



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!

Holiday Toy and Food Drive for the Vaughan Food Bank



Let's fill up our bins with NEW unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items and support communities in need! The campaign will run until December 14th. Thank you for your support!

Thank you to our School Council for coordinating this opportunity.

[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](#)



Identity Affirming Spaces @ EMPS:

A display of Grade 6 students' word clouds sharing all the important parts of who they are. One of our goals at Elder's Mills in raising the achievement and well-being of students is that we are **inspired** and **committed** to building a safe, healthy and inclusive learning environment where all feel they matter and belong.



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 or 1-877-330-3001
- [Board](#) and school websites
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

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



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). 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

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.

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
White Marshmallow
Green Watermelon
Pink Bubblegum
Sweet Angel

20% Donated to School!
Visit 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!

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!

23 - January 7 - Winter Break - School closed

January 8 2024 - Classes resume



Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis and *Ayesha Mondal*

Principal

Vice-Principal