



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

EMPS Winter Concert -IT HAS ARRIVED!!!

The EMPS Winter Concert will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023. In December, ticket packages were sent home with families who purchased them. Please bring your tickets with you so that entry to the concert can be as smooth as possible. The Winter Concert will follow the same program. We will not be releasing new tickets.



LUNCH FUNDRAISERS @ EMPS:

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

Here is a list of start dates for each program. Orders for our March - June session will open up at the end of Feb/beginning of March.

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 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!



[January Newsletter linked here](#)

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](#)

January is Tamil Heritage Month

On October 5, 2016, Motion M-24 was passed in the Federal Parliament, officially proclaiming January as Tamil Heritage Month in Canada. Tamil Heritage Month aims to celebrate the richness of the Tamil language and its literature and highlight Tamil Canadians' vibrant traditions, histories, arts, and cultures. In addition, it seeks to recognize the significant contributions of Tamil Canadians in key areas of social, cultural, economic, and political spheres. This year's focus is Tamils' contribution towards Economic growth - Past, Present, Future.

Also, of significance is January 14, 2023. According to the Tamil calendar, January 14, 2023, begins the month of "Thai." On this day, people of Tamil heritage celebrate Thai Pongal, the Tamil harvest festival. Thai Pongal is the most important and widely-celebrated festival amongst Tamils around the globe. Thai Pongal is a time to give thanks for the previous year's blessings and a time to look forward to the New Year

தமிழ் மரபுத் திங்கள்
Tamil Heritage Month 2023

2023 Theme:
Tamils In Trade and Commerce:
Past, Present and Future

The Official Poster for Tamil Heritage Month 2023

This official poster for Tamil Heritage Month 2023, released by Tamil Heritage Month Council, celebrates the histories and the accomplishments of Tamils in the field of trade and commerce. From many centuries ago to the present day, Tamils have contributed greatly to the economic growth of the world. The artifacts and sites shown in the poster through drawings and photos are a few significant examples of the growth and achievements of Tamils in our homelands and around the world. The poster illustrates coins used by Tamils many centuries ago, Bank of Tamil Eelam passbook, ports from Kaveripattanam used centuries ago to Port in Chennai being used today. Finally, the statue honouring workers is included to honour all the workers who have contributed to the economic growth worldwide.

info@tamilcivicaaction.com | www.tamilheritagemonth.com

Artwork: Artist Karuna (Centre Image) and Artist Jeeva Poster Design: Acmeprint

**Mayor Steven Del Duca
and Members of Council**
invite you to celebrate

Tamil Heritage Month and Thai Pongal

**Monday, Jan. 16
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Location: Vaughan City Hall
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr., Vaughan

VAUGHAN



Inclusive School and Community Services is hosting A Guardian/Parent Engagement Event

Advocacy and Allyship

YRDSB is hosting a 3 part Information series that looks at how to engage and help build shared solutions. Families will build on knowledge about discrimination, racism, bias, stereotypes and how to advocate and become an ally.

1. Understanding and Challenging our Bias

Learn how to understand and challenge our biases. Challenge our Comfort Zones in order to change and grow in a positive direction. Connect with other parents and caregivers and share our ideas and experiences.

Presented by: Shafiq Aziz from Harmony Movement

When: January 31st 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

2. Recognizing and Responding to Hate

Learn how to recognize and respond to hate and discrimination, through looking at data, talking through examples and further understanding bias.

Presented by: Shafiq Aziz from Harmony Movement

When: February 22nd 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

3. Becoming an Ally

Learn how to become an ally through engaging and listening to lived experiences of discrimination and hate.

Presented by: Soha Mohammad from Working Women

When: March 22nd 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Registration at <http://bit.ly/3VZpttx>

Registration closes: January 27th, 2023

Please reach out to Harpinder Kaur or Kenzie Wass if you have any questions

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COUNCIL
OF CANADIAN
MUSLIMS
Your Voice. Your Future.

CONSEIL
NATIONAL
DES MUSULMANS
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](#)



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](#)



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 virtually 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

February 1, 2023 | 6:30-8:00 pm

Register here on our [Google Form](#)

Registration deadline: January 26, 2023

Link to join will be provided via email
after registration

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

A SEAS Networking Event



Happy New Year everyone! We are delighted to invite you to our second networking event for this year. Please join us for an opportunity to meet, greet, and network with our team and each other as we welcome the New Year.

This session will involve discussions around pedagogy and practice to support, and advocate for East Asian students and families. Hope to see you there!

When: Wednesday, January 18th, 2023

**Where: Du Hsiao Yueh (Warden Ave & Steeles Ave)
7040 Warden Ave, Markham, ON L3R 5Y3**

Time: 4:45pm - 6:15pm

Please register with this [Google Form](https://bit.ly/3WUA3mK) by Tuesday, January 17, 2023 <https://bit.ly/3WUA3mK>

For additional inquiries, please contact: bronson.chu@yrdsb.ca or alicewan-ling.chu@yrdsb.ca

Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) is a group of educators and supporters who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students, families, educators, community members and partners are also a focus of our work.



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)

Meet the Author STEPHANIE LECCE

Jan 14th, 2023



SEE YOU ON... SAT, JAN 14TH, 2023 AT 1 PM
Civic Centre Resource Library!



info@notsosmallsuperhero.com
teachingwithtatts

A children's book that inspires future world changers to realize that age is not a barrier when it comes to making a difference.



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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.

On the Horizon....

January

16 - Junior Boys Volleyball Tournament (off-site)

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18 - WINTER CONCERT

19 - Grade 5 Trip to Ripley's Aquarium

20 - PA Day

22 - Lunar New Year

23 - Woodbridge College visits Grade 8s - Course Selection

26 - School Council Meeting 7 p.m.



Wishing all of our families a happy weekend!

Eugenia Korinis

Principal

Omari White

Vice-Principal