



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

Dwayne Morgan @ EMPS!

On Tuesday, February 8th, Dwayne Morgan, spoken-word poet and motivational speaker spent time with our grade 4 - 8 students. He shared inspiring messages with them of love and leadership, and shared his life experiences.



International Day for Women and Girls in STEM!

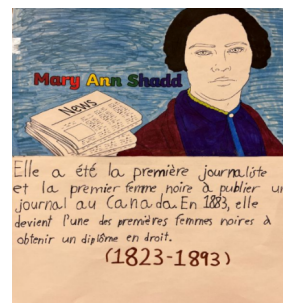
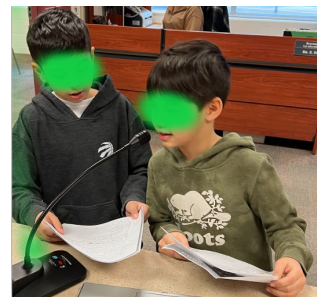
International Day for Women and Girls in Science is meant to create awareness and promote equal access and participation in science for women and girls.

It is a day to celebrate the women and girls who lead innovation in their fields and empower those who hope to do so in the future. Our Grade 5 - 8 classes joined a virtual bilingual presentation on Friday. They heard from a panel of female professionals across a variety of fields in STEM.



Black History Month:

Students from our primary classes sharing their learning with the school over the morning announcements. Our two friends pictured here on the right informed the school about the life and legacy of Mary Schadd.



EMPS Cares for the Global Community:

A group of our students from grades 2 - 5 have reached out with care and compassion to find ways to support the people in Turkiye and Syria who have been devastated by the recent earthquake. They are seeking our community's support and would like our EMPS families to know that they can make donations to the [Canadian Red Cross](#) (website linked). From February 6th to February 22nd, the Government of Canada will match individual donations made.



We know that some of our families may have been affected by this tragic event. For families who would like access to resources and supports during this time, please follow this link: [Ways to Help Students in Response to Global Events](#)

Coming up this week:

F E B R U A R Y	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 5s to Ripley's Aquarium• Grade 7 - 8 Skills Ontario Presentation
	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valentine's Day• Mental Health Workshops - Welcome Jivan Gill RN, BScN Public Health Nurse• Ascending Sisters
	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 6 Scientists in the School
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Valentine's Day

For celebratory activities, consideration is given to alternative ways to celebrate that do not involve sharing items. Valentine's Day can be a fun celebration for most, especially when we put the emphasis on caring, kindness or friendship. This day can be used as a time to reflect on our relationships, our community, building empathy, and ways we can show kindness to others.



For families who choose to participate in traditional Valentine's day activities (e.g. cards), please read the reminders below:

- Items such as Valentine's cards may be distributed by students, however all health and safety protocols, including proper hand hygiene and masking must be followed.
- Please do not include individually packaged treats or gifts with the cards.
- There is no sharing of food as part of celebrations.

Please reach out to your child's teacher should you have any questions.

NEW!!!! STEM resources @ EMPS!



We wish to thank our families for their support during our December Scholastic Book Fair Event. With The funds raised we were able to purchase many new resources for our library and STEM programs. Merci!

What else is happening at EMPS?

Yearbook Cover and Back Cover Design Contest!

Themes of :
*Honnêteté Justice Responsabilité Optimisme Intégrité Persévérance Empathie
Initiative Respect Courage*

Your first name (no last name) and class (eg. John, 7C)

Hand in your design by March 3, 2023.

All entries should be colourful, in French and English
Please check your spelling before completing your good copy!

To hand in: SCAN a CLEAR copy of your front and covers Upload to Google Drive
and share with: Mme Gungadin
Try to scan with a scanner or pdf scanning app to get the best resolution possible

Every Student Counts Survey - Public Survey Consultation

York Region District School Board will be conducting the Every Student Counts Survey with students in Grades K-12 from April 24, 2023 - May 12, 2023. As part of the survey development, we are asking families to review our [draft surveys](#) and provide their feedback.



Student and family feedback is critical to the survey development process and helps to ensure that the survey is an accurate reflection of our school communities. Responses made through the feedback form are voluntary, confidential and anonymous.

The feedback form will be available from February 3, 2023 - February 10, 2023.

To learn more, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/escs

Celebrating Black Excellence in YRDSB:

As a continuation of our Celebrating Black Excellence campaign, YRDSB will be celebrating Black History Month with the Celebrating Black Excellence - Black Voices project.



