

Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye

Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity

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Elder's Mills Remembers:

On Friday, November 11th students and staff commemorated Remembrance Day. Students came to school wearing red and black colours and poppies. Classes made wreaths of poppies or engaged in related learning. We welcomed an EMPS parent, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, who visited with our grade 2 and 3 classes and spoke to them about Remembrance Day and the role of the Canadian Armed Forces in our lives today.

All classes gathered in the gym and listened thoughtfully to songs and presentations by their peers about why we remember, about peace, the symbolism of the poppy and about the contributions of the diverse Canadians in service during war and peace times. Our Grade 8 band supported us in our tribute by playing the Last Post during our moments of silent reflection. We thank Mr. Gregoriou and the team of students and teachers who organized this day. Nous nous souvenons.







Progress Report Conferences:

Progress Report Conferences will be held at the school on Thursday, November 17th and Friday, November 18th. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher in person, and learn more about the classroom. If you did not have the opportunity to schedule a time using the Edsby scheduler, please reach out to the main office and they will support you.



Elder's Mills Public School is thrilled to announce a new fundraiser -Recipes In A Jar!

This fundraiser will benefit our school while also donating back to our community as one meal will be donated for each jar purchased!

Healthy snacks and meals - soups, cookies, muffins and more!

These mason jars are great for your home and make wonderful holiday gifts.

Sell items to friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours.

The online store is open now!

Order online at this link

The last day to order is Monday, November 28th



All funds raised support school enhancements in areas such as STEM, library books and programs, school and student activities, music programs and much more! Thank you for your support!

Get involved in our School Council!

We are seeking your time and support for the many events we have planned for community engagement and fundraising this school year. We will be available to connect with families during Progress Report Card Conferences on Thursday, November 17th so please stop by our table and chat.

Celebrating our Eagle parents!

Congratulations to Hina Zahid, co-founder and Director of Muslim Women of Vaughan, recipient of the 2022 Order of Vaughan. Felicitations!







YRDSB's Centre for Black Excellence - Opportunity for Black students in grades K - 6:

To our EMPS families of Black students in grades 2 - 6, please click on the link below for details about the upcoming Black Excellence Program Conference. :

https://www2.yrdsb.ca/conference-young-black-students-focuses-black-excellence

If you are interested in registering your child to participate in this conference, please follow this link and <u>Register here.</u> Details about transportation to and from the event will be shared. Please see the flyer below for more information.





2022-2023 Black Excellence Program

When:

November 22, 2023

Who:

Elementary Students 9:00am-2:00pm

Location:

Discovery Public School (120 Discovery Trail, Maple, ON L6A 2Z2)

Registration:

Please complete the following registration form

Contact

Black Excellence Planning Team at <u>Blackexcellence@yrdsb.ca</u> if you have further questions

Parent Family Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC):

We are delighted to share the Fall 2022 edition of <u>Engagement Matters</u>. This newsletter is designed to inspire, connect and inform families across our school board. This edition includes valuable information about building relationships, including:

- A spotlight on our community partner, Girls Inc. of York Region
- Information about attending a PEAC meeting
- How to join the Edsby School Council Hub
- · Supporting policies under review

Engagement Matters

Parent, Family and Community Engagement
Advisory Committee Newsletter

Tutoring Supports for Students Through Community Partners:

As a part of the Province's efforts to support learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional funding has been allocated for the first term of the 2022-23 school year (ending on December 15, 2022) for Tutoring Support Programs.

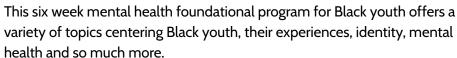


Project funding will provide small group tutoring support for students. The purpose of this funding is to offer programs that will support learning recovery and renewal in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. YRDSB has included an opportunity to partner with community organizations who can provide tutoring support to students. These tutoring programs will prioritize math, literacy and other foundational learning skills and are intended to promote learning recovery and to help address achievement and skills development gaps. In addition, these programs will support learning in a trusted environment grounded in the language, culture and community norms for students.

