



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity
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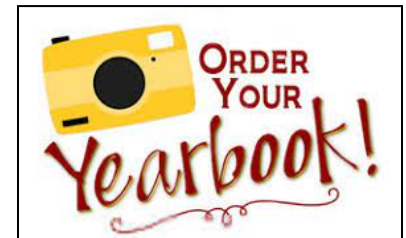


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What's Happening at EMPS!

Yearbook on sale now!

We have opened up [School Cash online](#) for families who wish to purchase a yearbook. The cost per yearbook is \$30.00. Delivery is expected mid-June. Place your order by April 30th, 2024.



Pink Shirt Day!

Wednesday February 28, 2024 is [PINK SHIRT DAY](#).

"Now a movement celebrated across the globe, Pink Shirt Day has humble beginnings. Inspired by an act of kindness in small-town Nova Scotia, Here is a snippet of an article detailing the original incident:



"David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.' So Mr. Shepherd and some others headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out messages to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again." Globe & Mail

[Source](#)

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](#)



Late Arrivals - Please note!

Attendance and Safe Arrival:

Parents may inform the school office of their child's absence in three Consistent, punctual attendance is very important. Learning occurs daily, right from the beginning of the school day. Frequent, repeated late arrivals and absences result in missed learning for students, disruptions to the routine of the classroom and missed opportunities to develop

socially. A high volume of students are arriving late to school (not including late buses). Attendance impacts your child's learning in several ways. We request your support in getting your child to school on time and developing positive habits about school attendance. different ways:



1. Absences can be entered into **Edsby** which is available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time;
2. Send an email to the school attendance email address at: elders.mills.ps.attendance@yrdsb.ca or;
3. Parents may choose to contact the school office at 905-893-1631 between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on the day of absence.

We invite all parents/guardians to create an EDSBY account, as this tool is also used as a form of communication from school and home. If you do not have an EDSBY account, please click on the link below to create your account. [Tip Sheet: Creating an Edsby Account](#) **Term 1 Report Cards:**

Term 1 Report Cards:

You will be receiving Term 1 report cards between February 20 - 22. They will be distributed electronically.

There is new information for families who would like to know more about the revised language curriculum for Grade 1-8 students (English) and Early Reading Screening for year one and two Kindergarten students. You can find this information on the [school board website](#). The information posted on the website is available in multiple languages using the translation tool drop down menu on the top right corner of the webpage. If you have any questions, please contact the school.



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.

Families are invited to share artifacts and resources for Black Heritage/Black Excellence and in looking ahead to March, Ramadan and Naw Ruz. Please email elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca to indicate your interest.



February is Black History Month

Students are invited to share their learning in the classroom with the school. This week's announcements included biographies of Gladys West among others.

Gladys West is an extraordinary mathematician who played a pivotal role in developing the Global Positioning System (GPS) that helps us navigate the world today. Born in 1930, West's childhood was marked by challenges, but her determination led her to excel academically. As an adult, she became one of the few black women hired by the U.S. Naval Surface Warfare Center, where her groundbreaking work involved collecting and analyzing data to create more accurate models of the Earth's shape.



Her contributions to GPS technology were instrumental, earning her recognition and paving the way for future generations of women and minorities in STEM fields.

Celebrating Black History Month / BHM365 Events 2024

* Dates and Events subject to change

Student Events and Family Engagement (please share with your school community)

Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 8, 2024 6pm-8pm	A Discussion for Families of Black Children on Pathway Opportunities for Students and Families. Register Here	Dr.Bette Stephenson Cafeteria
February 27, 2024 7:00-8:00pm.	Anti-Blackness in Schools - Virtual Affinity Session for Black Students, Families and Black Staff with Presenters Dr.Joi Spencer and Dr.Kerri Ullucci Register Here	Online - Register to Receive Link.
February 29, 2024 5:00pm - 6:30pm	Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Students & Families Light refreshments will be served. An in person event. Register - for this In person Experience. Details to be shared upon registration. Register Here	Dr Bette Cafeteria



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

School Council

Meetings:

Our next School Council meeting is Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. 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](#).



SAVE THE DATE!
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

Tickets and Winterbucks will be available on School Cash online next week!

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.

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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)

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.

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

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.

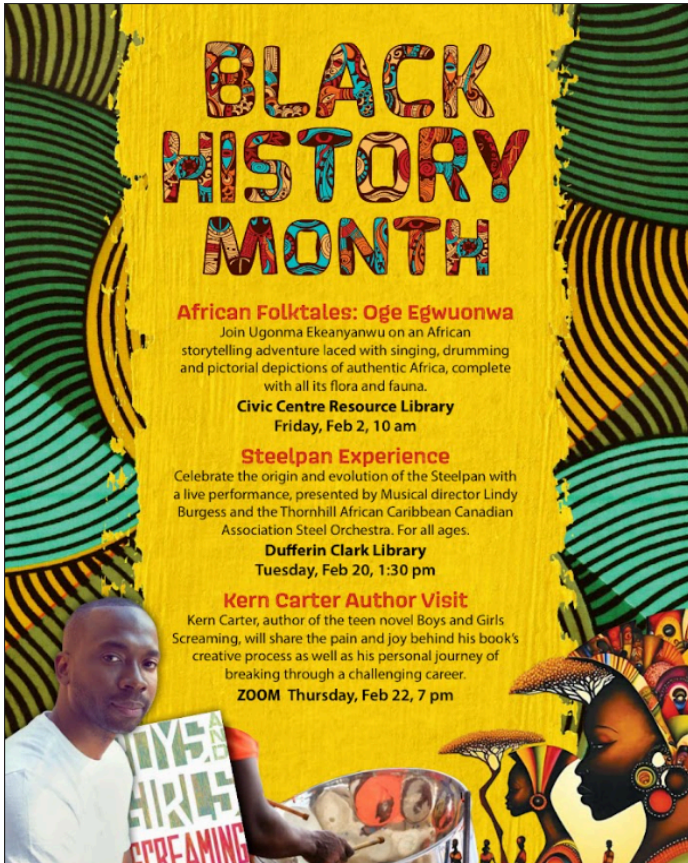
In the Community

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



MARCH BREAK CAMP MARKHAM



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



DATES:
MARCH 11-15, 2024

TIME:
9 AM - 4 PM
HALF-DAY AND EXTENDED CARE AVAILABLE

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

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.

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




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

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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Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca

 **RCT**
Renewed Computer Technology

Application Check-List

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.



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

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



Wishing you a happy weekend!

To our families celebrating Lunar New Year, we wish you a very happy celebration!

Eugenia Korinis

Principal

Ayesha Mondal

Vice-Principal

