



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

**February is Black History Month**

Elder's Mills P.S. welcomes Jeff A.D. Martin - Tuesday, February 20th!

One of the highest booked diversity & inclusion school speakers in all of Canada, [Jeff A.D. Martin](#) is a soul-stirring, thought-provoking, highly requested transformational speaker, who has been using his platform to inspire people from around the world.

Jeff is an award-winning professional speaker, a certified coach, University of Guelph certified leadership professional, Harvard University certificate recipient for public speaking, Diversity & Inclusion Trainer from Ashton College and the curator of Inspire Legacy Company Online Academy, where he teaches the art of public speaking and student character development.

With his career and life experiences, coupled with his benevolence and passion to inspire, Jeff A.D. Martin shares his gift of purpose in efforts to help others find their true potential.

We look forward to welcoming Jeff Martin to EMPS on Tuesday February 20, 2024 to speak with our grade 5-8 students.



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**In our classrooms:**

Students are invited to share their learning in the classroom with the school. This week's announcements included a biography of Oscar Peterson, presented by Grade 3 students, Ella and Neva.

	<b>Oscar Peterson</b> <small>By Ella and Neva</small>	
<p>Pianiste jazz de renommée internationale, Oscar Peterson est né en 1925 dans le quartier de la Petite-Bourgogne, à Montréal. L'artiste a commencé à apprendre le piano dès l'âge de sept ans et est rapidement devenu un jeune prodige. Grâce à ses succès comme <i>C Jam Blues</i>, le musicien a pu jouer aux côtés des plus grands talents de son époque, comme la chanteuse Ella Fitzgerald.</p>		

**Black Excellence in STEM**

Intermediate Students are working hard on creating their own board games featuring biographical trivia about Black Excellence In Stem. Scientists and Inventors are the topic of the games, including figures such as Elijah McCoy, Garrett Morgan, Katherine Johnson, George Washington Carver and more. We can't wait to hear their stories and play the games to test our knowledge. Go Eagles!



**Celebrating @ EMPS!**

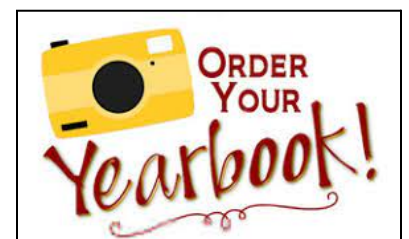
We have much to celebrate at Elder's Mills. We are a community of families, students and staff of diverse identities and we are reaching out to you to share the celebrations, traditions and stories, past and present, that are part of the Elder's Mills identities.

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](mailto:elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca) to indicate your interest.



**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](#).

[Source](#)



### 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. Dress appropriately for the weather with coats, mitts, hats, scarves, snow pants and boots. Send your child to school with a change of clothes in their bag and a pair of indoor shoes.



### 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](#)



### 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.



**The Centre for Black Student Excellence:**  
[Celebrating Black Excellence](#)

# 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.  <a href="#">Register Here</a>	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  <a href="#">Register Here</a>	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.  <a href="#">Register Here</a>	Dr Bette Cafeteria



**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!**  
Family Fun Night - Thursday, February 22nd!

- 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.

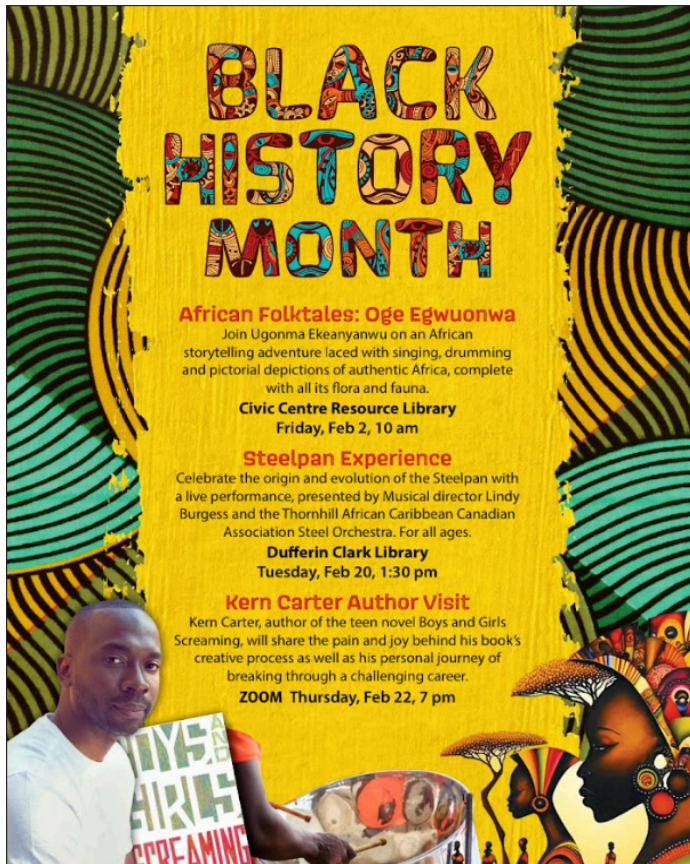
**CHESS**  
6:00-6:30PM BEGINNER LESSON  
6:30-7:00 INTERMEDIATE LESSON  
7:00-7:30 ADVANCED LESSON  
GAME PLAY THROUGHOUT  
ATTEND ALL THE LESSONS OR NONE OF THE LESSONS!  
IF YOU HAVE A CHESS SET THAT YOU COULD BRING WITH YOU PLEASE DO.

