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School Plan Priorities

Well-Being & Mental Health

Ensuring that each student feels safe, part of a caring school community and engaged in their learning.

Modern Learning

Engaging students in inquiry and project based learning through problem solving, collaborative learning and opportunities to apply their knowledge while using technology as a tool that enhances learning.

Mathematics

Developing student interest and confidence in math, their mastery of math facts and their ability to connect math to real life and demonstrate their problem solving abilities.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Our school office hours are 8:15 to 4:30. To contact the school office please dial 905-893-1631.

Message From Mme Walke and Mme Totino

Welcome Spring!

Dear Elder's Mills Families,

Spring is finally here! Over the course of the winter months, we have continued to see our students demonstrate a keen interest in the instructional program, develop their proficiency in French and actively participate in a range of co-curricular activities. We are very proud of our students' progress and engagement in their learning and school life. Thank you for being such supportive partners in your child's education as we work together to provide a safe, caring and stimulating learning environment here at Elder's Mills. Your support is most appreciated. Looking forward, here are some important upcoming dates for your information and reference.

Student Class Placement for September 2017

Our student placement process will focus on creating balanced classes. A great deal of time is spent to ensure that each student's academic and social needs are taken into consideration. Parent input is one factor considered in the placement process. If you have any information about your child's learning needs or know peers he/she works well with, please inform Mme Walke in writing by April 28. Please be advised that we cannot always accommodate requests for particular teachers, or straight grade classes. We will endeavour to do our very best to meet student needs.

Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO 2017 Provincial Assessments

Each year, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) oversees the testing of Ontario students. All our Grade 3 students will be taking part in the provincial Math Assessment in French and our 6 students will be taking part in Reading, Writing and Mathematics assessments in English. The EQAO assessments will be administered between **May 23 and June 5**. Parents are asked to avoid scheduling appointments or holidays during the dates and time noted above. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. For more information, please see the EQAO website: www.eqao.com for parent resources.



Are you moving?

If you are planning on moving out of our school boundaries, please inform the School Office as soon as possible at **905-893-1631**. **Thank you!**



Popcorn Sales

The Student Leadership Team will be selling popcorn on Tuesday and Thursdays in April at morning recess. Each bag is \$2.00. All monies raised will go towards graduation.

Term 1 Grade 7 and 8 Student Achievement



We are very proud to announce the grade 7 and 8 student recipients of certificates for excellence for their Learning Skills and for an 80% average or better in Term 1:

Grade 7: Learning Skills Achievement

Nima, Areej, Nathan, Jacqueline, Hazel, Pantea and Kirill.

Grade 7: Academic Achievement

Nima, Jacqueline, Amaya, Areej, Victor, Chiala, Kirill, Abigail, Brooke, Kiana, Sparsh, Llya, Kaitlyn, Dahlia, Nathan and Hazel.

Grade 8: Academic Achievement

Stephanie, Camille, Saketh, David, Kleibr, Samara, Daniel, Megan, Bianca, Victoria, Rougine, Amelia, Jordan, Alison, Jessica, Sophie, Katelyn, Yasmin, Helya, Sabrina, Adrian, Calista, Allana, Martina, Stefano, Nana and Sofia.



School Council News: Parental Engagement

School Plan Priority: Student Well-being

This spring, our Elder's Mills School Council is conducting a review of all lunch programs and food offerings and our focus on healthy eating and fitness which falls under our student well-being plan priority.



At our April 5 meeting, Julie Anderson, Healthy Schools YRDSB Consultant, will be attending to present highlights of our board's focus on Healthy Schools in relation to the Ontario Ministry of Education policy guidelines contained in the *School Food and Beverage Policy* (2010). Also, Lavinia Serbanescu, from the Lunch Lady school lunch provider, will be sharing their focus on offering healthy school lunch options.

Going forward, the School Council's review is aimed at reviewing our current Healthy Schools programs and efforts and devising a plan to frame our work in this area for 2017-2018. For more information on healthy, please see this link: www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/HealthySchoolsElementary_web.pdf Hope to see you on April 5 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Child minding is available for students from the ages of 6-10.



Adult Supervisors Needed!

We are currently looking to add to our team of before school, lunch and after school bus supervisors. The pay is \$11.00 per hour. If you are interested, please contact the school office and speak with Mme Totino for more information at 905-893-1631 by April 15.

Student Engagement



CARNAVAL WEEK AT EMPS!

Each year, we hold a week long full of activities to celebrate French Canadian culture and build school spirit! This year, M. Grenier's class led the kicked-off assembly and POM Cheering Team, led by Mme Nocera, got the student body and staff in the Carnaval spirit. During the week of March 6-10, students were engaged in a dress/colour theme for the day, daily Bonhomme Carnaval Bingo, and visits from Bonhomme himself! All classes participated in the annual banner contest and did a fine job! Congratulations to the class winners of the banner contest: Grade 1 Mme Trivedi, Grade 4/5 Mrs. Fancy and Grade 8 Mr. Villa. Bravo!

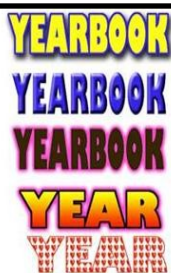
The week culminated with whole school groups activities organized and led by M. Villa and grade 8 students and included the annual hot chocolate treat served by the "Hot Chocolate Dads' Team, comprised of: Mr. Fu, Mr. Wu, Mr. Fancy, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Muscat, Mr. Verrilli and Mr. Krygier! The final activity of the week was student/staff volleyball games cheered on by the student body! Thank you to all staff, students and parents who helped make this event possible and to Mme Esposito for coordinating Carnaval Week for us this year and securing our school's very own Bonhomme costume!



