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YRDSB Student and Family Surveys

We will be inviting all students in Grades 4-12 and students in Grades K-3 to participate in the 2022-23 Every Student Counts Survey in the Spring of 2023. Surveys will be available online and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

You and your child should have received a letter from the Board notifying them that the survey will be taking place. The surveys will provide the Board and our schools with valuable information about the learning experiences of students and families this year that are used to inform Board and school planning and to support student achievement and well-being.

Students in Grades 4-12 will be given class time to complete the survey at schools. Students in Grades K-3 are encouraged to complete the survey at home with their family. Families who do not want their child(ren) to be sent an invitation to participate in the survey will be given a chance to opt their child out of receiving the survey in the new calendar year.



As our first partners in education, we value input from families and encourage parents/guardians to complete the survey. The information provided will be confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation.

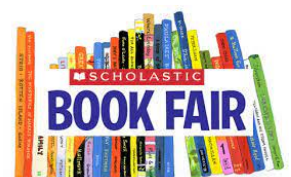
Please contact Research Services at research.services@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions or visit the [Board website](#) to learn more.

What's Happening @ EMPS!

Scholastic Book Fair & Winter Evening @ EMPS

In Person and Virtual Book Fair - November 28th to December 6th

Our Book Fair is coming to a close this week. We wish to thank all of our students, families and volunteers for their support. In addition, we were so thrilled to see so



Week 13 - Friday, December 2nd, 2022

many of our families join us for our evening event. There were Book Fair sales, hot beverages, treats, family games and crafts and an art auction with work from our own EMPS student artists. All funds raised will support library programs and enhancements. We are very grateful to our EMPS families and community.

Virtual Book Fair Extension Link: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5184726>



EMPS Winter Concert - Thursday, December 15th, 2022

EMPS students will be showcasing their talents to our community this evening with performances from our musical groups, different classes and students. This event is a fundraiser to support enhancements to our music programs. Families are invited to join us on **December 15th** either for a daytime performance or for the evening performance. Please go to [School Cash Online](#) for details and to purchase tickets. There is a limit on the number of tickets available for sale. Please connect with the office if you need assistance.





EMPS MUSICIANS PRESENT

**2022 WINTER
MUSIC CONCERT**

DECEMBER 15, 2022

GR. 2-4 11:00AM-12:20PM
GR. 5-8 1:40PM-3:00PM

EMPS FAMILIES 6:30PM-8:30PM

COMING SOON! STUDENT NEWSPAPER!

Enjoy a sneak preview of our Student Newspaper!



LE JOUR DU SOUVENIR

Par: Ava

Le 11 novembre, nous avons passé une journée sombre. On était appelé par grade au gymnase. Ce jour ils nous ont dit de ne pas porter un sweat à capuche, un chapeau, un casque d'écoute, etc. Ce jour était obscur, ce qui veut dire qu'on ne devait pas applaudir. La présentation était de trente minutes ou plus. Les portes du gymnase sont restées fermées pendant la présentation et on est resté silencieux.

Pourquoi nous souvenons-nous de cette occasion spéciale

Nous célébrons le jour du Souvenir chaque année pour remercier tous les soldats qui sont morts pour faire la paix. Ces soldats sont la raison pour laquelle nous vivons en paix aujourd'hui. Le 11 novembre, nous portons un coquelicot pour nous souvenir de tous ceux qui ont combattu dans la guerre. Le jour du Souvenir est un jour commémoratif observé dans les États membres du Commonwealth depuis la fin de la Première Guerre mondiale pour rendre hommage aux membres des forces armées morts dans l'exercice de leurs fonctions. Suivant une tradition inaugurée par le roi George V en 1919, ce jour est également marqué par des commémorations de la guerre dans de nombreux pays non membres du Commonwealth. C'est un jour où tu peux penser aux soldats et les remercier. De nombreux soldats ont risqué leur vie pour nous, le pays, la paix et l'avenir.



Le jour du souvenir continuation

On arrête le 11 novembre chaque année car la guerre mondiale s'est arrêtée à 11 heures, le 11e jour du 11e mois. On fait deux minutes de silence pour se souvenir des soldats. Le coquelicot est le symbole du jour du souvenir. Le jour du souvenir est un jour de réunion et d'un meilleur avenir. William Nelson Edward Hall VC a été le premier Noir, le premier Néo-Écossais et le troisième Canadien à recevoir la Croix de Victoria. Il a reçu la médaille pour ses actions lors du siège de Lucknow en 1857, pendant la rébellion indienne.



