



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

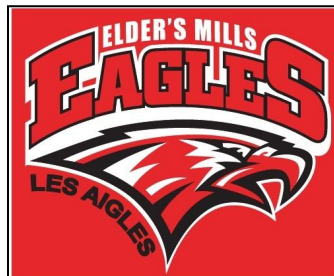
### EMPS Winter Concert -THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all of our families, staff and students who supported our Winter Concert event! We are very proud of our students and the level of excellence, character, talent and commitment they demonstrated. This is a reflection on the wonderful, caring and supportive community of families and caregivers that surround us. This fundraiser generated over \$2400.00 in support for our music program enhancements! Merci Beaucoup!



### Volleyball @ EMPS!

Congratulations to our Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams! Both teams competed in Area tournaments earlier this week. Our boys placed third and our girls placed seventh. They represent their Eagle Spirit well. We can't wait to see their growth next year!



## Week 18- Friday, January 20, 2023


### What else is happening at EMPS?

Our students keep very busy at lunch and recess and during class time, of course! We have many extra-curricular activities ongoing at various times throughout the week. Here is a glimpse of what's on, shared in our Announcements this week:

| Extra-Curricular Activities- January |   |  |  |   |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
|                                      | Day 1   | Day 2  | Day 3  | Day 4   | Day 5  |
| <b>Recess</b>                        | Equity Club - Room 207 with Mr. Kouri<br><br>Dance Club- Grade 4's- library | -Equity Club - Room 207 with Mr. Kouri<br>-GSA for Grade 6-8<br>- Library with Mme Hill (starts at 10:25am - bring your snack) | Primary French reading club room Rm 122 - Gr 3/4<br><br>- Intermediate Girls Basketball practice 10:25-10:55 | Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball 10:25 - 10:55<br><br>- Intermediate Boys Basketball practice 10:25-10:55 | Intermediate Girls Basketball practice 10:25-10:55 |
| <b>Lunch recess</b>                  |   | - Eco club will begin on Jan 25th.<br><br>Wanna do some drama? Come in Room 129@ 12:55pm                                       | - Intermediate Boys Basketball practice 10:25-10:55  | -Arts Club - Nosib Room 129- Gr. 2-5<br><br>-Newspaper Club Library 12:55 - 1:35                          | Intermediate Boys Basketball practice 12:55-1:35pm |


Hey EMPS!  
Do you know what the **Forest of Reading Program** is?


The Forest of Reading is Canada's largest reading program! It helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators. More than 270,000 readers participate each year!



The Forest of Reading team is excited to invite all **Grades 4 to 8 students** to participate in the **Forest of Reading Book Club**! In the club, you will have the opportunity to read different books, participate in activities and discussions about them, vote for your favourite book in April, and most importantly **HAVE FUN!**


**If you are interested in joining the Forest of Reading Book Club, please sign up in the library.**





### Glee Club

Day 1  
Music Room  
Mrs. Bassett and Mrs. Fancy

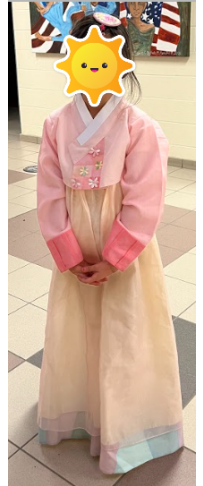


Do you love to sing and perform?  
Are you in Grade 7 or 8? Come to the music room Day 1 (this Wednesday) to sign up!

### Lunar New Year - January 22nd

Lunar New Year is a significant and meaningful cultural celebration for many people of East and Southeast Asian heritage including Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Indonesian communities, to name a few. It is celebrated across the Asia-Pacific and diaspora communities around the world. This holiday commemorates the first day of the Lunar Calendar. The date is determined by the appearance of the moon and usually takes place between late January to early February.

For some, this occasion has religious significance as well. Lunar New Year is celebrated where families come together, enjoy traditional foods and activities. Many countries also have their own unique ways of celebrating the event. These could include families coming together to spend time with one another, sharing of traditional meals, and engaging in traditional activities such as cleaning the house and performing ceremonial ritual to elders and ancestors. For example, in many Chinese communities, customs may include: cleaning houses, paying off debts, settling old arguments, and other means of making a "fresh start." In the Korean community, the ceremonial ritual of seh-bae (deep bow) is performed to the elders and ancestors. Families share the traditional meal of rice cake and dumpling soup and play traditional games such as yut-nori.



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### January 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day

This date was designated by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in November 2005. The day reaffirms "that the Holocaust, which resulted in the murder of one third of the Jewish people along with countless members of other minorities, will forever be a warning to all people of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism and prejudice" (UN General Assembly A/60/L.12). This day serves as an international memorial day for the victims of the Nazi Holocaust, which saw the murder of 6 million Jews, 250,000 to 500,000 Roma people, 200,000 to 250,000 persons with disabilities, and 15,000 people who were LGBTQ+. January 27 marks the date when the Nazi concentration and extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated by Soviet troops in 1945.



School  
Council

### Please join us for our School Council Meetings!

Our meetings are hosted in the library from 7:00 p.m. 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, February 16th, May 4**



Upcoming School Council events - SAVE the DATE!!!

**NEW DATE FOR THE Winter Fair**

**Thursday, March 9th, 2023**

Stay tuned for details!

