



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

Thank you Elder's Mills Families!

The November Scholastic Book Fair was a phenomenal success! The school used funds raised to purchase books to add to our circulation for students, for teacher's classroom use. We also purchased items for our STEM and robotics programs and clubs.



Masterclass in Music

This week our Trumpet and Tenor Saxophone players had a master class led by a former EMPS student. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn from former Eagles and hone their craft on their instruments. Way to go Eagles!



Thursday HERO Burgers are back!

Due to popular demand, lunch on Thursdays provided by HERO Burgers will return. This lunch program will take effect every Thursday beginning February 8 and will end March 28.

Options include:

- Hero Burger (4oz)
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich (3.9oz)
- Plant-based Soul Burger(4oz) Vegan-friendly, made from pea protein
- Chicken Strips (6 pieces)



All proceeds will go towards school initiatives.

PAYMENT DEADLINE is February 4. Please go to [School Cash Online](#) for more details and to place your order.

School Spirit Wear

Students, Families & Friends have an opportunity to soar with their fellow Eagles!!! Spirit Wear such as hoodies, t-shirts, sweatpants and caps continue to be available and on sale at the link below. Merchandise ordered will be delivered to the school every 3 weeks. All proceeds will fund school enhancements and programs.

Shop online by following this link: [EMPS Spirit Wear Store](#)



Lunar New Year - February 10

Lunar New Year is a significant and meaningful cultural celebration for many people of East and Southeast Asian heritage including but not limited to Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Indonesian communities. 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. The official names of the new year may differ depending on



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the country, such as Tết Nguyên Đán in Vietnam or Tahun Baru Cina in Malaysia. For some, this occasion has religious significance as well.

Lunar New Year, also referred to as the Spring Festival to some, is celebrated where families and communities come together, and enjoy traditional foods and activities. Many cultures also have their own unique ways of celebrating the event. These could include families and individuals 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 rituals 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.

Celebrating @ EMPS!

We have much to celebrate at Elder's Mills. We are a community of families, students and staff of diverse identities and we are reaching out to you to share the celebrations, traditions and stories, past and present, that are part of the Elder's Mills identities. As we look forward to February, families are invited to share artifacts and resources for Lunar New Year and Black Heritage/Black Excellence. Please email elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca to indicate your interest.

February is Black History Month

Celebration of Black History Month has been a part of Canadian society since the 1950s. Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman declared February as Black History Month in Ontario in 1993, and in 1995, the Honorable Jean Augustine made the same declaration in the House of Parliament in Ottawa. These declarations set the stage for acknowledging the contributions of Black people of African Heritage to the cultural, economic, political and social fabric of Canada dating back to the early 1600s. They have also increased our awareness that people of African and Caribbean Heritage are an integral part of Canadian history.



During the month of February, we deliberately reflect upon the legacy of African history in all its diversity, and we join all Canadians in celebrating Black History Month. During this month we are able to appreciate the significance of African people in world history by centering people of African, Caribbean, and Canadian heritage, famous and not so famous, who have influenced the nation and the world through their ideas, words and actions.



York Region District School Board UBUNTU HEALING CIRCLE Winter/Spring 2024



A virtual healing circle for Black identified students across YRDSB to join together in an inclusive affinity space, focused on supporting emotional well-being. This space is one that has been created to promote healing, wellness and resilience for Black identified students.

The group will be facilitated by members of the School Social Work Team. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend and participation will occur virtually.

Grades Served: Grade 7 to Grade 12 students from schools across YRDSB

Modality: Virtual offering

Language of Service: Services will be offered in English.

Total sessions: 8 sessions

Date: Wednesday, February 28th, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Weekly)

For more information, or to sign up: Please ask your Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, SERT, Student Success Teacher, Principal, or Vice Principal to contact either: Melanie Beckford, RSW or Tracy Thomas-Elleston, RSW at the following email address: communitycareteam@yrdsb.ca



Meetings:

Thank you for coming to our School Council meeting this past Monday. If you are unable to join a meeting and would like to know the topics discussed, the meeting presentations are posted on the [School Council pages of the Elder's Mills website](#). Our next School Council meeting is Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.



SAVE THE DATE!
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

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.

EMPS 'USED BOOKS SALE'

Cleaning out closets? Olds books and toys?

