

Week 22 - Friday, February 14, 2025



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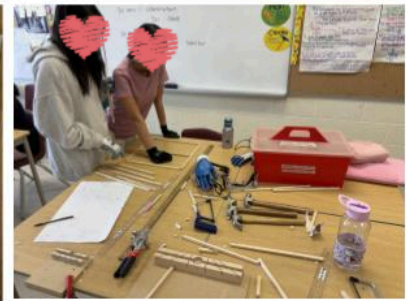
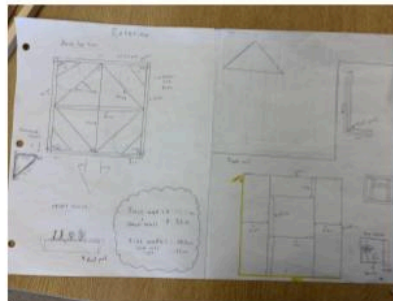


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What's happening @ Elder's Mills!

York Region Skills Challenge:

Grade 7 & 8 Teams are preparing for this event, spending recess and lunch refining their skills and their timing. We will be sending a group of teams to compete in various challenges, including Public Speaking and Technology. Way to go Eagles!



Notes from the Office

Families planning to move or students not returning in September

As we begin our planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year. Thank you for your support.



Visitor entry to school:

Parents/guardians, caregivers, and volunteers are welcome at Elder's Mills PS.

Please be reminded of the school and Board safety protocols when you arrive; you are visitors to the school.

Visitors must enter the building only from the main entrance at the front of the school. This is expected at any time before, during and after school.

Upon arrival, if you need to enter the school building, come to the front entrance and ring the doorbell. A member of the office team will answer the call. They will inquire as to the nature of your visit and provide instructions regarding entry at that time (ie. come to the office, please wait on the bench, or drop lunch off at the lunch table).

Thank you for your attention and adherence to these protocols.

***All Visitors
Must Report
to Main Office***



Yearbook 2024 -2025

The 2024 - 2025 Yearbook is coming together. Mme Wong and a group of Grade 8 students are collaborating to build a book of 64-colour pages filled with milestones, moments and memories for the whole school! Each copy is \$30.00. Yearbook Sales are open now. Please go to [School Cash online](#) for details and to make a purchase. if you'd like to purchase a yearbook.



Yearbook Photos - Consent

Yearbooks chronicle the activities of the school and student body. They are produced for sale (hard copy or digital) to students and the school community. School yearbooks may be placed in the school library in hardcopy or electronic format.



Class photos, photos of your child's participation in school clubs, activities and events, work products by your child, and your child's achievements may be published in the yearbook along with their grade and full name.

Please complete and submit this form if you DO NOT CONSENT to your child's photo and/or name being published in the yearbook. Complete a separate form for each child. Submit by March 31, 2025.

[Student Personal Information Consent Form](#)

NO ENTRY IN BUS LOOP!!!

The first and most important priority for the use of this area is for the arrival and departure of school buses and the disembarking and loading of our students, your children, onto the buses at arrival and dismissal.

This area is also used by emergency vehicles. It must stay clear.

We have observed several vehicles in the morning driving up onto the boulevard at the top of the bus loop to drop off their children. This incident creates a traffic jam as buses are now waiting to get into the loop while the driver attempts to maneuver off the boulevard.

Use the Kiss'n'Ride to drop off students at any time of day.

Use the Kiss'n'Ride to pick up students at any time of day.

Please do not stop on Napa Valley Ave to drop off your child/children.

A reminder that if you arrive to pick up your child between 3:00 - 3:15 p.m., you will be asked to park and wait until 3:15 dismissal time.

We appreciate your cooperation to ensure the safety of our students, your children.

Weather and Recess

All students are expected to go out for every recess, weather permitting. **Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors up to 15 minutes at morning recess and 40 minutes at lunch recess.** Please support conversations with your child at home about wearing their coats, hats, gloves etc... when they go outside. Send them to school with changes of clothes (socks, hats, mitts) and indoor shoes. Thank you.



Playing in the snow is fun and encouraged. It is important that students play safely. Please remind your child that throwing and kicking snow is not permitted. Snowballs are for building snow sculptures and not for throwing. Please do not send your child to school with snow toys such as toboggans/sleds, snowball makers/ for example.

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. Please email the school at elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca if you are interested.



School Spirit Wear

The online store is open. 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:

<https://stores.inksoft.com/eldersmills/shop/home>



Hot Lunches:

The Lunchbox program is live through: <https://www.schoolcashonline.com>. Orders can be placed by Sunday of each week. You may order one week at a time or several weeks all together; there are many options!



Upcoming Events to Watch For:

DATE CHANGE! Next school council meeting will be held April 10th.

If you wish to connect with School Council, please email elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Messages from YRDSB

Report Cards and Family Dashboard

Welcome to the Family Dashboard.

The YRDSB Family Dashboard will give you one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. It is designed to make it easier for you to engage with your child's education. Access the Family Dashboard at family.yrdsb.ca.



Report Cards

Term 1 Report Cards will be available in the Family Dashboard. Parents/guardians will receive an email letting you know when the report card is available for your child and how to access it.