La Foire de Livres à EMPS

Par: Emma Itenberg

La foire de livres de Scholastics est ici à EMPS du 28 novembre jusqu'au 2 décembre! Nous avons des livres de tous les genres, comme des romans fantastiques ou d'aventure, et de tous les sorts, comme des livres de chapitres et des bandes dessinées. Mme Mahmoudi est l'organisatrice de cet événement et a travaillé très fort pour donner vie au projet. Même si vous ne voulez pas un livre, on a des tas de bibelots comme des marques de livres ou des stylos. À la bibliothèque, on a même des affiches. Alors, il y a des choses pour tous à notre foire du livre, alors venez nous rejoindre commençant le 28 novembre ou apportez vos parents à la foire du livre le 1er décembre. Rappelez-vous que tous les fonds ramassés à la foire des livres sont utilisés pour acheter de nouvelles choses pour l'école comme des ordinateurs ou des pupitres!



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THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Ascending Sisters Pilot Project:

Elder's Mills is pleased to announce that it is one of the schools piloting the Ascending Sisters Mentorship Program. In alignment with the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy, Ascending Sisters serves as a mentorship program that connects Black girls and non binary students with self-identified Black YRDSB staff (e.g., teachers, educational assistants, Child and Youth workers, support professionals, administrators). Cisgender girls, transgender girls and non binary students from **grades 7-10 in selected pilot schools** are all welcome to participate.

Through targeted wellness, health and mentorship opportunities, students will be provided with the opportunity to develop a stronger sense of self, promote healing, increase ability to advocate, communicate effectively and further enhance their leadership skills.

Please contact the Black Excellence Planning Team at Blackexcellence@yrdsb.ca if you have further questions.

Holiday Heroes Toy Drive - 2022

Elder's Mills P.S. is a proud supporter of the Holiday Heroes Campaign!!!

RUNS FROM NOVEMBER 14 TO DECEMBER 16, 2022.

NOW ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: NEW TOYS

NEW CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE!

Let's Go Elder's Mills! We Can Do It!!!



School Council

Family events in the community:



MW WINTER Bazaar

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022
1PM-8PM

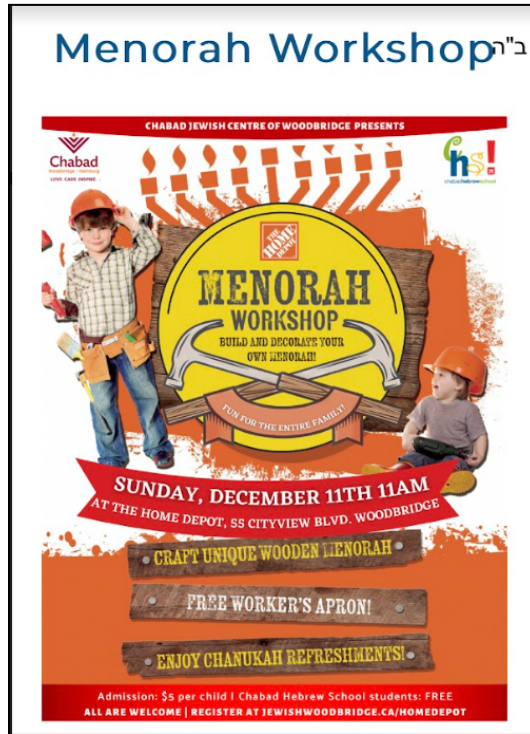
@ VELLORE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER CAFETERIUM

CLOTHES, JEWELRY, HENNA, FOOD, NAILS & ENTERTAINMENT
PLEASE COME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

FREE PARKING
FREE ENTRY
FUN FESTIVITIES AND ACTIVITIES

FOR INFO & BOOTH RESERVATIONS CONTACT
HINA: (647-637-6260)

MUSLIM WOMEN OF VAUGHAN



Menorah Workshop ב"ה

CHABAD JEWISH CENTRE OF WOODBRIDGE PRESENTS

Chabad

MENORAH WORKSHOP
BUILD AND DECORATE YOUR OWN MENORAH

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 11AM
AT THE HOME DEPOT, 55 CITYVIEW BLVD. WOODBRIDGE

CRAFT UNIQUE WOODEN MENORAH

FREE WORKER'S APRON!

ENJOY CHANUKAH REFRESHMENTS!