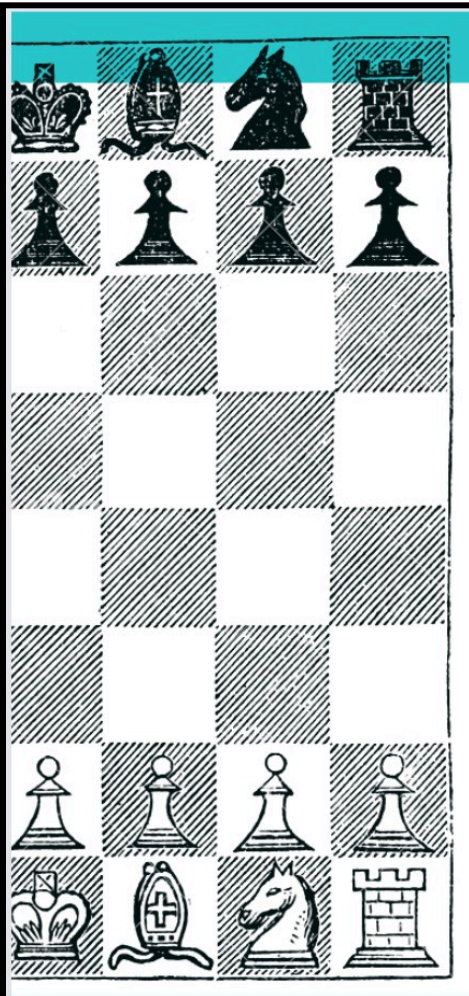
Don't donate your used books just yet! Please hold on to them a little bit longer. Elder's Mills will be hosting a donation drive and sale with your used or new unused books. This is a great opportunity to pass on some wonderful french books, puzzles and games that your kids may have outgrown as well as any other books that can be enjoyed by other. .

Stay tuned for details regarding when and where to drop off books and how you may support the collection.

Family Fun Night - Thursday, February 22nd!

See the flyer below for more details!

- Join us on Thursday February 22nd and learn how to play chess from a Master teacher.
- Join us for some crafting and games!
- Please bring items for our Food Bank collection.



CHESS

6:00-6:30PM BEGINNER LESSON

6:30-7:00 INTERMEDIATE
LESSON

7:00-7:30 ADVANCED LESSON

GAME PLAY THROUGHOUT
ATTEND ALL THE LESSONS OR
NONE OF THE LESSONS!

IF YOU HAVE A CHESS SET THAT YOU
COULD BRING WITH YOU PLEASE DO



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FAMILIES AND STAFF ARE WELCOME

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:00-8:00 PM

WE WILL BE COLLECTING NON PERISHABLE
FOODS, DIAPERS, WIPES, AND FORMULA FOR
THE VAUGHAN FOOD BANK.

WE ARE ALSO BEGINNING TO COLLECT FOR
OUR USED BOOKS SALE.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

CRAFTS & GAMES

COME AND ENJOY CRAFTS AND GAMES
AVAILABLE FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS AND
INTERESTS.

IN THE GYM

THIS IS A FREE FAMILY EVENT. PLEASE
SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN.
SNACKS AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE.
ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS THE SCHOOL
FUNDRAISING PLAN.

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FUNDRAISING

SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!

Elder Mills PS (Vaughan)

Buy Mabel's Labels waterproof, durable labels to help reduce classroom mix-ups and keep your items coming home!



Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for

Elder Mills PS (Vaughan)