Setting Up Your Account

If you do not have a Family Dashboard account, you can create one at any time by visiting family.yrdsb.ca, clicking on "No account?" and "Create one."

*When creating an account, you must use the email address you have on file at your child's school.

Detailed instructions and frequently asked questions are available at <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/family-dashboard>

Early Reading Screening (ERS): Communication of Results on Report Cards

As per Ministry of Education requirements, all students in Year 2 Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 were screened in Fall 2024. Results of the beginning-of-year screening were shared with families in the fall and will be reflected on your child's Term 1 report card (Kindergarten Communication of Learning or Elementary Provincial Report Card). It is important to keep in mind that the screening only provides one piece of information about your child's language and literacy skills, and that results of the screening are not used to determine your child's grades. Instead, the results provide information to identify the support they need to be on track for reading proficiency.

THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Celebrating Black History Month - February 2025

[Click here for Registration link](#)

Black History Month Celebration

Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner.

Dates: **Monday, February 3, 2025, at Dr. J.M. Denison H.S.**
Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Bill Hogarth S.S.
Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at Alexander Mackenzie H.S.
Thursday, February 27, 2025, at Tommy Douglas S.S.

Time: **6:00–8:00 p.m.**

This event will feature:

- Interactive Performances
- Student Showcases
- Dinner will be provided

Please join us to celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Black Community while creating meaningful connections and memories together. Looking forward to celebrating together!

To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **January 31, 2025**.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to blackstudentexcellence@yrcsb.ca



FEBRUARY
**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



[Black History Month Events at Oak Valley Health Network](#)

Oak Valley Health Network is hosting an art contest for Black History Month, for all students in York and Durham Regions who self-identify as Black. Deadline to submit is February 26, 2025. See website for more information.

Understanding and Navigating the Education System



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THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

**Monday, February 24, 2025
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Welcome and Engagement Exercise
- Presentation on Special Education
- Upcoming Programs and Events
- Question and Answer Session



Please register ASAP.

A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



[Register now.](#)

If you require further information, please contact
BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

Celebrating Black History Month / BHM365 Events 2025		
* 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 3, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. J.M. Denison H.S. February 12, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bill Hogarth S.S. February 19, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Alexander Mackenzie H.S. February 25, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tommy Douglas S.S.	Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner. This event will feature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Performances • Student Showcases • Dinner will be provided Please join us to celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Black Community while creating meaningful connections and memories together. Looking forward to celebrating together! Register Here	In person
Staff Workshops		
Understanding and Navigating the Education System - Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Sessions		
February 24, 2025 Virtually 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools. Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion Activity • Course Selection and Pathway Planning • Upcoming Programs and Events • Question and Answer Session Register Here	Online - Register to Receive link

Parent/caregiver Workshop supporting students of Chinese Heritage

The YRDSB Community Care Social Work has been dedicated to offer this parent/caregiver virtual event to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The session is offered for any parent/guardian of students of Chinese Heritage Parents, caregivers are invited to join this workshop and engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school. Tips on ways that help strengthen family relationships and emotional wellbeing will be shared. This will be a free virtual event.

A Compassionate Approach to Support Your Child's Emotional Well-being

Feb 25th, 2025 at 6:00pm-7:00pm Mandarin Session

[Registration for Mandarin Session](#)

[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan QR code



Feb 25th, 2025 at 7:00pm-8:00pm Cantonese Session

[Registration for Cantonese Session](#)

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Please email charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions or difficulties in accessing the registration link. Thank you

In the Community

[Chinese Arts and Literary Festival - more information linked here](#)

Please share with your community. This festival aims to deepen participants' understanding of Chinese cultural heritage, promote appreciation and respect for cultural diversity, and enhance social harmony. Register by March 5, 2025.



Roots, Rauch and Resilience Group Workshop hosted by Jewish Family and Child Service:

Please share with your community. Join the JF&CS for a 4-week group workshop starting on March 4, 2025. For students in Grades 6-8. Dinner will be served.

[Link to Registration information here](#)





**youth
wellness
hubs**
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YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Youth Wellness Hubs YORK REGION
We are seeking dedicated and enthusiastic youth to join our **Youth Advisory Council!** Members will provide important feedback ensuring youth voices are present in the design of the space, program/event planning, skills wellbeing activities and governance.

Join a Youth-Led Space - WE NEED YOU!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR....

