



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 observed Remembrance day with an assembly. The presentations included messages about peace and hope and reflect the diversity of our communities. Thank you to the team of teachers, students and staff for organizing this important opportunity for remembrance.



We will continue to collect donations for the Poppy Campaign next week. Thank you for your support.

Lost and Found

The lost and found bins at the school are overflowing. These items will be gathered and donated on Monday, November 18th.

Moving forward items in these bins will be gathered for donation on the last Thursday of each month. Families are always welcome to stop by the school to check the bin for lost items. Please remember to begin your visit at the office.



EMPS IS A FRAGRANCE AND SCENT-FREE ZONE

Staff, students and all other persons who are invited to or who work on Board property are asked to be considerate of those who are sensitive to fragrant chemicals **by voluntarily refraining from chemical-based scented products** and replacing them with unscented alternatives. This will reduce the use of fragranced products in our environment.



We have staff and students at Elder's Mills who have respiratory issues such as asthma, allergies and bronchitis. Their reactions to chemicals from scents and fragrances can be more frequent, uncomfortable and intensified when exposed to strong fragrances. Your attention and consideration of this is appreciated.

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!



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



Did you order Fresh from the Farm? DELIVERY THIS WEEK!

Pick up windows for orders are as follows:

Thursday, November 21: 3:15 - 6:00 pm

Friday, November 22 morning: 8:45 - 12:15p.m.

Friday, November 22 afternoon: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Items not picked up by Friday, November 22nd will be donated.

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. Help support greater food security for families in our community. Donations are dropped off to the Vaughan Food bank regularly.

COMING NEXT WEEK!

School Council's next Fundraiser!

Through Fundscrip a selection of Gift Cards will be offered. Purchases can be made via School Cash Online. With every gift card purchased, depending on the vendor, 2% - 12% is donated back to the school and the purchaser retains the full value of the card. See flyer below.

Please check your inboxes and look for a flyer to be sent home soon!



Buy Gift Cards to Support Our Group

[Start Now](#)



Buy Holiday Gifts



Do your usual shopping



Support Our School



**win
WIN!**

E.M.P.S. Fundraiser



The classroom with the highest amount raised wins!

1

Buy \$100, Get \$100

Buy cards at face value, get face value at the retailers - you lose nothing



2

Shop As Usual

With cards from over 230 leading retailers, there's no need to change your shopping habits



3

Pay With Gift Cards

Pay with gift cards instead of credit/debit/cash for your everyday items & gifts



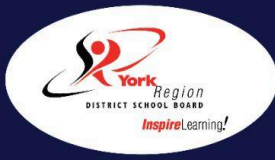
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Raise Funds

Each purchase automatically includes a donation for your group that can quickly add up over time



Order by November 29!



Exploring Family, Community & Love: YRDSB Family Day at Toronto Holocaust Museum (Grades 4+)



Right photo by Shay Markowitz for the Toronto Holocaust Museum

TORONTO HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Date: Sunday, November 17th

Time: 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Contact: education@thethm.org

Registration Form: bit.ly/YRDSBFamilyDayTHM

Address: 4588 Bathurst St., Sherman Campus, North York, ON M2R 1W6

This program is open to YRDSB families with children in grades 4-12. Please be aware that this is not a drop-off program and all students participating are to be attended with a parent or guardian.

Join Toronto Holocaust Museum (THM) and York Region District School Board (YRDSB) for a Family Sunday at the Museum. This afternoon at the museum will focus on meaningful learning about the history of the Holocaust and explore themes related to Family and Love. Age-appropriate activities will be featured for families with children in fourth grade and older throughout the Museum and Learning Lab. Activities include, reflective artmaking projects such as creating custom buttons reflecting on love and journal making that explore the themes of family history. Additionally, families can look forward to a special museum tour, with family members of Holocaust survivors who have contributed artifacts featured in the exhibition who will share the importance of these objects to their families. There will also be an opportunity to hear the age-appropriate story of Holocaust survivors' survival and immigration to Canada, with an opportunity to ask questions.

November 24 and December 1 - Jewish & Israel Education Conferences with UJA Israel Engagement

Join UJA Israel Engagement for a meaningful and educational 1 day conference for students, parents/caregivers, and teachers to explore Israel education and learn how to combat antisemitism in the public school system. Hear and learn from UJA agencies including UJA's Israel Engagement, CIJA, CJPAC, PJ Library, and more.