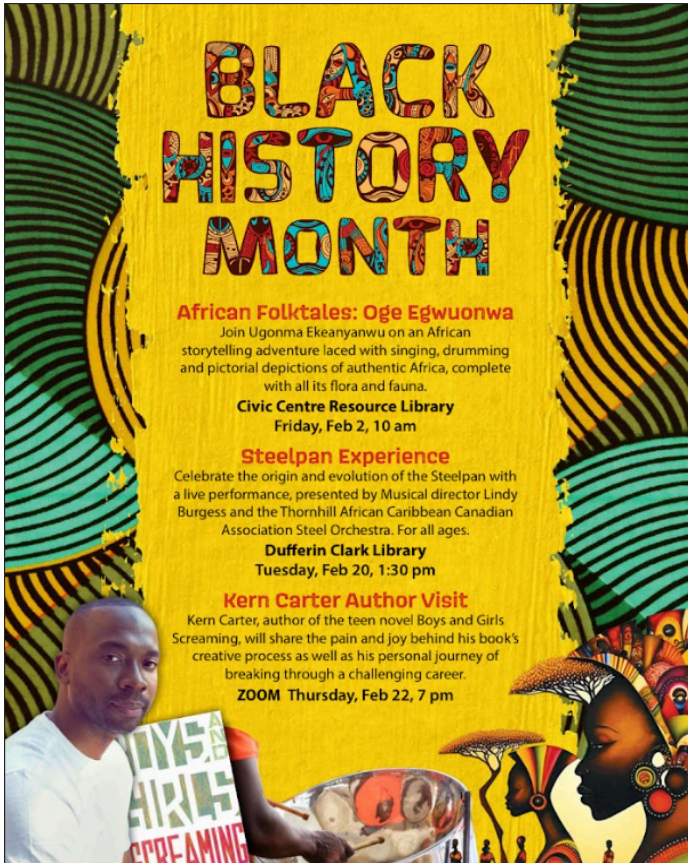
In the Community

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

African Folktales: Oge Egwuonwa
Join Ugonma Ekeanyanwu on an African storytelling adventure laced with singing, drumming and pictorial depictions of authentic Africa, complete with all its flora and fauna.
Civic Centre Resource Library
Friday, Feb 2, 10 am

Steelman Experience
Celebrate the origin and evolution of the Steelman with a live performance, presented by Musical director Lindy Burgess and the Thornhill African Caribbean Canadian Association Steel Orchestra. For all ages.
Dufferin Clark Library
Tuesday, Feb 20, 1:30 pm

Kern Carter Author Visit
Kern Carter, author of the teen novel Boys and Girls Screaming, will share the pain and joy behind his book's creative process as well as his personal journey of breaking through a challenging career.
ZOOM Thursday, Feb 22, 7 pm



Passport to Vaughan Presents...

Lunar New Year Food

Explore the rich traditions of Lunar New Year celebrations! Delve into the significance of festival foods and learn how to make spring rolls and mochi. All are welcome. Registration is \$7.
VMC Library
Saturday, Jan 20 | 10 am
Register on Eventbrite

Celebrate Lunar New Year with Paper-Cutting Arts

Join the Lunar New Year celebration with activities: singing songs, telling stories, and learning traditional paper cutting arts for holiday decoration.
BCRL Saturday, Jan 20 | 2 pm
PL Saturday, Jan 27 | 10:30 am
PBRL Saturday, Feb 3 | 10 am



MARCH BREAK CAMP MARKHAM

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FRANKLIN STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL
21 FRANKLIN ST, MARKHAM, ON L3P 2S7

DATES: MARCH 11-15, 2024
TIME: 9 AM - 4 PM
AGE: 5-12 YEAR OLDS

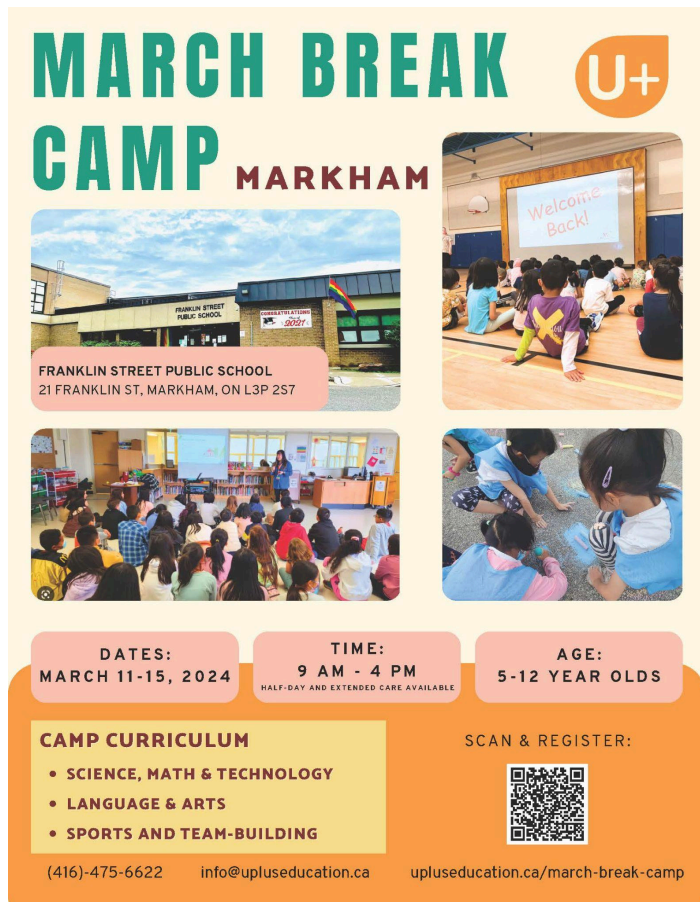
CAMP CURRICULUM

- SCIENCE, MATH & TECHNOLOGY
- LANGUAGE & ARTS
- SPORTS AND TEAM-BUILDING

SCAN & REGISTER:



(416)-475-6622 info@upluseducation.ca upluseducation.ca/march-break-camp



Big Brothers Big Sisters OF PEEL YORK

YOU'RE INVITED!

