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What's Happening @ EMPS!

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!



LUNCH FUNDRAISERS @ EMPS:

Thank you to all families for their support with our lunch fundraisers this year. All proceeds support school programs and enhancements. **Friday,**

December 23rd is the last day to place orders for our next block of fundraisers taking place from January to March. Please take note of the following:

Monday: Subway - program begins Monday, January 16th

Tuesday: Pizza - program begins Tuesday, January 17th

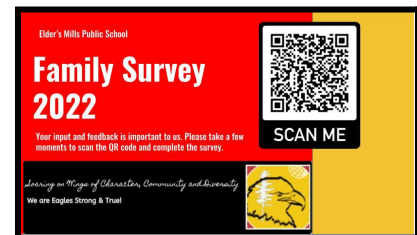
Wednesday: Just Catering- Option to order lunches is for every Wednesday. For more information please visit their website www.justcateringforkids.com/booking

Friday - Fun Food Friday - program begins Friday, January 27th

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL WITH LUNCHES THE FIRST WEEK BACK.

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**

Upcoming School Council events - SAVE the DATE!!!

Winter Fair - evening of Thursday, February 16th, 2023

Stay tuned for details!



Recipes in a Jar -

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! All jars were sent home with students who participated this past week. Our Recipes in a Jar Fundraiser raised over \$400.00. All funds will go to school program enhancements.






THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Centre for Black Student Excellence December Newsletter:

Opportunities shared for supporting Black students, families and staff within the York Region District School Board, in partnership with community partners. See newsletter attached to this communication for further information.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Black Foundation of
Community Networks (BFCN)



**Scholarship
Application
Workshop**


Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)**

Learn more and register at:
bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopJanuary17

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.



[Links to register and for more information - CLICK HERE](#)



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CANADIENS
Votre voix. Votre avenir.



Creating Identity Affirming Spaces and Practices to Support Muslim Learners

In partnership with the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) and the Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEMS), the YRDSB will offer a series of professional learning sessions and workshops that focus on creating identity affirming learning environments, while also interrogating Islamophobia and its impact on student achievement and well-being.

Families & Community Event

Know Your Rights: Muslim Students and Families

In this session, students and families will learn about their legal rights and responsibilities within schools. Participants will be provided with tools and resources that will support them throughout their child's school experience, allowing them to feel more confident and empowered.

Date: January 25, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual (link to be provided prior to event)

Families & Community Registration Form | bit.ly/3FJ04OD



For further information contact Inclusive School and Community Services at iscs@yrdsb.ca

[REGISTRATION FORM CLICK HERE](#)



Mindful Parenting Series

Let's talk about it!

Mindful parenting helps caregivers feel more responsive and less overwhelmed while helping to children to feeling calmer.

We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these virtual sessions!

January 10, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Being a Parent: Mindful Parenting

For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will focus on mindful parenting and the role it plays in being responsive and not reactive. Participants will be provided with strategies that will result in positive change to many familiar parenting challenges.

[Register now for Being a Parent](#)

January 17, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Ride the Waves: Mindful Parenting

For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will provide an understanding of the importance of mindful parenting and the role it plays in nurturing positive relationships within the family.

[Register now for Ride the Waves](#)

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.

For more information contact: Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer
Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

REGISTRATION LINKS HERE:

[January 10th- Being a Parent](#)

[January 17th - Ride the Waves](#)

NACCA Call for Art:

The Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA), in partnership with the Town of Newmarket, is inviting members of Newmarket and York Region communities who self-identify as Black to submit artwork. See the flyer attached to this communication for more information.



The Rhapsody Film Screening: YRDSB families, educators and students (Grade 9+) are invited to join the screening of The Rhapsody, a documentary about a Polish Canadian composer/Holocaust survivor, Leo Spellman.



IN RECOGNITION OF
**INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Best Documentary · The Rhapsody



York Region District School Board families, educators & students (grade 9+) are invited to join the screening of The Rhapsody, a documentary about a Polish Canadian composer/Holocaust survivor, Leo Spellman.

The Rhapsody is a documentary featuring composer and Holocaust survivor Leo Spellman's secret wartime diary and long-lost orchestral masterpiece, which bring his remarkable tale of survival to life. Diary entries of his eighteen months in hiding, as part of the Polish Partisans resistance, are portrayed through artwork and animation narrated by Stephen Fry. The documentary features powerful concert performances, rare archival footage, and an uplifting finale as Spellman's legacy is finally recognized in the Polish town where he narrowly escaped death.

Leo Spellman said, "I always dreamed I had to survive the Nazis to tell the world what happened". At ninety-eight, he endured the pain of revisiting the past to fulfill that dream. The Rhapsody celebrates the creativity of Spellman's music, honours the tenacity and resilience of the human spirit, and is an affirmation that all those who have died at the hands of oppressors, including 6,000,000 Jews, did not die in vain.