Details for tutoring programs outside the school day can be found on the <u>Tutoring Support Programs</u> <u>Through Community Partners</u> site. Please contact community partners directly and inquire about tutoring services as soon as possible. Funding and spaces are limited.

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

NACCA Presents T.E.A.C.H. A six week mental health foundational program for Black Youth:





Nov. 9th-Dec.14th. Registration information at this link: NACCA presents T.E.A.C.H.

Introduction to Mental Health:

This session is offered in Mandarin and Cantonese to help parents and guardians gain an understanding of mental health, mental health issues, associated stigma and coping strategies and community resources.

To register for a Mandarin Session click here: <u>Mandarin</u>
To register for a Cantonese Session click here: <u>Cantonese</u>



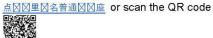
Introduction to Mental Health 認識心理健康/ ⊠⊠心理健康

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will help you gain an understanding of mental health, mental health issues, associated stigma and coping strategies and community resources.

這講座將讓大家了解什麼是心理健康、心理健康問題 、相關的謬誤、應對策略和社區資源

□ 図座将帮助大家 図 図 与心理健康相关的一些常図和図区以及図 図 策略和社区 図源

To register for a Mandarin session:



To register for a Cantonese session: 點擊這裡報名<u>図語講座</u> or scan QR code



Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Join us to learn and share with your community how the families are supported!

Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Time: 7-8:30pm

Location: Google Meet link will be provided upon registration.

Presenters:

Charmaine Tong (M.S.W., R.S.W.)

York Region District School Board School Social Worker (Chinese Heritage Community)

Hannah Xu (MPH)

Hong Fook Mental Health Association Youth Program Worker

For more information, please contact:

Community Care Team School Social Worker Charmaine Tong charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca

Inclusive School and Community Services Community & Partnership Developer Pauline Guo pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca

This free information session is brought to you in partnership with Hong Fook Mental Health Association, Community Care Team and Inclusive School and Community Services of York Region District School Board

Parent/caregiver series supporting students of African Caribbean Canadian Heritage:

The series, *Moving Forward Hand in Hand*, will provide a number of parent/caregiver in-person and web events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing. The first session in the series focuses on "Understanding the Impacts of Anti-Black Racism on Children and Youth Mental Health" and will be offered in person on November 23rd and repeated on November 30th. These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian of students who identify as Black. For more information on event registration, dates and locations, please review the <u>flyer</u>

Register by November 20th, 2022

The York Region District School Board, in collaboration with
Taibu Community Health Centre
Black Health Alliance: Pathways to Care Project &
Support and Growth, invites you to

Moving Forward Hand in Hand

Parent/caregiver series supporting students of African Caribbean
Canadian Heritage

Free 4-part workshop series for the 2022-2023 school year

Workshop 1 of 4

Understanding the impacts of anti-Black racism on children and youth mental health

November 23rd, 5:00-6:30 PM

LOCATION: Thornhill Community Center

November 30th, 5:00-6:30 PM

LOCATION: Newmarket Community Center

Locations are accessible to persons using mobility devices

Join us for an evening of community, conversation, light refreshments and knowledge exchange.

Please **Register here** by November 20th

For more information, please contact the YRDSB Community Care Team School Social Workers for the African Caribbean Diaspora Tracy Thomas-Elleston, tracy.thomas-elleston@yrdsb.ca or Melanie Beckford melanie.beckford@yrdsb.ca or Melanie Beckford

Pics of the Week - Earth Rangers @ EMPS!







On the Horizon....

November

14 Boys Volleyball tournament

15 Girls Volleyball tournament

17 - 18 - Progress Report Conferences

18 - P.A. Day - School closed to students

21 - Gr 7-8 Vaccine Clinic (Meningococcal, HPV, Hep B)

23 - 24 Women in STEM - Guest Engineer Grades 6 - 8

23 - 25 - Report Cards sent home electronically

28 - Dec 6 Scholastic Book Fair

30 - Photo Retake and Class Photos Day

Dec 1 - Book Fair Family evening event!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis Principal Omari White

Vice-Principal