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF PEEL YORK IS RUNNING TWO SEPARATE GROUP PROGRAMS THIS WINTER THAT WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY (ZOOM) IN THE EVENING!

VIRTUAL GO GIRLS! (AGES 10-14) AND VIRTUAL LITTLE GO GIRLS! (AGES 7, 8 AND 9) ARE FREE GROUP MENTORING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO CONNECT AND EMPOWER KIDS AND YOUTH OF VARYING AGES AND LIFE STAGES.

EACH PROGRAM IS FACILITATED VIA ZOOM BY TRAINED VOLUNTEER MENTORS WHO ARE AGED 18+ AND FEMALE-IDENTIFIED. PARTICIPANTS ARE PROVIDED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN FUN AND INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIVITIES FROM THE COMFORT OF THEIR HOME. EACH PROGRAM PROMOTES PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, BALANCED EATING, SELF-CONFIDENCE AND STRESS MANAGEMENT. THEY ARE DELIVERED ONCE EACH WEEK DURING THE EVENING VIA ZOOM FOR 6 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS).

VIRTUAL LITTLE GO GIRLS!

FOR GIRLS AGED 7-9

- SESSION 1: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 2: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 3: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 4: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 5: WEDNESDAY MARCH 6 6:00-7:00PM
- MARCH BREAK (NO SESSION)
- SESSION 6: WEDNESDAY MARCH 20 6:00-7:00PM

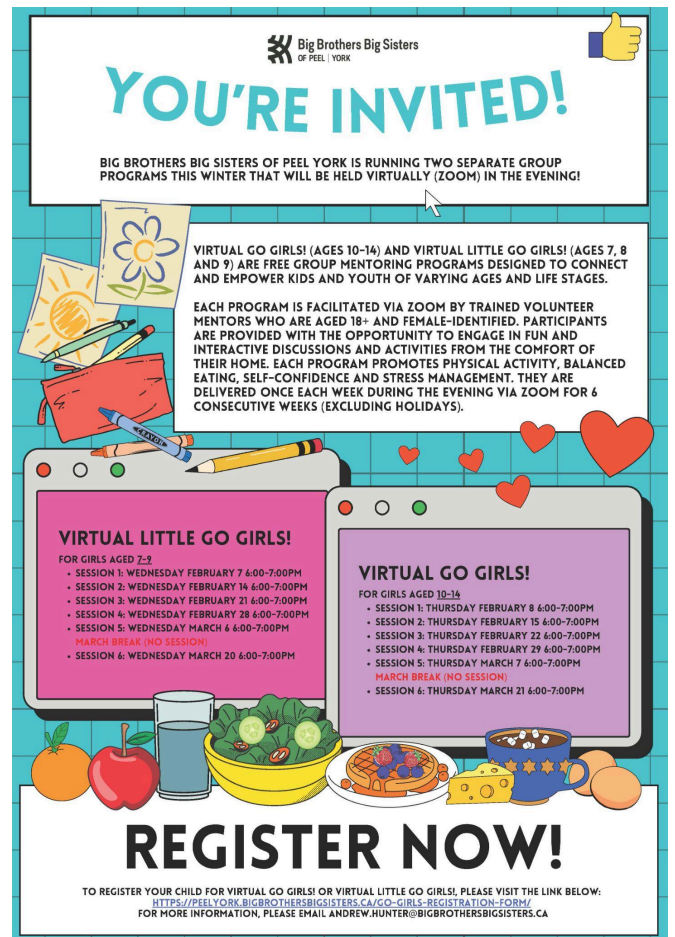
VIRTUAL GO GIRLS!


FOR GIRLS AGED 10-14


- SESSION 1: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 2: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 3: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 4: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 5: THURSDAY MARCH 7 6:00-7:00PM
- MARCH BREAK (NO SESSION)
- SESSION 6: THURSDAY MARCH 21 6:00-7:00PM

REGISTER NOW!

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR VIRTUAL GO GIRLS! OR VIRTUAL LITTLE GO GIRLS!, PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW: [HTTPS://PEEL.YORKBIGBROTHERSBIGSISTERS.CA/GO-GIRLS-REGISTRATION-FORM/](https://peel.yorkbigbrothersbigsisters.ca/go-girls-registration-form/) FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL ANDREW.HUNTER@BIGBROTHERSBIGSISTERS.CA






Robotics Club 

Calling all young innovators in grades 4–8! Dive into the exciting world of robotics featuring Vex IQ Robots in this four-week program. Build, pilot, code, and compete with friends.