Please visit the [UJA Federation of Greater Toronto website](https://www.ujafederation.org/greater-toronto) for more information and registration.

Please view the [agenda link](#) for both the Nov 24 and Dec 1 events.



SEAS Social Evening

Networking Event

Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) welcomes you to join us at our first Networking Event of 2024-2025 at Bill Crothers Secondary School. Bring your favourite Asian snack to share (*optional*) as we connect about our experiences as educators supporting East Asian students. We look forward to seeing you all.

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

Bill Crothers Secondary School

44 Main Street Unionville

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Please [REGISTER HERE](#) by Tuesday, November 19th, 2024.

For additional inquiries: joanne.tang@yrdsb.ca or wentao.wu@yrdsb.ca

SEAS is a group of educators and supporters who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students, families, educators, community members and partners is also a focus of our work.



The Jewish Rainbow

A monthly support group for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ individuals

Cost: Free

Pre-registration is required.

**For more info or to register, please contact
Shirley Shedletsky at 416-638-7800, ext. 6260 or
sshedletsky@jfandcs.com**



**Schwartz/Reisman Centre
from 7:00-9:00pm
On the following Wednesdays:
September 18, 2024
October 9, 2024
November 20, 2024
December 11, 2024**

JF&CS strives for inclusivity in all its programs, serving community members of any income, family structure, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, level of observance, race, ethnicity, cultural identity and place of origin.



Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by
**THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

**Monday, November 25, 2024
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Highlights from our Graduation Coaches
- Presentation by YRDSB administrators and families on school engagement opportunities
- Upcoming school programs and events
- Question and answer session

**Please register no later than November 20, 2024.
A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.**

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



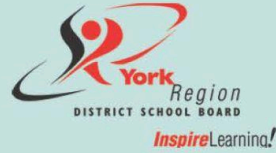
Register now.

If you require further information, please contact
BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

Black Foundation of
Community Networks (BFCN)



York Region District School Board
(YRDSB)



Scholarship Application Workshop

The Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free online workshop to guide Black students and their families on how to prepare, search, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in Grade 8 or high school, this workshop is especially for YOU!

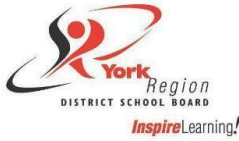
Tuesday, November 26, 2024
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)

Learn more and register at:
bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopNovember26

To participate, Black students and their families must be from YRDSB. For questions contact Cheryl Yarde at info@bfcn.ca.



Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca.



Inclusive School and Community Services, in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights, is offering:

Tenants' Housing Rights Free Virtual Workshops Fall 2024

All parents, guardians and staff are welcome to attend any of the free virtual workshops.

October 9th	1:00-2:30 pm	October 22nd	6:30-8:00 pm
October 28th	9:30-11:00 am	November 6th	6:30-8:00 pm
November 18th	1:00-2:30 pm	November 26th	9:30-11:00 am

Topics covered during each session by guest speakers:

Ayesha Adamjee, Program Lawyer, Canadian Centre for Housing Rights
Matthew Cheng, Program Lawyer, Canadian Centre for Housing Rights
Jessica Long, Program Lawyer, Canadian Centre for Housing Rights

- Beginning and ending a tenancy
- Maintenance
- Privacy
- Rent control
- Human rights, discrimination and accommodation
- Eviction prevention

Once you register, we will send you invites and links to the workshops.

Please [REGISTER](#) here.

For more information, contact:

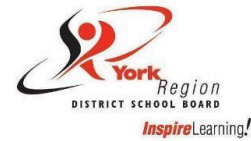
Yvonne Kelly, Community and Partnership Developer at iscs@yrdsb.ca
or 905-895-5155 ext. 5124

With generous support from:





The SEVA Affinity Group presents:



Gurpurab Celebration:
An Evening of Learning and Langar

We are excited to invite you to a special **Gurpurab Celebration** on **Wednesday, December 4, 2024**, from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** This event will honor the founder of the Sikh faith, Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings and provide an opportunity for our community to connect, learn, and collaborate.