Congratulations to the Chess Team for participating in the Vaughan Chess Challenge on March 2, 2017! Special congratulations to Nima in grade 7 and David in grade 8 who will be representing EMPS at the provincial level! Bonne chance!



Congratulations to the Skills Challenge Teams who participated in the YRDSB Skills Challenge at Seneca College on March 2, 2017! We had 4 teams this year: LEGO Robotics Team from grade 4, LEGO Mechanics Team from grade 6, Character Animation Team from grade 7 and TV/Video Production Team from grade 8. Because of our participation in the Skills Challenge, EMPS received 2 LEGO Mechanics kits, 1 LEGO Robotics kit and a LEGO Extension kit! Thank you to the students for working on their challenges and representing EMPS!



Yearbook Cover and Back Cover Design Contest

To all budding artists of EMPS, design the 2016-2017 Yearbook cover and back cover! It is that time of year again, when our students are able to submit their designs for the Cover and Back Cover contest! The top entries will then be voted upon by all students. The winner will receive a free copy of the Yearbook! All entries are due by April 21! Good luck!

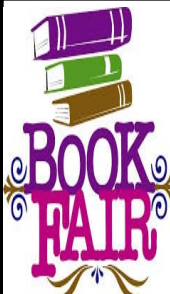
Order your 2016-2017 Yearbook today!

The Yearbook Committee has been working on the 2016-2017 Yearbook! Purchase one today through School CashOnline for \$28.00. Yearbooks will be delivered before the end of June. Relive all the memories of 2016-2017 through this 100-page keepsake!



The Forest of Reading English and French Programs are under way! Students are reading from the

various programs and should be ready to vote for their favourite book at the end of April. In order to vote, students must read at least 5 of the 10 books in a program.



On April 27, our final Scholastic Book Fair for the year will begin. Students will preview the Book Fair on April 27 and 28, and purchasing will start on Monday, May 1. The Book Fair will be at EMPS, in the library, until Thursday, May 4!

Help EMPS raise funds to put more books and resources in the library and in our classrooms by purchasing books at the Book Fair. A wide variety of English books will be available as well as some French books. See you there!

Eco-School Team Report

Our Team is comprised of 35 student representatives along with
Staff Advisors: Mme Bonofiglio M. Ghomffo and M. Kouri School Council Rep: Ms. Boraso



Eco-Team Art February

On February 28, our Eco-Team held an arts and crafts activity after school and used donated recyclable materials to create works of art which are now displayed in our school! We thank all parents who were able to take part in this special activity and all the families who donated recyclable materials!



In Preparation for Earth Hour 2017, our Eco-Team applied to the City of Vaughan for a lanterns kit for schools and also made a huge poster for this community event and poster contest. On Saturday, March 25, student members of our Eco-Team, families and staff attended the City of Vaughan community event to mark the occasion.

We are proud to share that many student members of the Eco-Team and their families and school staff were on hand to celebrate this special event! As well, we congratulate our intermediate student leaders for creating a winning 1st place poster for the Earth Hour poster contest. As a result, our school was awarded \$250.00 to put towards future school eco-focused school projects! Way to go EMPS!



Elder's Mills Celebrates Earth Day on Friday, April 21

Looking ahead to the month of April, we have more exciting things planned for our school, including Earth Day activities and a 20-minute schoolyard makeover. Also, the eco focus for the month of April is on REUSABLE CONTAINERS, WATER BOTTLES and CUTLERY. Thank you for helping to support these important eco practices.

Message From our Eco-Team

Dear Parents and Guardians,

From an environmental standpoint, the last few months have been very busy at Elder's Mills. Our Eco Team continues to work hard each day to observe and record our school's eco practices, including recycling, composting and energy consumption. At the end of February, our Eco Team got together and made lanterns to be then used at an Earth Hour event at Vaughan City Hall held on Saturday, March 25th. On this day, from 8:30-9:30 p.m., the world turned off the lights for 1 hour. By disconnecting, we connected with the biggest issue confronting the world today: climate change. Many students from our Elder's Mills community attended the city event and enjoyed many activities such as a lantern walk, candlelit yoga, environmental exhibits, games and prizes. Our school also won first place in an environmental banner making contest organized by the City of Vaughan. The banner, created by a group of Grade 8 girls on the Eco Team, will soon be sent back to our school for display in the foyer.

The eco focus for the month of April is on REUSABLE CONTAINERS, WATER BOTTLES and CUTLERY. Thank you for helping to support these important eco practices. The month of May will also see a special activity taking place, whereby our school will be collecting gently used clothing, towels, bathing suits, books, children's toys, small household items, and so on. We will then be donating the items to an organization in need. Please begin setting aside any items you may wish to donate and stay tuned for drop off dates.

Thank you for all the work you do each day to promote and encourage eco-friendly practices at your home, your office and in the community. Your support has a big impact on the future of our planet.

Environmentally Yours, The Eco-Team



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2	3	4 Jump Rope for Heart Kick-Off Assemblies Gr.1-3 @ 1:40 Gr. 4-8 @ 2:15	5 School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8
9	10	11 School Climate Survey For Grade 5-8 Students	12 International Day of Pink* Lice Check (Please notify the office if you do not want your child to be checked.	13	14 Good Friday Holiday	15
16	17 Easter Monday Holiday	18	19 Deadline for Jump Rope for Heart Campaign Online Pledges	20	21 EMPS Earth Day Wear Green Day Yard Clean-Up	22 Earth Day
23	24	25	26	27 Grad Photo Retake and Team Photo Day	28	29
				Book Fair Begins →		

April 21: Earth Day/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 on **Friday, April 21** 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.