



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity
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Remembrance Day Ceremony:

On Monday, November 11, staff and students at EMPS will be observing Remembrance day with an assembly. The presentation is for staff and students only. **We invite students to wear black, red and/or white on this day if they choose.** The focus of our assembly will include messages about peace and hope and reflect the diversity of our communities.

The school morning recess time will be adjusted such that the school will be assembled in the gym at 11h00. Morning recess will start at 9:55 - 10:25, thirty minutes earlier than the regular schedule.



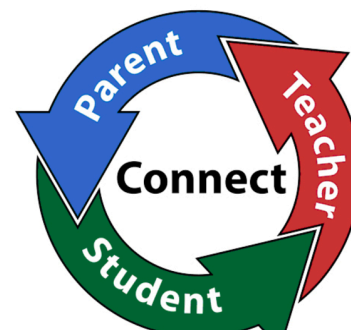
Next week, we will be collecting donations for the Poppy Campaign. The Poppy Campaign is one of the Royal Canadian Legion's most important programs. The money raised from donations provides direct assistance for Veterans. At school, each student will be given a poppy sticker to wear for the assembly and its significance and symbolism will be shared. Thank you for your support.

Progress Report Conferences:

The schedule for booking Progress Report Conferences is now open.

Edsby is the online tool supported for scheduling elementary interviews/conferences. To access the schedule, log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification sent to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are available at this link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/boarddocs/Pages/Parent-Teacher-Interviews-Edsby.aspx>



Week 10 - Friday, November 8, 2024

Progress Report Conferences will be held at the school on Thursday, November 14th and Friday, November 15th. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's homeroom teacher.

Please note that the schedule for these conferences are with your child's homeroom teacher. If you would like to connect with any of your child's other teachers, please reach out to them to make a request.

This schedule will close at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12.

We experienced some technical glitches in the scheduler this week. Classes affected were **7F-1, 5F-2, 4F-1 and 4F-2**. As of this afternoon, we expect those issues to have been resolved; a separate communication has been shared with these classes including instructions for scheduling their conferences if they have not already made a booking.



Please also note that bookings should be one 15-minute time slot per student. As such, we ask that only one parent create the booking.

If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on the scheduled days, please contact your child's teacher.

If you have any questions about this process please contact our main office for support.

We thank you for your patience, flexibility and understanding. We are looking forward to the ongoing collaboration these conferences will inspire.

Attention Grade 2 Families: Early Reading Screening

Across the province, children in Year 2 Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 have participated in Early Reading Screening this fall.

During the week of November 11-15 a paper copy of the results from the Acadience Early Reading Screener will be shared. Results from the screening will **not** be used to determine your child's report card grades. Instead, the results will help teachers plan next steps for student learning. Additional information can be found at www.yrdsb.ca



Linked here is a slide deck "[Early Reading Screening: A Guide for Families](#)", containing information about Early Reading Screening, the Acadience Screening tool, Reporting and more.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to your child's teacher or school administrator(s).

Book Fair @ EMPS!

We're excited to announce our Scholastic Book Fair is coming! You can shop from hundreds of items in-person or online through our Virtual Book Fair extension. Our Fair is open from Nov 11 to Nov 15, and all purchases help us earn new resources for our school.



Visitor entry to school:

Parents/guardians, caregivers, and volunteers are welcome at Elder's Mills PS.

Please be reminded of the school and Board safety protocols when you arrive; you are visitors to the school.

Visitors must enter the building only from the main entrance at the front of the school. This is expected at any time before, during and after school.

**All Visitors
Must Report
to Main Office**



Upon arrival, if you need to enter the school building, come to the front entrance and ring the doorbell. A member of the office team will check in and you will be 'buzzed in' to the building. Upon entering, begin your visit at the main office.

Thank you for your attention and adherence to these protocols.

Kiss'n' Ride: MORNING DROP OFF - Ongoing reminder:

- Entry into the school lot and moving through the drop off zone is **one lane and one way only**. Vehicles may not pass other vehicles through this area.
- Drivers **stop at the designated drop off point along the curb/sidewalk** lining the area by the fenced in play yard.
- Students **disembark when the vehicle reaches the designated drop off point and not before**. They should exit the vehicle as quickly and independently as possible.
- Students disembark from the passenger side and onto the sidewalk area.
- Vehicles do not pull out and drive off until the vehicle in front of them moves forward.