Event Highlights:

Workshops to Learn about Sikh Identity:

Educators, students, parents, and caregivers are all welcome to participate in workshops designed to foster understanding of the Sikh identity and values. Each workshop is thoughtfully crafted for different age groups to encourage meaningful engagement and learning.

Workshops:

- **Educators:** Workshop on the Sikh Identity, including a Q&A session to address any questions or curiosities.
- **Primary Students (K-3):** Storytime
- **Junior Students (4-6):** Painting Workshop
- **Intermediate Students (7-12):** Community Circle
- **Parents and Caregivers:** Community circle to engage, share in strengths and challenges

Langar Seva:

Following the workshops, we will gather to share a **Langar** (free community meal) in the Sikh tradition. Langar embodies Guru Nanak's principles of equality and community, and all are welcome to join.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- Welcome message: 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
- Workshops: 5:20 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Langar: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Emily Carr S.S., 4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

This event is for everyone—students, educators, parents, and caregivers from all backgrounds and communities—to come together to learn about Sikh traditions, ask questions, and connect in an inclusive space. It is an opportunity to build understanding, celebrate diversity, and engage in shared learning.

Please complete the [Registration Form](#) RSVP by November 27, 2024, to assist with preparations. We look forward to celebrating this meaningful occasion with you!

BUILDING HEALTHY KIDS



Supporting healthy, confident kids and teens!

Resiliency is not just about surviving tough times; it's about thriving despite them. Resilient kids and teens are better equipped to manage stress, build healthy relationships, and succeed academically and socially. Resilience comes from supportive relationships, emotional awareness, competence, and realistic optimism.

Help kids bounce back from stress by giving them tools to manage stress in different environments. These tools might include strategies such as breathing, visualization or listening to music. Try a variety of activities, and practice strategies together as a family to see what works best for you and your child.

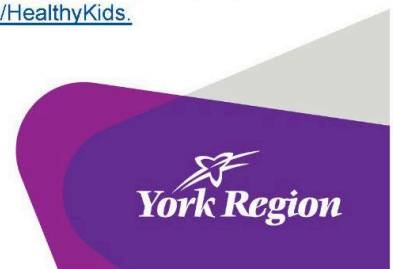
You can also encourage optimistic thinking by listening to your child and respecting and confirming their experiences. Foster positive interactions and support and help them to make connections – encourage your child to talk to others. Parents, caregivers, coaches and teachers all have a role to play in building a child's resilience and confidence. Everyone can contribute to a child or teens resiliency by believing in them and encouraging them to try new things and achieve their goals.

Don't forget it is also important to build your own resiliency – taking care of you helps you support others. Your self-care can help improve your energy, focus, ability to cope with challenges and you will be a role model for your children. Practice self-care by staying active, getting enough sleep, keeping connected with friends and family, taking time to pause and reflect and treating yourself with compassion and gentleness. You may want to try journalling, mindfulness, practicing gratitude and kindness or listening to music. Find what works for you.

Building positive relationships with children is important for them to grow up healthy and confident. York Region Public Health is here to support you with information and resources. If you would like more information on how you can help build healthy kids and teens visit york.ca/HealthyKids.

Public Health

1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/HealthyKids



Family Dashboard

How do parents/guardians access support to register for and use the Dashboard?

Information, instructions, and frequently asked questions are available on the Board website Family Dashboard Help Page. A translation tool is available on the Board website that will translate this information into over 80 languages.

A call centre is also available to support parents/guardians with setting up their accounts. The call centre will be available:

October 24, 28, 29, November 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21st – from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Contact:

Newmarket and Northern York Region: 289-340-0036

GTA/Toronto: 647-749-4324

For additional support, families can also email: FamilyDashboardHelp@yrdsb.ca

On the Horizon:

November

Character Trait: La Justice

- 21 Fresh from the Farm pickup
- 22 Fresh from the Farm pick up
- 25 Gifted Screening begins - details to follow
- 25 Grade 5 and 6 to Kortright Centre
- 26 Wali Shah - Guest presenter Grades 5 - 8
- 27 and 28 Grade 7s to Scanlon Creek



December

- 5 School Council meeting
- 11 EMPS Winter Concert
- 18 Emily Carr SS Band performance @ EMPS
- 20 Last day of classes for 2024
- 23 - January 3 - Winter Break