Admission: \$5 per child | Chabad Hebrew School students: FREE
ALL ARE WELCOME | REGISTER AT JEWISHWOODBRIDGE.CA/HOMEDEPOT

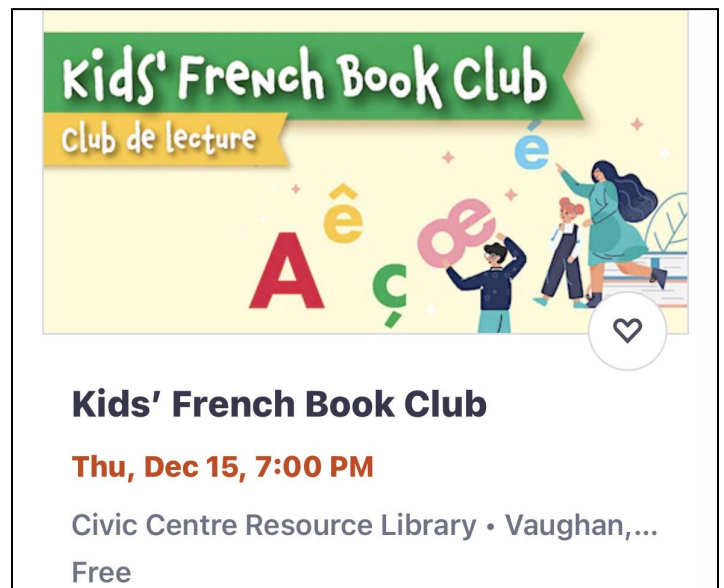
Dec. 3, 2022 11am - 5pm.
121 Elgin Mills Rd E, Richmond Hill

TRY CURLING!

**FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT**

joinrhcc.com
Richmond Hill Curling

Sign up



Kids' French Book Club
Club de lecture

Kids' French Book Club

Thu, Dec 15, 7:00 PM

Civic Centre Resource Library • Vaughan,...

Free

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY



In collaboration with
York Region District School Board

SAAAC Autism Centre Presents

Caregiver Orientation: New Autism Diagnosis

To be delivered in Tamil and English

Join us to chat about:

- Next steps after diagnosis
- Types of funding available
- Services and programs available in the community
- SAAAC Cares Program
- YRDSB Autism Supports
- Cultural perspectives on children with disabilities
- Your experiences as a caregiver of a child with Autism

December 13th 2022 | 6:30-8:30pm

Markham District High School

89 Church St, Markham, ON L3P 2M3

Register here on our [Google Form](#)

For questions or accommodation requests please
email: nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca

[Caregiver Orientation - Tamil and English - Register at this link](#)



PARENTING TRAPS

STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL WINTER BREAK!

Let's talk about it!

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

December 8, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend this virtual session!

Register Today!

This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children with strategies to:

- how parents may get “trapped” in escalations and power struggles;
- why parents experience “defiance and non-compliance” when they ask or request their children to do something;
- understanding various traps ways to avoid these traps and develop age appropriate and do-able strategies; and
- how parents can have a successful, stress free winter break.

Facilitator: Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



This free parent presentation is brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

More Information:

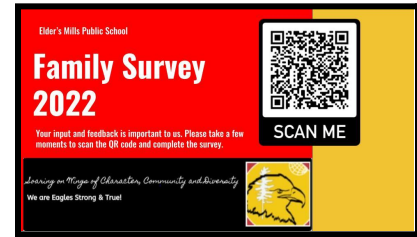
Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB

Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

[Strategies for a Successful Winter Break Register at this link](#)

EMPS wants to hear from families! If you have not already had the opportunity, please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Questions are optional and anonymous.

The survey may also be accessed at this link: [EMPS Family Survey 2022](#)



Report Cards: Progress Report Cards were distributed electronically. All students should have received their report cards by Monday, November 28th. Please check your child's @gapps.yrdsb account to access the report card.



Weather Watch: All students are expected to go out for every recess, weather permitting. Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors. Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for the weather.



On the Horizon....

December	21- Pancha Ganapati	23 - Last day of classes
15 - Winter Concert	21 - December Solstice	25 - Christmas (Western)
16 - Las Posadas	22 - Staff vs. Student	26 - Kwanzaa
19 - First Day of Hanukkah	Volleyball	26 - Last Day of Hanukkah
		January 9 - Classes resume

Hanukkah - Judaism:*

The Festival of Lights and the Feast of Dedication, commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee and religious freedom, and the rededication of the Temple in 165 BCE. It also celebrates the power of God and the faithfulness of Israel.



Las Posadas - México:*

One of the most popular Christmas traditions in Mexico is Las Posadas (Spanish for 'lodging' or 'accommodation'), a nine day celebration/observation beginning December 16th and ending December 24th. The ritual has been a tradition in Mexico for over 400 years.



**Source: YRDSB's Multifaith Calendar*

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

Omari White
Vice-Principal