In the Community:

**Indigenous Action Committee Presents:**



CENTRAL COUNTIES  
TOURISM



**BEADED HIDE EARRING  
WORKSHOP**

January 28th 2023 1pm-4pm  
Elgin Barrow Arena 2nd Floor  
43 Church Street South  
Richmond Hill, ON



Join us for an afternoon of beading hide earrings as shown  
ongside your fellow indigenous community members. Lunch  
will be served along with coffee, tea and refreshments.  
Message us on facebook to register or email us at  
[info@indigenouactioncommittee.com](mailto:info@indigenouactioncommittee.com)  
Space is limited.  
[www.indigenouactioncommittee.com](http://www.indigenouactioncommittee.com)

**Indigenous Action Committee Presents:**



CENTRAL COUNTIES  
TOURISM



**COMMUNITY  
PAINT DAY**

SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH 2023  
4pm-6pm  
Elgin Barrow Arena 2nd floor  
43 Church Street South  
Richmond Hill, ON



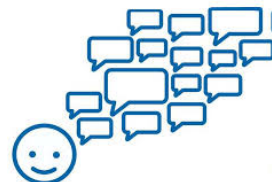
Come out and enjoy an afternoon of community and guided painting! Registration is  
required to attend this FREE workshop, so be sure to message us on Facebook or  
email [info@indigenouactioncommittee.com](mailto:info@indigenouactioncommittee.com) to REGISTER! Spots are limited!  
Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served!  
We look forward to having you with us!  
[www.indigenouactioncommittee.com](http://www.indigenouactioncommittee.com)

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**Let's Talk Day 2023**

In acknowledgement of "Let's Talk" day on Wednesday January 25, 2023, the Mental Health Team has gathered resources that can support child and youth mental health. Let's Talk and reduce the stigma by promoting awareness and understanding!

[Let's Talk Day Resources for families here](#)



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**Renewed Computer Technology:**

Dear parents/guardians,

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at YRDSB and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards\*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

| Family size | Annual income* |
|-------------|----------------|
| 2 people    | \$30,286       |
| 3 people    | \$37,234       |
| 4 people    | \$45,206       |
| 5 people    | \$51,272       |
| 6 people    | \$57,286       |
| 7 people +  | \$64,381       |

This year, there are different packages available for purchase. Please reference the [online application page](#) for the current available package offerings. Please note that there are three options for delivery.

1. If you would like for the computer to be delivered directly to your home, there is a \$40 charge for laptops and a \$50 charge for desktops. Families who choose this delivery option will have their order shipped when it is ready, roughly 3 weeks from date of order.
2. If you would like the device shipped to your child's school there is a \$20 delivery charge. If you choose this shipping option, the computer will be delivered to your child's school **after** the end of the promotion period. Please indicate the name of the school on the form when selecting this option.
3. You may choose to pick up the computer from the RCT Mississauga Warehouse, for free, located at **945 Meyerside Drive, Mississauga**. Families who choose this option will have their order ready for pick up roughly 3 weeks after the date of order.

Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household. Please see below for a full list of device specifications.

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If you are interested in applying, please complete an online application at <https://www.jotform.com/210054491659255> using the group code on the attached program flyer. The application period is from January 19, 2023 – March 10, 2023 with delivery to schools taking place prior to the end of the school year.

Please note - There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

- Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income
- Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, please contact the administration team at your school for assistance.

For inquiries related to the RCT application process, devices and delivery, please contact Alexander Oliver ([Aoliver@rcto.ca](mailto:Aoliver@rcto.ca)) and for inquiries related to support from YRDSB, please contact Yvonne Kelly ([yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca](mailto:yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca))

For more information, including complete application and payment instructions, please refer to the attached program flyer and checklist.



### Inclusive School and Community Services

#### Online Workshop to Learn More about Federal Benefits and Tax Credits

**Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is hosting an interactive online webinar for modest income households. The CRA will share information on:

- Canada Child Benefit (CCB)
- GST/HST Credit
- Canada Workers Benefit (CWB)
- One-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit and Canada Dental Benefit (new)
- Ways to do your taxes, free tax help, and other CRA services
- Importance of keeping your information up to date with the CRA

**You will get a chance to ask your questions and we will be providing responses.**

**Duration:** 45 minutes

[Register Now](#)

**If you have any additional questions please contact:**

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Community and Partnership Developer,  
Inclusive School and Community Services  
[yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca](mailto:yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca)  
(905) 895-5155 ext.5124

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[Register Here](#)



## THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

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.

**January 24, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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

**[Register](#) Today!**

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

- creating a positive learning environment,
- using assertive discipline,
- having realistic expectations,
- taking care of yourself as a parent, and
- available resources and supports in the community.

**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:**

**Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB**

[Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca)

[Register Here](#)



## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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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## 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](https://bit.ly/3FJ04OD)



For further information contact Inclusive School and Community Services at [iscs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:iscs@yrdsb.ca)

[REGISTRATION FORM CLICK HERE](#)

**MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE**

**Bus loop Reminders:**

There is NO ENTRY in our bus loop in the morning between 8:20 - 8:55 and in the afternoon between 3:00 - 3:45 and at no time when a school bus is present. If you are driving your child to school, please use the Kiss n Ride through the school parking lot off Rota Cres. We appreciate your cooperation.



**Kiss n Ride Reminders:**

Please DO NOT leave your vehicle unattended in the Kiss n Ride zone. Please pull all the way up to the end of the sidewalk and wait. Ensure your child enters and exits the vehicle from the passenger side.



Please do not stop at the top of the entrance to the parking lot. The traffic cones are placed there as a visual reminder. Vehicles stopped here reduce the entry to one lane and makes exiting the lot difficult, causing a backlog.

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**On the Horizon....**

**January**

**22 - Lunar New Year**

**23 - Woodbridge College visits Grade 8s - Course Selection**

**26 - School Council Meeting 7 p.m.**

**27 - International Holocaust Remembrance Day**

**30 - Forest of Reading Begins**

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Wishing all of our families a happy weekend! To our families celebrating Lunar New Year, we wish you joyous festivities!

*Eugenia Korinis*

Principal

*Omari White*

Vice-Principal