



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity
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What's Happening @ EMPS!

EMPS YRP HOLIDAY HEROES CAMPAIGN - OUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT COMES THROUGH ONCE AGAIN!

Our Toy and Warm Clothing Drive was a wonderful success! Thank you to students and families for their contributions ! Our Eagles always rise to support our community!



EMPS Winter Concert - NEW DATE!!! - HOLD ON TO YOUR TICKETS!!!!

We were very disappointed that the weather forecast did not cooperate with all of our hard work and preparations for the wonderful Concerts we had planned for this past week.

If you purchased tickets, please hold on to them and plan to join us on our new date:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2023

The Winter Concert will follow the same program. We will not be releasing new tickets. Please hold on to the tickets you have and we will see you then!



Spirit Week - December 19 - 23				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports Day	Beach Day	Silly Hat Day	Mismatch Day	Pajama Day
				

Lunch fundraisers for the New Year!

Families who are interested in continuing or joining the different lunch options for January - March 2023 will have the opportunity to do so between Friday, December 9th to Friday, December 23rd. Please go to [School Cash online](#) for details.



We will be continuing with our Monday Subway Lunches, Tuesday Pizza Lunches. Please note that we have increased the size of the slices for the Pizza lunch. Each slice is 1/12 of a party size pizza. Thank you to families who reached out with their feedback.

The Just Catering food service will also continue to be an option for families with a portion of proceeds supporting the school.

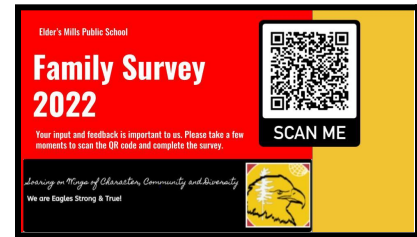
Please reach out if you have any questions.

LOST & FOUND: We have a bin overflowing with lost items. Over the next week we will be asking students to walk by the tables in front of the library to retrieve lost items. Items left after December 23rd will be bagged and donated.



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](#)



Please join us for our School Council Meetings!

Our meetings are hosted in the library from 7:00 p.m. Child minding is available, and for families who cannot join us face-to-face, a virtual meet link is shared on the day of the event. Our meetings for the remainder of the year are on the following days: **January 26, March 9, May 4**

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.

**YRDSB's Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter -
December 2022**

Dear Families,

In the [November edition of the Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter](#) We took a closer look at the concept of Within. In this edition, we continue to focus on the [Student Mental Health and Addiction Strategy \(SMHAS\): A Holistic Approach to Mental Health, Within Us, Between Us, Around Us](#) by taking a closer look at the concept of “Between” and “Around” and the associated priority actions.



Newsletter linked here:: [Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter December 2022](#)

WOODBIDGE COLLEGE	Talk with our Students Meet our Teachers Explore our Facilities	GRADE 8 NIGHT 71 BRUCE ST., WOODBRIDGE ON L4L 1J3
SAVE <small>THE</small> DATE		
NEW DATE DEC 20 6:30 PM	FUTURE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO LEARN ABOUT: <div>Advanced Placement Courses</div> <div>Specialist High Skills Major Programs</div> <div>Personalized Alternative Education</div> <div>Student Services</div> <div>French Immersion Program</div> <div>Arts Programs</div> <div>Leadership and Extra-Curricular Clubs</div> <div>Athletics</div>	



Mental Health Support for Iranians in Light of Protests in Iran

YRDSB in Collaboration with FSyr (Family Services of York Region): Mental Health Event for Families and Youth in Light of the Protests in Iran: An event to "Acknowledge - Bridge - and Connect" During Global Protests

At the events, Iranian families will:

- Hear about common reactions to stress and trauma
- Potential ways to cope and support mental health
- Learn about the ABCs of Mental Health (Acknowledge, Bridge, Connection)
- Brief Panel discussion and responses to pre-submitted participant questions.

Date: December 16, 2022

Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

For: Grade 6-8 and Parent/Caregivers

Date: December 19, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

For: Grade 9-12 and Parent/Caregivers

Session information and registration for the parents/caregivers session and the student session is available on the [registration form](#).