Paul & Brenda Hoffert, producers of the film, will be joining the event and will participate as part of a Q & A panel at the end of the screening.

Wednesday January 25, 2023
Anne Frank Public School
6:30 p.m.

Please RSVP by **January 16, 2023***
Registration Link / QR code
<https://bit.ly/3WfK2IV>



[Trailer](#)
www.spellmansrhapsody.com

*Limited Seating: please register early

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





Inclusive School and Community Services Parent/Guardian Virtual Workshops

Poverty in York Region 2023

All parents, guardians and staff are welcome to attend any **or all** of the free virtual workshops about poverty, housing rights and resources in York Region.

1. Making Ends Meet during COVID, Inflation and a Housing Crisis – Presented by Community and Partnership Developers Yvonne Kelly and Pauline Costello

Tuesday, January 24th 7:00 - 8:30 pm

2. Tenant Rights to Housing – Guest Speaker Margaret Flynn with the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights

Wednesday, Feb 8th, 7:00pm-8:30pm

3. The Impact of Poverty, Intersectionality and Classism on our Students, Parents and Family Engagement - Presented by Community and Partnership Developers Yvonne Kelly and Pauline Costello

Monday, February 27th 7:00pm - 8:30pm

[Register](#) for any or all three workshops.

A virtual link will be provided prior to the each event.

[REGISTRATION LINK CLICK HERE](#)



Apply for the Integrated Elementary Arts@Baythorn!

Current Grade 4 or 5 students can apply for the full time **Arts@Baythorn** program for September 2023-2024 school year start (going into Grade 5 or 6).




The **Arts@Baythorn** allows you to explore **Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music** integrated into your learning each and every day in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment.


Learn more about our program and how to apply by visiting our website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn.ps/arts/Pages/default.aspx>

REMINDER Check the website for updated information.
Application opens: January 17, 2023 and closes January 31, 2023


[ARTS at Baythorn website link click here](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn.ps/arts/Pages/default.aspx)

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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.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Being on Time for School Counts!

Punctuality is an important life-skill valued by school, employers in the workforce, and society. We continue to experience a number of students arriving late for school. The morning bell rings at 8:30 a.m. and classes begin sharp at 8:45 a.m. Otherwise, they are marked as late and this is recorded on their report card. Please ensure that your child arrives on time ready to learn.

Helpful tips to make the morning run more smoothly!

- set a reasonable hour for bedtime
- set realistic and consistent schedules at home
- getting ready for school should be part of the child's overall routine; something that's expected of them every day
- together with your child, set out clothes, pack lunches, and set backpacks at the door the night before
- create a morning routine that your child can easily follow
- avoid any distractions in the morning like TV or games
- set alarms and reminders for 'time to wake up' and 'time to go'; add a few extra minutes if you find you tend to run late

Dressed for the Weather and Outdoor recess:

All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are expected to go out for every recess unless the principal or vice-principal decides that weather conditions are so poor that it would be detrimental for them to be outdoors. **Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors up to 40 minutes after lunch.** We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions e.g., wind chill; we keep the students indoors or shorten the recess breaks.

Students who are well enough to be at school are expected to be able to participate in all school activities, including outdoor recesses. For example, students with heavy colds, etc., which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves.

Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for our invigorating winter days. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please be sure to label all articles of clothing. Boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants for the younger children will help make recess an enjoyable time.

Pokemon Cards and other valuable items:

Please ensure valuable items, gifts, money, toys remain at home. We have had several instances where students have come to school with items such as Pokemon cards and have been trading them for money. If your child asks you for money because they need it for school, please know that, with few exceptions (e.g. Book Fair), your child will not be asked to bring cash to school. We encourage you to question such requests.

Please speak with your child about keeping such valuables at home. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.



Pics of the Week!



On the Horizon....

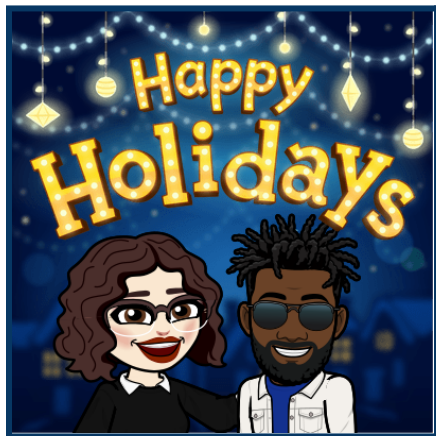
December
25 - Christmas (Western)

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 19th - Grade 5 Trip to Ripley's Aquarium
January 20 - PA Day

To all those celebrating Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve/Day and Orthodox Christmas, we wish you and your families happy and healthy celebrations over the upcoming holiday season.

Wishing all of our families a safe and restful Winter Break! We will see you in 2023!



Eugenia Korinis
Principal

Omari White
Vice-Principal