



# 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

## Student Engagement

### Remembrance Day Assembly 2015



### Le Jour du Souvenir 2015

On Wednesday, November 11, we gathered together as a school community to commemorate the brave women and men who have giving their lives for peace and in appreciation of the service men and women are currently serving our country. Students prepared poems and artwork and joined in song with parents, friends of Elder's Mills and staff to mark the occasion. Thank you to all community members who were able to attend. Thank you also to Terry and Liam for being masters of ceremonies, to Masroor, Livia, Huda, Naresh, Sandra, Isaiah and Sophia for doing readings, to all the students who prepared artwork and to Mme Esposito, with the help of the Elder's Mills staff, for coordination the assembly.

**Nous sommes tous pour la paix!**

### Some Dates to Remember:

#### November

19-30: Book Fair : Open daily to 4:00 p.m.  
27: PA Day, No School for Students

#### December

1-14: School Council Community Holiday Outreach Drive  
8: Lice Check  
7: Eco-School Earth Rangers Assemblies  
9: Student Progress Reports Go Home  
15: Grade 7 Immunization  
21-January 1: Winter Break

#### January

4: School Resumes  
14: Grade 1 Parent Information Night @ 7:00pm  
15: PA Day, No School for Students & Grade  
1 French Immersion Registration Begins  
21: School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
5-29: Jungle Sport Week Begins



## School Council News

### **Community Outreach Holiday Project:**

This year, our School Council is mounting a holiday drive project in support of 360°kids. This York Region charity has been around for 25 years and supports at-risk and homeless youth. The project runs from November 30-December 14. For more information, please see the attached flyer to find out how you can contribute to this project!

**Lice Check:** Each year, our School Council funds three lice checks. The first lice check will be held on December 8. If you do not want your child to take part, please notify the office in writing by December 4.

## **COMING SOON TO ELDER'S MILLS!**

Schools in York Region are beginning to offer parents an online payment option for fieldtrips and hot lunch programs. We are in the next wave of schools looking to offer this payment option to parents along with cash and cheques. Stay tuned for more information.



## Caring & Safe Schools

### **Anti-Racism Education**

On November 9, our community partners at York Region Police's Diversity & Cultural Unit visited Elder's Mills and spoke with students about the importance of having a safe, supportive and inclusive school and community. Students from grade 1-7 took an active interest in their talk and the resources they shared. The key message to all was that in showing empathy within their school, students play a significant role in making their school safe, supportive and inclusive.

### **School Climate Assembly**

On November 24, we held two follow-up student assemblies to review school routines and safe, appropriate play in the yard and in school buses. Other topics included a discussion about the proper use of technology and respect for the property of others, including personal belongings in lockers and classroom and on buses and coat hooks.



With the cold weather upon us, students are reminded to dress warmly for outdoor recess. Also for those wet wintry days, we ask parents to pack extra clothing ie: pants, socks and mittens. In terms of recess, students must play with snow in a safe manner and not throw snow, snowball or ice as this can cause serious injury to peers. Students who do not observe this safety expectation will be spoken to by staff on yard supervision, asked to walk with supervisors, be given a time out, or report to the school office to see Mme Walke.

## Staff News

We are happy to welcome Mme Jugurnauth who will be teaching sections of Grade One Science, Drama & Dance and Physical Education. We welcome Mme Jugurnauth to EMPS!



We also thank Mme D'Angelo for all her efforts in setting those programs for us this fall! Merci beaucoup!



### **Mathematicians at Work!:** On November 18 and 19, all of our grade 3-7

students took part in the first round of the Caribou Math Contest! We are very proud of all our students and wish them good luck! Thank you to Mme Esposito for coordinating the contest for us this year! Results will be shared soon!



*Happy Holidays From All of Us  
at Elder's Mills Public School!*