Registration closes on December 14, 2022.

For further information: contact

Maryam.Jariani@yrdsb.ca

647-864-8675



حمایت از سلامت روان

ایرانیان در راستای اعتراضات در ایران برای

YRDSB با همکاری FSYR (خدمات خانواده منطقه یورک): رویداد سلامت روان برای خانواده ها و جوانان در پرتو اعتراضات در ایران: رویدادی برای "تصدیق - پل - و اتصال" در طول اعتراضات جهانی

در این مراسم خانواده های ایرانی:

-در مورد علائم رایج به استرس و آسیب بشتوید

-راه های بالقوه برای مقابله و حمایت از سلامت روان

-روشهای سلامت روان

ABCs(Acknowledge, Bridge, Connection) درباره

-گفتگوی مختصر و پاسخ به سوالات از پیش ارسال شده شرکت کنندگان.

تاریخ: 16 دسامبر 2022

زمان: 4:00 تا 6:00 بعد از ظهر برای: کلاس 6-8 و والدین/مراقبان

تاریخ: 19 دسامبر 2022

زمان: 6:00 تا 8:00 بعد از ظهر برای: کلاس 9-12 و والدین/مراقبان

اطلاعات جلسه و ثبت نام برای جلسه والدین / مراقبین و جلسه دانش آموز در فرم ثبت نام موجود است. [کلیک برای فرم ثبت نام](#)

ثبت نام در 14 دسامبر 2022 پایان می یابد.

برای اطلاعات بیشتر: تماس با Maryam.Jariani@yrdsb.ca

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Families and Schools Together (F&ST)



Families and Schools Together is a play and art therapy based program that allows families to come together. A program that will help reduce caregiver isolation by connecting with other families in the 2SLGBTQI+ community.

Sing, dance, draw, paint, and enjoy fun family time. Supplies are dropped off each week at no cost.

These sessions are for families with 2SLGBTQI+ caregivers or children, as well as families who are allies. The current focus is for families with children in grade 4-8. Please connect with us if your child does not fall in the age criteria, exceptions can be made.

Date: Start mid-January 2023 for eight weeks. Final dates to be confirmed.

Time: Once a week for 1.5 hours each week.

Location: Virtual (link to be provided after registration)

Registration: Email Praanee Chandrasegaram (She/They) at pchandrasegaram@fsyr.ca or Kenzie Wass (They/Them) at kenzie.wass@yrdsb.ca



INDIGENOUS ACTION COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

A MEDICINE POUCH MAKING WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 18TH 2022
BAYVIEW HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE
LEUSCHNER ROOM
3PM-5PM
114 SPADINA RD.
RICHMOND HILL



THIS WORKSHOP WILL PROVIDE:

- A TEACHING ON MEDICINE POUCHES AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE
- AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN MEDICINE POUCH
- AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OTHER INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS
- A SAFE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN TAKE TIME FOR YOU, BECAUSE CREATING AND CONNECTING TO CULTURE IS MEDICINE AND HEALING!

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. SPOTS ARE LIMITED! REGISTER TODAY!

REGISTER BY PRIVATELY MESSAGING US ON FB OR EMAIL:
[INFO@INDIGENOUSACTIONCOMMITTEE.COM](mailto:info@indigenouactioncommittee.com)



www.indigenouactioncommittee.com

City of Vaughan Menorah Lighting Ceremony

Monday, December 19 at 3:30 p.m.
Vaughan City Hall, Vaughan Room
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive



INDIGENOUS ACTION COMMITTEE PRESENTS:



BEADED ORNAMENT

Workshop



Sunday December 18th
12pm-3pm

Bayview Hill Community Centre Leuschner Room
114 Spadina Rd.
Richmond Hill, ON

Come join us for an afternoon of beading with your fellow indigenous community members where we will learn how to bead these beautiful holiday ornaments, together! Lunch will be served along with coffee and tea! Registration is required and spots are limited so be sure to register ASAP through our Facebook page or via email: info@indigenouactioncommittee.com
www.indigenouactioncommittee.com



