



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
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School Spirit Week - December 18 - 22

Staff and students are invited to join in on any or all of the Spirit Days planned for next week. Thank you to Mme Belleli's Grade 4 class and to the Eco Healthy Schools Team for planning this.

Turn it off MONDAY	Save the paws of the world TUESDAY	EMPS spirit wear WEDNESDAY	Triple "R" THURSDAY	Cozy ON and lights OFF FRIDAY
Wear white, yellow or black to show you are conserving ENERGY!	Wear your ANIMAL themed ears, t-shirts, clothes and prints to show your support!	Show off your EMPS spirit by wearing eagle colors (Red + Black)	Wear GREEN or BLUE and bring your reusable containers and water bottles!	Cozy-day EARTH DAY Wear your cozy Pjs and onesies!
				

Eagle's Nest Student Newspaper!

The Student Newspaper Club is pleased to share with you the first edition of the Eagle's Nest Student Newspaper. Please find it posted to the school website (the file is too large to share here!). The last few pages include games and puzzles for students to complete and join in some fun. Way to go Eagles!

Click here for the link: [Student Newspaper](#)

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EMPS Winter Concert

Merci beaucoup d'avoir assisté au Concert d'hiver ! Grâce à votre soutien et votre flexibilité, l'événement a été un grand succès ! Merci aux enseignants, aux assistants de bureau, aux concierges, aux élèves, au conseil scolaire et aux familles ; c'était certainement un effort communautaire ! Félicitations les Aigles !



Student Mental Health Addictions Newsletter - January 2024 edition

Dear Families, After the winter break we are welcomed back to school and to a new beginning of the 2024 calendar year. We recognize that many of our students and families follow various acknowledgements of the calendar year, and that new beginnings are happening all the time. This provides us with many opportunities to begin anew.

Continued in the [Student Mental Health Addictions Newsletter - January 2024 edition](#)

LOST AND FOUND:

Our lost and found bin is overflowing. Lost items have been laid out on tables in the front hall. Items not collected by Friday, December 22 will be gathered and donated. Please remind your child to check the tables. If you have an opportunity to stop by, check in at the office and take a look.



NEWS for Intermediate and Secondary Students:

Students Can Now Explore Secondary School Opportunities by Sector

Our secondary schools offer courses and programs that let you explore your interests, build skills and gain experience in areas that interest you. You can now [search from 16 different sectors](#) to learn more about:

- career pathways in the fields that interest you
- courses and programs you can take in secondary school that let you gain sector-specific skills, knowledge and experience
- how you can earn certifications, post-secondary credits and job experience while in high school

Find out what courses and programs are available in the fields that interest you at your school. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb.



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

SAVE THE DATE!

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Thank you for your support!

Gift cards and Slime have arrived! These will be **distributed** to families who purchased them **the week of December 18th**. Merci! 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!



IN THE COMMUNITY

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100% Free Math Tutoring for Ontario Students

Available for Grades 4-12 Connect with an Ontario Certified Teacher today at mathify.tvolearn.com

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Bird watchers, unite! We are hosting a Christmas Bird Count walk on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. Join to learn about the many bird populations that live in Vaughan, hone in on your avian identification skills, help locate species and more! Info: <https://www.vaughan.ca/news/join-vaughans-christmas-bird-count-walk-december>

Join Vaughan's Christmas Bird Count walk this December!

vaughan.ca/environment



VAUGHAN

Join the annual Ontario Kids' Fish Art Contest!
Students in grades 4-12, this is your moment!



Kids' Fish Art Contest

Deadline: December 29, 2023

Draw a Chinook salmon or brown bullhead fish

Show your skills and dive into fishy fun for a chance to win!

ontario.ca/fishArtContest 

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.



On the Horizon....



16 - 24 Las Posadas
21 - Pancha Ganapati
23 - January 7 - Winter Break - School closed
25 - Christmas
26 - January 1 - Kwanzaa

Winter Break:
December 25 - January 5
Classes resume January 8

Hanukkah (Judaism): *Hanukkah - The Festival of Lights (and Feast of Dedication), commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee, religious freedom, and the rededication of the Holy Temple in 165 BCE*

Bodhi / Rōhatsu (Awakening) Day (Buddhism): *Anniversary of the historical Buddha's awakening. Rōhatsu is Japanese and literally means 8th Day of the 12th Month.*

Pancha Ganapati (Hinduism): *Pancha Ganapati is a modern Hindu festival held over five days in honor of Lord Ganesha, Patron of Arts and Guardian of Culture.*

Christmas (Christianity): *Christmas celebrates the anniversary of the birth of Jesus.*

Las Posadas: *One of the most popular Christmas traditions in Mexico is Las Posadas (Spanish for lodging or accommodation), a nine day celebration/observance. The ritual has been a tradition in Mexico for over 400 years.*

Kwanzaa is celebrated by many North Americans of West African descent in recognition of their African heritage. The candles of a seven-branched candelabrum representing attributes such as unity, self-determination, responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith, are successively lit over the seven days of the festival.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis and *Ayesha Mondal*
Principal Vice-Principal