all garbage and green bin material home to reduce food waste and the amount of garbage at school
- Use of school green bins
- Continue to recycle everyday
- Deposit used cartridges and batteries in our school recycling depot



2014/2015 School Year...Are you moving?



This is the time of year when we begin planning for the next school year. In order to assist us with staffing, if you know that you are moving out of the area or that your children will not be returning to Elder's Mills in September, kindly inform the School Office or call us at **905-893-1631**. Thank you.

Are you planning a student absence?



Please remember to report all planned absences to your child/ren's homeroom teacher and to the school office in writing.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Save the Dates

Community BBQ - Thursday, June 5, 2014

Spring is here and planning is already underway for our school's annual BBQ on Thursday, June 5. Live DJ and entertainment, bouncy castles, games, raffles, silent auction and so much more! If you, your family members or company have a prize to donate for the raffle or silent auction, please email Kim at hoangk11@gmail.com. With your support, we can make this event a big success again this year!

Nutrition Workshop: Growing a Healthy Child - Thursday, April 24, 2014

Good nutrition is essential for a growing body. Eating good food will ensure your child will maintain optimal health during their most important developing years.

Come join Registered Holistic Nutritionist, Debora Palmieri, on Thursday, April 24 from 7-8:30 p.m. for this informative talk. Debora will be speaking about children's nutrition, including healthy habits for every child, nutritious meal and snack ideas plus kid-friendly recipes, and tips for feeding a picky eater. You will learn how to get the most nutrition out of your meals, so that you can grow a healthy child! RSVP is required. Further information will be sent home with your child.

School Council Meeting - Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014

Please join us from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Staff Lounge. Child care provided. Everyone is welcome!



There's still time...

YEAR BOOKS

Elder's Mills Years Books are still being Sold

We are still working on our school yearbook so that all students will be able to look back at the 2013/2014 year.

This full-colour, professionally printed yearbook will include approximately 50 pages, with pictures of various assemblies, school events, student clubs and teams, class pictures, and much more! Each child, grades 1-5, will appear in the yearbook. This will be our first yearbook as a full French Immersion School so it will be a particularly precious memory keep-sake.

See your children play, have fun, and learn at Elder's Mills. These are the moments that you do not want to miss! Vas-y les aigles!!! Go Eagles!!!

If you are interested in buying a yearbook, please fill out the form below with a **cheque** payable to: Elder's Mills P.S. or cash in a sealed envelope and return it to the school by **Thursday, April 10th, 2014**.

Student Name: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Yes, I wish to order a year book and I am enclosing \$25.00.

Total amount of cash or cheques submitted: _____ Yearbooks are expected to arrive in mid-June 2014.



International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Coming Together

Sunday, April 6, 2014

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Markham Event Centre

95 Duffield Drive, Markham

(West off Kennedy Road and south of Highway 407)

All welcome. Free admission.

- Nelson Mandela tribute
- Cultural performances
- Community displays
- Food



For more information call 1-866-876-5423 ext. 6028 or email diversity@yrp.ca.

Day of Pink! Elder's Mills is a safe and supportive school community!

April 9, 2014 is the **Day of Pink** which is the International Day against bullying, discrimination, homophobia and transphobia in schools and communities. It is an annual day in April where communities around the world wear pink to show respect for diversity and to demonstrate support for learning and working environments that are safe and inclusive of people regardless of their social identities.

Character Matters! March Character Trait Recipients for “Honesty”



1 Mme Hendricks	Navena, Misha, Zara, Laiba	3 Mme. Alberga	Aidan, Simone
1 Mme. Bergeron	Mason, Alyssa	3 Mme. Colonna	Seif, Maya, Mikaela, Linta, Lynette
1 Mme. Sampogna	Bethal, David	4 Mme. Constantin	Amaya, Joshua
1 Mme. Trivedi	Simon, Barberry	4 M. Ghomffo	Tannaz, Nima, Puneet S.
1 Mme. Yusuf	Melika, Amber	5 Mlle. Joachim	Amelia, Aidan, Paige
2 M. Thompson	Huda, Elizabeth	5 M. Petrilli	Sarma, Aliush, Megan P.
2 Mme. Ing	Sophia, Alex	Golden Dustbin Award/ First Floor/Second Floor	Mme. Yusuf's class Mme. Esposito's class
2 Mme. Bianchi	Chantel, Omid	Learning Commons Eco Award	Thompson & Alberga Mme. Colonna's class

Character Matters!

We encourage our students to display positive character traits always and we celebrate their efforts at our monthly Character Assemblies.

April's Focus is: "Fairness" "la justice"

Respect	Honesty	Fairness	Perseverance	Courage
Responsibility	Empathy	Initiative	Integrity	Optimism





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		1 Lunch Lady	2 Parent Council Meeting @7:00 p.m.	3 Social Media Safety Presentation Gr. 2-Gr. 5	4 Pizza Day	5
6	7 Hot Lunch Jungle Sport	8 Lunch Lady Jungle Sport	9 Wear Pink Against Bullying! Jungle Sport Healthy Schools Workshop	10 Jungle Sport	11 Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off Pizza Day	12
13	14 Hot Lunch	15 Lunch Lady	16	17	18 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	19
20	21 Easter Monday NO SCHOOL	22 Lunch Lady Earth Day 20 min Vaughan make-over Wear Green Day	23	24 Dufflebag Theatre @1:45 p.m.	25 Pizza Day Character Assembly "Fairness"	26
27	28 Hot Lunch Junior Boys Basketball Area Tournament	29 Lunch Lady Junior Girls Basketball Area Tournament	30 Student Voice Conference			

"FAIRNESS"

Fair Isn't....everyone getting the same thing.
Fair Is....everyone getting what they need in order to be Successful!