Chabad Jewish Centre of Woodbridge-Kleinburg
invites you to join our

ANNUAL MENORAH LIGHTING

WEDNESDAY
DEC. 21
6:30pm

- LOCAL DIGNITARIES
- HOT LATKES & DONUTS
- HOLIDAY GIVEAWAYS
- MUSIC & MORE

Kleinburg Library
10341 Islington Ave.
Kleinburg

FREE ADMISSION

For more info & Sponsorship
Rabbi Shalom Bakshi: 647-982-5419
www.JewishKleinburg.ca





YRAACC - SANKOFA MENTORING & CULTURAL IDENTITY PROGRAMS **Online and In-Person**

PRESENTS KWANZAA CELEBRATION  2022

Join us in celebrating Kuumba
(Creativity) of our culture and heritage: 

Activities include:

- Games/Prizes
- Kwanzaa Table
- Jewelry Making
- Keynote Speaker
- Food & Refreshments
- Drumming /Vocal Performance
- and so much more!!!







Keynote Speaker:
Joanne Kinya-Baker
City of Markham's
Diversity, Equity and
Inclusion Specialist

Date: Saturday, December, 17th 2022
Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Location: Bur Oak Secondary School 933 Bur Oak Ave,
Markham and Online

 <https://yorkregionaacc.ca>  gmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca  647-612-9249




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**VAUGHAN**
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

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Engage in fun activities and learn about:

- Science
- Technology
- Engineering and
- Mathematics



For children
ages 6-8


Tuesday Jan 17, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023
Time 4:30pm - 5:30pm


Program will be held virtually on Zoom.


Caregivers must be available to pick up program materials packages from Vaughan CHC on:


To register, contact Stacey:
EMAIL: ssalmon@vaughanchc.com

If awaiting email communications from VCHC staff please remember to check "junk" folder in your inbox to ensure you receive our email communications

 [@vaughan_chc](https://twitter.com/vaughan_chc)

 [vaughan.vchc](https://www.facebook.com/vaughan.vchc)

 [@vaughancommunityhealthcentre](https://www.instagram.com/vaughancommunityhealthcentre)

 www.vaughanchc.com

This flyer can be provided in an alternative format.

Weather Watch: Inclement Weather Days

When an Inclement Weather Day is announced, school bus and taxi transportation is canceled. School bus cancellation information is communicated through local media outlets, the [Student Transportation Services website](#), the Board's website and Twitter account and on the Board and school's voicemail recording.



Parents are responsible for using their best judgment to decide whether or not to send their child(ren) to school on days when buses are canceled and schools remain open. In accordance with the Safe Arrivals and Departures Elementary Students policy and procedure;

- the school will not be following up on absences of students who are bused on a Board declared extreme cold day, and
- the school will be following up on unreported absences of students who walk to school on a Board declared an extreme cold weather day;

Parents are responsible for making arrangements to have their child(ren) picked up at the end of the school day on days when school buses are canceled.

At Elder's Mills, students will assemble in the gym for end-of-day dismissal. Students who walk home, will be dismissed as usual. Students who are driven to school or who ride the bus will wait in the gym until called. On days when school buses are canceled, the bus loop will be used for pick up and drop off. We thank our families for their support and cooperation.



Pics of the Week!

A few of our grade 2 and 3 students with Mr. White and Mme Kamwiziku at the Student Black Excellence Conference hosted @ Discovery PS earlier this week. Can you spot them in the photo? Thank you to YRDSB's Black Excellence planning team for this awesome experience!





On the Horizon....

December

19 - First Day of Hanukkah
21- Pancha Ganapati
21 - December Solstice

22 - Staff vs. Student Volleyball

23 - Last day of classes

25 - Christmas (Western)

26 - Kwanzaa

26 - Last Day of Hanukkah

January

1 - New Year's Day

January 7 - Christmas (Eastern)

January 9 - Classes resume

WINTER CONCERT NEW DATE - JANUARY 18TH

January 20 - PA Day

Wishing you a wonderful weekend! To our families beginning their Hanukkah festivities, we wish you happy celebrations!

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

Omari White
Vice-Principal