CCRL Thursdays, Feb 1–22, 6:30 pm

Sphero Boot Camp 

Have you tried coding a robot? Adults can design an obstacle course for Sphero robots and code their way through it. No experience required!

BCRL Sunday, Jan 21, 2 pm

STEAM Careers

Professionals in STEAM-related fields will join us to talk about their careers and answer your questions. For grades 4–9.


PBRL Wednesday, Feb 28, 6:30 pm
Topic | Aviation Industry


STEAM Club


Drop in and have fun exploring new STEAM topics with guided, hands-on activities about science, technology, engineering, art, and math. For grades 3–8.

AN Tuesdays, Feb 6 & 20, 7 pm
BCRL Tuesdays, Jan 23, Feb 6 & 20, 7 pm
Tuesdays, Jan 30, Feb 13 & 27, 2 pm
MA Wednesdays, Jan 24, Feb 7 & 21, 7pm
PL Thursdays, Jan 11, 25, Feb 8 & 22, 7 pm
VMC Tuesdays, Jan 9 & Feb 13, 5 pm

AN Ansley Grove Library | **BCRL** Bathurst Clark Resource Library
CCRL Civic Centre Resource Library | **FEBC** Father E. Bullon Community Centre
KL Klienburg Library | **MA** Maple Library
PBRL Pierre Berton Resource Library | **PL** Pleasant Ridge Library

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com





ACE ACADEMY FLIGHT EXPERIENCE

A BILINGUAL EXHIBITION

Ace Academy is a digital interactive exhibition space where players enter an immersive environment and activate the intuitive experience by simply moving their bodies. Authentic aircraft imagery takes centre stage as players fly a realistic rendering of the Canada Aviation and Space Museum's Sopwith Ship Camel biplane.

Pierre Berton Resource Library
JANUARY 17 TO MARCH 13

Accompanying programs:
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Renewed Computer Technology Program:

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.

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.

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The application period is from February 1, 2024 – March 15, 2024 with delivery to schools taking place in April.

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) and for inquiries related to support from YRDSB, please contact Yvonne Kelly (yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca)

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

Do you need a computer?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can apply for this program if you are:


- A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.
- Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.
- We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

For more information, please contact:

Alexander Oliver
RCT Community Engagement Lead
Aoliver@rcto.ca


All systems include our **STANDARD 1 YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY**
*batteries not covered by warranty

We have Desktop Packages from \$75.00 to \$160.00.
Plus \$50.00 to ship the computer to your home.





You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse

We have Laptop Packages from \$140.00 to \$275.00.
Plus \$40.00 to ship the computer to your home.




You get - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

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Application Check-List



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can begin to apply for a computer on: September 21st, 2023
Application deadline: November 23rd, 2023

Group Name: YRDSB | **Group Code:** G-YRDSB23

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A
Group Name: YRDSB
Group Code: G-YRDSB23
Name of School: *Please enter the name of the student's school*

Section B
This section does not apply to you.

Section C
I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 Shipping fee)
OR
I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$40.00 shipping fee)
OR
I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$50.00 shipping fee)
OR
I am part of the York Region District School Board Group order (\$20.00)

Section D
Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)



- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career

Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology
The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

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Lunch Assistant Needed

If you or anyone you know would like to be a PAID Lunch Assistant please contact the office. We are seeking people to supervise students while they are eating lunch and then playing outside at recess. The commitment is one hour per day.

Lunch Assistants play a very important role in our school. Please email the school at elders.mills.ps.@yrdsb.ca if you are interested.



Reminder re: medication and medical needs:

Please update the office regarding your child's medical condition or needs. For example, medication, allergies, asthma. It is important that the office has the most recent information and medication on hand to support your child. Please call or email the school with any updates as soon as you become aware of them. Thank you.



On the Horizon....

- February**
- Character Trait: Initiative**
- Black History/African Heritage Month**
- 7 Intermediate Speech Competition
- 10 Lunar New Year
- 15 Grade 8 Graduation Photos
- 19 Family Day
- 20 Jeff A.D. Martin @ EMPS
- 22 Family Fun Night @ EMPS
- 26 Scientists in the School
- 27 Scientists in the School
- 28 Pink Shirt Day
- 28 York Region Skills Competition
- 29 School Council meeting

Jeff A.D. Martin, Motivational Speaker, Author, Coach is coming to Elder's Mills on February 20th, 2024!



Wishing you a happy weekend!

Eugenia Korinis

Principal

Ayesha Mondal

Vice-Principal