



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity
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Attention Grade 8 Families!
Woodbridge College Open House

Woodbridge College is the high school our grade 8 students attend to continue their programming in French Immersion. The staff and students at Woodbridge College are hosting a Grade 8 Open House on Thursday, November 28th. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes presentations and student-led activities in their various learning spaces. They are looking forward to meeting you!

High School Information night - Grade 7 and 8 Families of EMPS!

EMPS will be hosting the team from Woodbridge College in the Elder's Mills gym on Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. for a parent information evening. Topics will include course selections, secondary school programming options and more. The Intermediate teaching team will share more details as the event date approaches.



Elder's Mills Gives!

This year Elder's Mills PS staff and students will be supporting the YRP Holiday Heroes Toy Drive. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys between Monday, November 26 and Thursday, December 12. Please bring your donations to the front of the school and place them in the bins. See the poster below for details.

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Toy Drive

in partnership with *York Region Police*

Please drop off any
NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS
in the designated area in front of our school office from
November 26 - December 12

Ideas for tweens and teens (10 and up): curling irons, hair dryers, hair kits, jewelry, electronics, books, sporting goods, backpacks, school supplies, board games

Ideas for babies: diapers, wipes, food pouches, formula, clothing, blanket and development games



Your new toy donations will help support these organizations.



Winter Weather

With winter weather here, we want to share a few important reminders.

Dress for the weather

Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.



Recess

If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

Bus or School Cancellations

When an extreme cold or inclement weather day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, Board and school websites and on X @YRDSB.

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days is outlined in the [Board's Severe Weather policy](#).



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 **December 9, 2024.**

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



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.

School Spirit Wear

The online store is 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 Lunches:

The Lunchbox program is live through: <https://www.schoolcashionline.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!



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**



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.

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



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



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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.



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!

WHO WE ARE?

360°kids is dedicated to helping at-risk and unhoused youth by providing essential support services in housing, employment, health, and education. Through over 30 specialized programs, we empower young people to overcome adversity and achieve stability



OUR KEY PROGRAMS



Family & Natural Supports (FNS)
strengthens youth relationships with families and natural supports, equipping them with tools for conflict resolution. Through personalized case management, FNS aims to reduce youth homelessness and prevent entry into emergency housing

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Nightstop
brought to Canada by 360°kids, provides emergency accommodation for youth forced to leave home, offering a safe, vetted volunteer's home for the night. This service prevents youth from sleeping in unsafe conditions or on the streets, ensuring a supportive environment in times of crisis

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Supportive Housing for Independence through Nurture and Empowerment (SHINE)

program provides voluntary housing and support for youth ages 14-19 facing housing crises. With a focus on family reintegration, SHINE equips youth with life skills for independence when returning home isn't possible

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Employment

offers young people essential training and skills to succeed in the workforce. Through six program streams and a holistic, empathetic approach, these programs help youth overcome employment barriers, fostering stability and long-term job retention

[LEARN MORE](#)



Counseling

services help young people move from past pain toward resilience. Through in-person and virtual sessions, youth receive consistent, empathetic support and learn new skills to manage life's challenges. Services are available at the Richmond Hill Youth Hub or through the "Let's Chat" Virtual Walk-In Clinic for accessible, free counselling across York Region

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Outreach

connect vulnerable youth (ages 12-25) to essential services across the community. They build trust, assess needs, and provide referrals to support youth in achieving stability. Services, including counselling and case management, are free and tailored to individual goals, meeting youth where they are—in community spaces or their own homes

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On the Horizon:

November

Character Trait: La Justice

- 25 Gifted Screening begins
- 25 Grade 5 and 6 to Kortright Centre
- 27 and 28 Grade 7s to Scanlon Creek
- 28 Woodbridge College Gr 8 Open House evening

December

- 5 School Council meeting
- 11 EMPS Winter Concert @ Emily Carr
- 12 Grade 7 and 8 High School Information night for EMPS families
- 18 Emily Carr SS Band performance @ EMPS
- 20 Last day of classes for 2024
- 23 - January 3 - Winter Break