- Passionate individuals between the ages of 12-25 who are eager to make a difference. We encourage all youth from all backgrounds, including those with lived experience, to apply
- **Commitment:**
- Attend monthly virtual meetings (2-3 hours in the evening)
- Engage in discussions and contribute to help shape decisions.
- \$20.00/hr for your time (up to 3 hours a month)



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY
BY FEB 28 2025



Reach out to Nina Singh, Hub Manager
Youth Wellness Hub York Region
nsingh@yorkhills.ca
Tel: 289-380-2662



<https://youthhubs.ca/>



Play Together

When registering a player for our Recreational Program, a parent/guardian may request that their child be placed on a team with another child. Request must be submitted by **May 1, 2025**. More Details: knscc.ca/play-together

Rising Stars

An opportunity for 8-weeks of EXTRA training & development for our U6-U14 Recreational players with CSA certified, professional coaches on Friday nights at Sonoma, June 6-July 25, U6 (2019) @6PM, U8-10 (2015-2018) @7PM and U12-14 (2011-2014) @8PM. **Registered to play Outdoor with us this summer? Save \$50 on Rising Stars!**



Summer Kicks Soccer Camps

JULY 7-11 & JULY 28-AUGUST 1 | U6 - U12 (2013-2019) Boys & Girls
Choose from full-day or half-day and full-week or single-day options. KNSC's camps are led by CSA certified coaches & guest coaches, and combine soccer skills with summer fun! We offer early drop-off and late pick-up too! More Details: knscc.ca/rec-camps

Yearbook Photo Day

Sunday, June 8, 2025
Mark it on your calendar. See you there!



Year-end Festival

Saturday, August 16, 2025

An exciting end to a great summer of soccer: all recreational teams play their last games of the season and pick-up their awards & yearbooks!

Interested in Playing Competitive Soccer?

KNSC offers robust competitive programs for both youth (U8-U18) and Adult (U19+) players looking to play and train at a higher level. Technical skill is required and all players in our Competitive program are required to attend try-outs and be assessed by our Technical Team. Learn More: knscc.ca/competitive



REGISTER
for all KNSC U3-U19+ Recreational
Summer Soccer programs today
knscc.powerupsports.com



QUESTIONS?

Email info@knscc.ca
or call (905) 893-3388

Summer Outdoor Soccer Programs for Children & Youth, U3-U19+

All Active Start (U4-6) & Fundamentals (U8-12)
Teams are led by Canada Soccer certified coaches.

Season runs for 13-weeks:
May 20-August 16, 2025

Early-bird Pricing in effect until March 15, 2025

Spots fill quickly, so don't delay! Register early.



KLEINBURG NOBLETON SOCCER CLUB
Box 358, Kleinburg, ON L0J 4C6
Tel: (905) 893-3388 | Email: info@knscc.ca
To register, visit: knscc.powerupsports.com

Summer Camps

run June 30 to August 29

Registration starts at 7am on
February 19 at
vaughan.perfectmind.com

ages
4-16

Do anything & everything!

Vaughan summer camps are located at community centres, the City Playhouse Theatre, Vaughan Studios & Event Space, heritage homes and green spaces.

View our summer camps brochure at
vaughan.ca/camps



If you require assistance accessing or creating an account call Service Vaughan at 905.832.2281 or email rec@vaughan.ca



Camp Locations

Community Centres

Al Palladini Community Centre
8201 Islington Ave., Woodbridge
COMING SOON!
Carville Community Centre
Chancellor Community Centre
350 Anley Grove Rd., Woodbridge
Dufferin Clark Community Centre
1441 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill
Father E. Buffon Community Centre
841 Marlin Grove Rd., Woodbridge
Garret A. Williams Community Centre
501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill
Maple Community Centre
12190 Kewline St., Maple
North Thornhill Community Centre
300 Pleasant Ridge Ave., Thornhill
Rosemount Community Centre
1000 New Westminster Dr., Thornhill
Villare Village Community Centre
1 Villa Royale Ave., Woodbridge

Recreation Facilities

Woodbridge Pool & Memorial Arena
6020 Highway 7, Woodbridge
City Playhouse Theatre
1000 New Westminster Dr., Thornhill
Thornhill Outdoor Pool
26 Old Yonge St., Thornhill
Uplands Golf & Ski Club
46 Uplands Ave., Thornhill
Vaughan Studios & Event Space
200 Apple Mill Rd., 3rd Level, Vaughan
Parks, Heritage Sites, Schools
This summer, explore Vaughan's heritage parks and sites, and enjoy the chance to enroll your child in a summer camp at some of these incredible locations!
Armstrong House
42 Old Yonge St., Thornhill
Arnold House
21 Spring Gate Blvd., Thornhill
Baker House
91 Thornhill Woods Dr., Thornhill
Boyd Conservation Park
8739 Islington Ave., Woodbridge
Maple Nature Reserve
10401 Dufferin St., Maple
Martha Payne Park
16 Jason St., Concord
Thoreau MacDonald House
121 Centre St., Thornhill
Stephen Lewis Secondary School
555 Autumn Hill Blvd., Thornhill



Do anything & everything!
80+ unique camps
Before & After Care
available all summer long

vaughan.ca/camps



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On the Horizon....

February

Character Trait: Initiative

Black History Month

17 Family Day - Schools closed

20 Report Cards available on the Family Dashboard

22 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

25 Gr 4 Scientists in the School

26 Gr 4 and 6 Scientists in the School

26 Pink Shirt Day

28 Ramadan begins

28 Gr 5 Scientists in the School

March

3 Carnaval Week @ EMPS begins

3 Intermediate Boys Basketball

4 Intermediate Girls Basketball

6 YR Skills Challenge

10 - 14 March Break

19 Eco Fair @ EMPS

21 Earth Hour @ EMPS

31 Eid-ul-Fitr