



**Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye**  
*Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity*  
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**EMPS Food and Toy Drive for the Vaughan Food Bank!**

We are collecting non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys for the Vaughan Food Bank. Please drop off items to the bins in the school's foyer up until December 14.

We have four bins we'd like to fill to overflowing! Let's Go Eagles!

Thank you to our School Council for coordinating this opportunity.



**EMPS Eco and Health Schools Team:**



**EMPS is pleased to provide Cookie and Milk Day!**

Families have the option to purchase a chocolate chip cookie and a chocolate or white milk combo. This fun treat program will run on:

Thursday November 30th, Thursday December 7th and Thursday December 14th.



You may choose to purchase on any of the noted dates or on all three days. Please visit [school cash online](#) for full details. **DEADLINE for payment on School Cash Online is November 20, 2023.** *Refunds or late orders cannot be accepted.*

We appreciate your support!



**[HERO Burger Survey](#)** This month, we tried a new food vendor, HERO Burger. The initiative was very well-received. We are seeking your input and feedback on this lunch option. Please take a moment to complete the survey at the link: [Hero Burger Survey](#)

**Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week:**

From November 19 - 25 we recognize Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week. At our school, it is important that we provide a caring, safe and inclusive environment that supports the academic achievement and well-being of all students. This week serves as a reminder to our school community about bullying and how to respond.



Bullying is a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Bullying can take many forms. Some include:

**Physical** – hitting, shoving, stealing or damaging property

**Verbal** – name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments

**Social** – excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them

**Electronic** (commonly known as cyberbullying) – spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of cellphones, e-mail, text messaging and through social media

Bullying is never acceptable at our school. All members of our school community are encouraged to stand up and support each other. Should there be concerns about bullying or if you have any questions please contact us.

You can also report events that happen at school, at school-related activities, online or off school property if they negatively affect a student or the school climate through [YRDSB's Report It tool](#). This tool is available on the homepage of our school's website or on [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). You may also choose to make a report anonymously.

For more [information and resources on bullying and cyberbullying](#), please follow @YRDSB or visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and inclusive school community.

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### **Preparing for Severe Weather - Stuff to Know:**

#### **School Transportation Cancellations:**

*School transportation (buses and taxis) may be cancelled due to extreme cold or inclement weather. On these days, schools will remain open unless otherwise stated. If school transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon. Any special or hot lunch days and field trips will also be cancelled.*



*Families should use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on extreme cold or inclement weather days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on those days. For safety reasons, please let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.*

#### **School Closures**

*Emergency closures will be considered when conditions may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site (e.g., widespread, prolonged power failures or downed power lines).*

*In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate childcare arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and aftercare programs will not operate if schools are closed.*

### Communication to Families

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services - [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) or 1-877-330-3001
- Board and school websites
- @YRDSB Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

For more information on [severe weather days](http://www.yrdsb.ca), please visit our website [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

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### Winter Vacation Plans?



With the Winter Break coming up, if you anticipate an extended absence from school for your child, please notify the office in writing (email [elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca)). Be sure to include the last day your child will be at school and your expected date of return.



### We'd like to hear from you!

Please take a moment to complete the survey at this link. Ideas and input will be shared with the various school council committees: [School Council Family interest survey](#) If you'd like to join any of the committees please email us at our school council email: [elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)

**Volunteers!** The School Council is already planning for **Winterfest!** Anyone interested in assisting with planning or volunteering please email us at [elders.mills.ps@sc.YRDSB.ca](mailto:elders.mills.ps@sc.YRDSB.ca).

### School Council is introducing and reintroducing fundraisers:

#### FundScrip - How it Works:

- Visit the site [Fundscrip](#)
- Buy gift cards from retailers available (give them as gifts or use for your own everyday needs)
- **Each purchase includes a donation to the school !**
- Gift cards will be delivered to the school prior to the Winter Break for distribution

#### Slime is Back!

- We had a great response on Meet the Teacher Night and raised \$200 for the school
- This fundraiser is back! See the flyer below
- <https://sillysquishslime.com/>



**Slime Fundraiser!**  
Scented Holiday Slime \$20 each  
Includes Charms and Sprinkles!

Red & White Candy Cane  
Blue & White Blue-Lemonade  
Green Watermelon  
White Marshmallow  
Pink Bubblegum

**20% Donated to School!**  
Visit [SillySquishSlime.com](http://SillySquishSlime.com) to order  
by December 1st



To purchase your  
**Gift Certificates**  
please visit  
**Fundscrip.com**

- Click the 'Support a Group' button
- Type 5LRTLQ as the group invitation code
- Enter your personal information to create an account
- Activate your account by clicking on the emailed link
- Select and purchase your desired items
  - The corresponding % will be donated to our school

Orders must be placed by Nov 30!

Money raised from fundraising efforts like the ones listed above and the lunch programs, for example, will be used to support enhancements in technology, music and library resources and other opportunities such as Stem/Robotics, Graduation, Guest speakers and presentations, field trips and more! We thank you for your support!

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**On the Horizon....**

November

27 - 30 Grade 3 Gifted Screening

20 - Dec 14 Toy and Food Drive

December - SAVE the DATE!

14 - Winter Concert - details coming soon!

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Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

*Eugenia Korinis* and *Ayesha Mondal*  
Principal Vice-Principal