Celebrating Black Excellence - Black Voices aims to centre and celebrate the Black members of our YRDSB community and share their voices. This Black History Month campaign asks students, staff and families who identify as Black to consider submitting a short video of themselves answering one or more of the following prompts:

- I am proud to be Black because..
- It's important to me that I see my identity affirmed at school/work because...
- What I need at school/work is...
- People need to know that...
- I love myself because...
- I am magic because...
- Do you have a story to tell? Let us know what it is.
- If these prompts don't resonate with you, please feel free to answer a prompt or question of your own making.

These videos will be shared as Reels on the @yrdsb.schools Instagram account throughout the month of February, and may be featured on the Black Excellence webpage or in a YRDSB video.

Submissions from students and staff can be made through an internal form. If your child is interested in making a submission, please ask them to contact a staff member or principal at their school for details.

Community members who are interested in making a submission can do so through our public submission form which is available on the [Celebrating Black Excellence webpage](#).



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: **March 23rd, May 4th**

Escape Room Night @ EMPS! - Thursday, February 16th, 2023

TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT!!!!

Due to the overwhelming response, our rooms filled up quickly and we had to stop sales at 4:00 p.m. today.. More information will be shared with ticket holders as the day of the event approaches. We are looking forward to a family fun-filled event! Merci!



***Winterfest! Thursday,
March 9th, 2023***

Details regarding events and ticket sales will be shared soon through School Cash Online.

We are looking forward to our class contributions for the GiftBaskets Raffle prizes for this event. . Please look for communication from your child's teacher about the theme for your class' basket. See the flyer below:



**Elder's Mills Public School
Class Themed Gift Baskets**

The Elder's Mills School Council is working with your child's class to build a themed gift basket. The gift baskets will be raffled/auctioned off during the

Elder's Mills WinterFest on March 9th.

All proceeds from the Basket Raffle and the WinterFest will be used to support the school's fundraising plan.

Your child can help by contributing one new item towards creating our classroom gift basket.

No donation is too big or too small.

If it's related to the basket theme it is perfect for the basket!

Please look for communication from your child's homeroom teacher for the chosen class theme.

Be Creative!

All items should be received before Feb 23rd

Thank you very much for your support.

Any questions or if you are interested in volunteering for WinterFest please email elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Celebrating Black History Month Events

* Dates and Events subject to change



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

Date and Time	Event Information
February 24, 2023	Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Student & Families Register Here Virtual or In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration
February 2, 2023	Virtual Storytime For the Family By Sandra Whiting- Open to All Students and Families in K-6 Register Here Virtual or In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration
February 17, 2023	Black Excellence Program Master Class 2 Secondary Self-Identifying Black Students in YRDSB Schools Register Here
February 23, 2023 9:00-2:00p.m.	In Conversation with MARKTD, Dion Walcott and Dr.D'Wayne Edwards at York University for Self-Identifying Black Students Gr. 7 -12 York University Trip- Specific Schools Register Here
February 28, 2023	Black Excellence Program, Elementary- Specific Schools Register Here

Live registration links to the above events are listed below:

[Family Cook out](#)

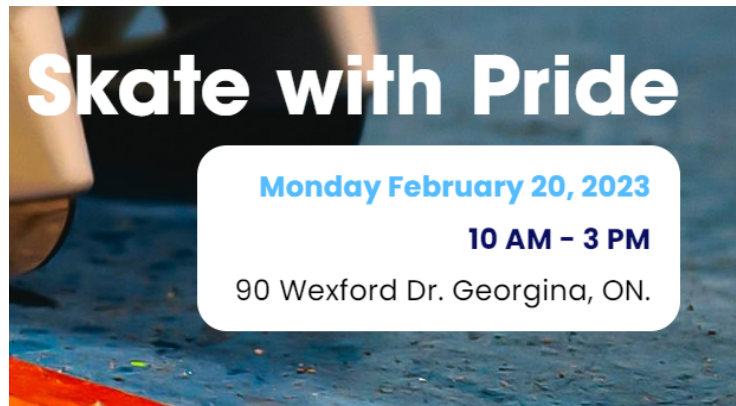
[Black Excellence Program Master Class](#)

[In Conversation with MARKTD](#)

[Black Excellence Program - Elementary](#)

A Family Day Event:

Please see the [York Pride website](#) for more event information. This Family Day event is from 10:00am - 3:00pm at 90 Wexford Dr. Georgina, ON. You can also volunteer for the event on the website under the Get Involved! tab.



NOMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARD



In recognition of BLACK HISTORY MONTH, the Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) is seeking nominees for Community Appreciation Awards. The nominees must be individuals of African/Caribbean heritage who have contributed to our community in his or her field of expertise. The contribution should have brought honour to the City of Markham and is recognizable beyond the community of Markham. Recipients of the Certificate of Appreciation will be recognized by the City of Markham during the Black History celebration event on February 24, 2023 at the Markham Museum.

Submission of nominations is via the [Google form](#).

The deadline for submission of nominations is: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Please email info@macca1987.com with **subject: 2023 BH Award**

Black History Award Committee
Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA)
505 Hood Road, Unit # 5,
Markham, Ontario, L3R 5V6
Phone: 905-946-9998
Email: info@macca1987.com

[Google Form Link here](#)



**Parents of Jewish Learners - York Region
Invites public & private school students &
parents and community members to attend a:
TOWN HALL ON ANTISEMITISM**



Let your voice be heard.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

**Schwartz Reisman Centre
9600 Bathurst St., Maple, ON**

**New
Date**

**Registration
required.**

Scan QR code or go to:
bit.ly/YRantisemitismtownhall

With financial support in part by:

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Events for Families



MUSLIM WOMEN OF VAUGHAN Presents

MWV TUTORING PROGRAM

"Brightening the minds of the future"

FREE TUTORING CLASSES FOR GRADES 1-8

SATURDAYS AND MONDAYS
@ VELLORE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER
TO REGISTER YOUR KIDS,
CONTACT HINA(647-637-6260) OR
E-MAIL
muslimwomenofvaughan@gmail.com

The poster features a colorful border of school supplies like scissors, glue, and pencils. At the bottom, there is an illustration of four children sitting around a table, focused on their schoolwork.



Indigenous Action Committee Presents:

CENTRAL COUNTIES TOURISM

IndigenEd Indigenous Education

Hand Drum Workshop & Drum Circle

3pm-5pm
Sunday February 19, 2023
Elgin Barrow Arena
Eds Room (2nd floor)
43 Church Street South
Richmond Hill, ON

Join us for this exciting and sought after workshop where you will learn traditional and contemporary hand drum songs taught by Drum Carrier, Veronica Johnny of The Johnnys and IndigenEd. Bring your hand drum if you have one, and enjoy gathering alongside your fellow Indigenous community members. No experience is necessary! Refreshments will be served. We truly hope you can join us for what will be an amazing afternoon! Space is limited! Don't wait!

Registration Required:
Please message us on Facebook or Email us at
info@indigenoussactioncommittee.com
www.indigenoussactioncommittee.com

The poster includes a photograph of a hand drum in the center. Logos for Central Counties Tourism and IndigenEd are at the top right.



FAMILY MOVIES

Bring your family and watch fun feature films on the big screen.

Ansley Grove Library
350 Ansley Grove Rd.
Saturday, February 11, 2 - 4 pm

Dufferin Clark Library
1441 Clark Ave. W.
Sunday, February 12, 2 - 4 pm

Woodbridge Library
150 Woodbridge Ave.
Saturday, February 18, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

The poster has a red background with movie-related icons at the top. A large illustration of a movie clapperboard with the word 'FAMILY' is prominent. A bowl of popcorn is shown at the bottom right.



Bilingual Puppet Marionnettes avec Pat

Join us for bilingual
Learn some cool French
telling the funniest stories. FOR JK TO Grade 4.

Pat le chat
pat visite la bibliothèque

Sat. Feb. 11 | 11 am

Bathurst Clark Resource Library | 900 Clark Ave. W.

A red prohibition sign over a yellow van is in the top right corner. The poster features a cartoon cat reading a book in front of a library shelf.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Busing:

Please ensure your child is on the correct bus route at all times. Students who are eligible for busing to and from school are only allowed to ride their bus route. We have encountered situations where families are telling their children to go on buses that are not their assigned route (e.g. to go home with a friend or to another caregiver). This is not permitted. We appreciate your attention to this.

On the Horizon....

February:

20 - Family Day - School Closed
21 - Women in STEM presentation
22 - Pink Shirt Day
22 - Intermediate Boys Basketball
22, 27 Mental Health Awareness Workshops - Grades 7 - 8
23 - Class Gift Basket Contributions Due

March:

1 - Skills Challenge Competition
9 - Winterfest
13 - 17 March Break
22 World Water Day Eco Fair @ EMPS

Wishing all of our families a happy weekend!

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

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Vice-Principal