Lost and Found

The lost and found bins at the school are overflowing. These items will be gathered and donated on Monday, November 18th. **Families will have the opportunity to collect lost items on the evening of November 14 and the morning of November 15 during Progress Report Conferences and the Book fair.** Thank you.



School Spirit Wear

The online store is now open. Merchandise ordered will be delivered to the school every 3 weeks. All proceeds will fund school enhancements and programs. Shop online by following this link:
<https://stores.inksoft.com/eldersmills/shop/home>



Hot Lunch Fundraiser

The Lunchbox program is live through: <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>. Orders can be placed by Sunday of each week. You may order one week at a time or several weeks all together; there are many options!

All funds raised support goals in the school's fundraising plan which include: supporting the purchase of Chromebooks, the Music program, class trips, school events, athletic programs, library and STEM programs and more!

Thank you for your support!



Our next School Council meeting is planned for **Thursday, December 5, 2024.** Details and a virtual meet link for families who wish to join virtually will be shared as the date approaches.

Coffee Drop-In:

The School Council is organizing a monthly daytime social. All parents/guardians of EMPS are welcome to drop in and connect with members of the council, meet and get to know one another. Topics of discussion will include school goals, making connections in the community and more. Our first gathering for this year is planned for **November 20th.**

If you wish to connect with School Council, please email elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca



Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser!

Delivery of these orders to the school is expected on November 21st. Families who ordered items will need to make arrangements to come to the school to pick up their orders. Opportunities for pick-up will be planned for the afternoon of November 21st, and the morning and afternoon of November 22nd. Details will be shared next week. We thank you for your support and look forward to enhancing our school programs with these funds raised. For more information on how funds are allocated, please refer to the school's fundraising plan shared in the [School Council meeting slides](#).



Support the Vaughan Food Bank!

The School Council has a bin set up in the main hall of the school to collect donations all year long. The theme for the month of October is Canned Fruit.



In the Community:

"Hanging Out Together"

The focus of this free Hanging Out Together program, for individuals who have special needs and who are 16 years of age and older, is to bring them together so that they too feel they are valued members of the community. We provide stimulating social and recreational experiences that challenge the body and the mind. Socially, the members enjoy various games that help them to stay mentally sharp. Recreationally, the members participate in fun-filled excursions, some local and some farther away, that become memories that they will treasure for years to come. Over the years, the program has become a safe haven for our members.



Where: Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre
8141 Martin Grove Road, Woodbridge

When: from mid-September to mid-June

Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Contact founder
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THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

[Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter](#)

This newsletter is designed to share timely information with families of Black students in York Region District School Board, including information about school board and community programs and events.



[Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter: Digital Wellness and Screen Time Balance](#)

Today, technology and more specifically screens are everywhere and are a part of most of our daily lives. As we continue to adjust to this new reality, there are opportunities to explore our relationships with our devices, how you can model a balanced relationship with them, and support your children in doing the same. This year, in alignment with the Ministry of Education's [School Board Policy on Enforcement of Restrictions to Student Mobile Personal Device Use](#), the Central Mental Health Team would like to draw your attention to the connection between screen-time and mental health. Click on the link to read more.

On the Horizon:

November

Character Trait: La Justice

- 4 - 10 Holocaust Education Week
 - 5 - 12 Edsby Scheduler open for Progress Report Conferences
 - 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony
 - 11 - 15 Scholastic Book Fair
 - 14 Progress Report Conferences p.m.
 - 15 P.A. Day - Progress Report Conferences a.m.
 - 25 Gifted Screening begins - details to follow
 - 25 Grade 5 and 6 to Kortright Centre
 - 26 Wali Shah - Motivational Guest Speaker presents to Grades 5 - 8
 - 27 and 28 Grade 7s to Scanlon Creek
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Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis and *Ayesha Mondal*
Principal Vice-Principal