**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. PURCHASES AVAILABLE FOR ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS THE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING PLAN.

- **Family Fun Night is a free event.**
- Grade 8 students will be selling snacks this evening to support fundraising efforts.
- To support the organization of this event, the school needs an estimation of the number of people that plan to attend. Please take a moment to answer one question on this survey letting the school know how many people are planning to come. [RSVP to Family Fun Night February 22, 2024](#)
- Please be reminded that all children must be accompanied by parents/guardians/caregivers.

In the Community

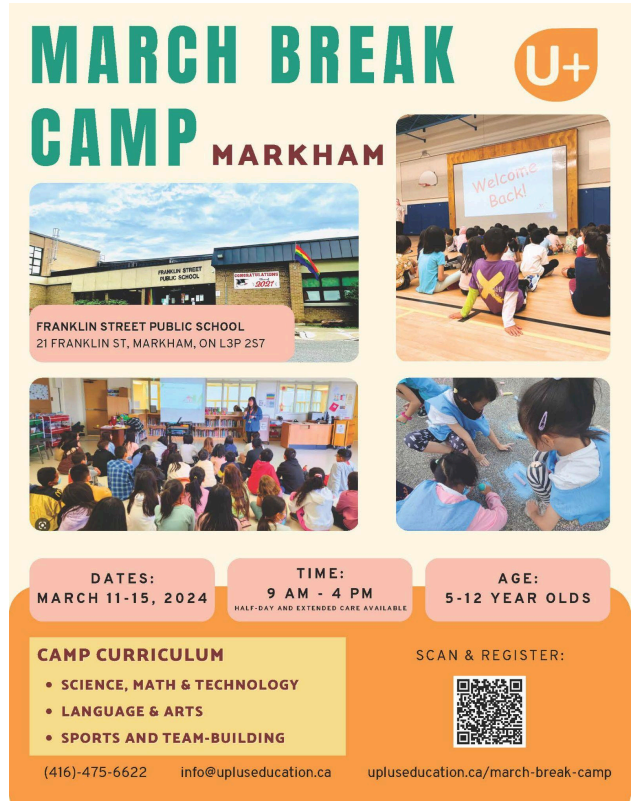


# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**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

**Steelpan Experience**  
Celebrate the origin and evolution of the Steelpan 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

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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  
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



**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, 2024**.  
More Details: [knsc.ca/play-together](http://knsc.ca/play-together)



**Rising Stars**  
An opportunity for EXTRA training & development for our U6-U14 Recreational players with CSA certified, professional coaches on Friday nights at Sonoma, June 7-July 26. U6-8:6PM, U8-10:37PM and U12-14:38PM. Registered to play Outdoor with us this summer? **Save \$50** on Rising Stars!



**Summer Kicks Soccer Camps**  
JULY 8-12 & JULY 29- AUGUST 2  
U6 - U12 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: [knsc.ca/rec-camps](http://knsc.ca/rec-camps)



**Year-end Festival**  
Saturday, August 17, 2024  
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!



**Yearbook Photo Day**  
Sunday, June 9, 2024  
Mark it on your calendar. See you there!



**REGISTER**  
for all KNSC U3-U19+ Summer Soccer programs.  
[knsc.powerupsports.com](http://knsc.powerupsports.com)



**QUESTIONS?**  
Email [info@knsc.ca](mailto:info@knsc.ca)  
or call (905) 893-3388


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

All Active Start (U4-6) & Mini (U8-12) Teams are led by CSA certified coaches.

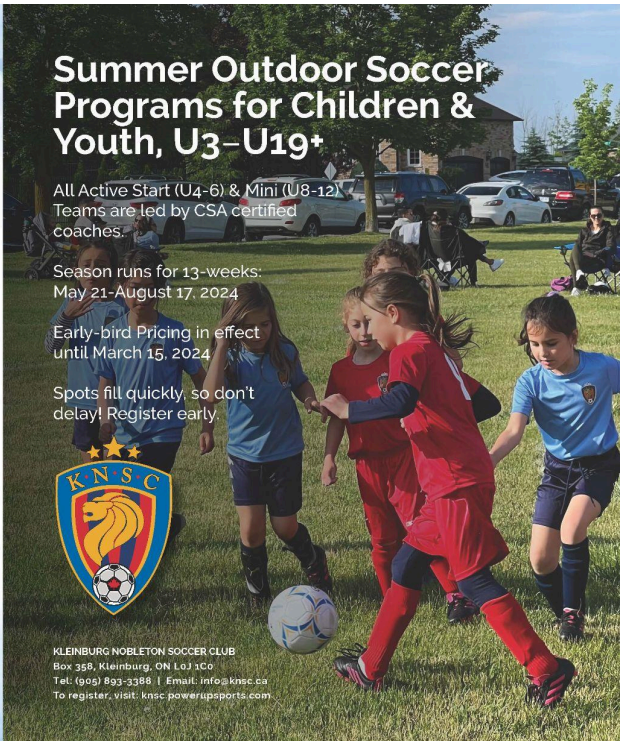
Season runs for 13-weeks: May 21-August 17, 2024


Early-bird Pricing in effect until March 15, 2024

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



KLEINBURG NOBLETON SOCCER CLUB  
Box 358, Kleinburg, ON L0J 1C0  
Tel: (905) 893-3388 | Email: [info@knsc.ca](mailto:info@knsc.ca)  
To register, visit: [knsc.powerupsports.com](http://knsc.powerupsports.com)

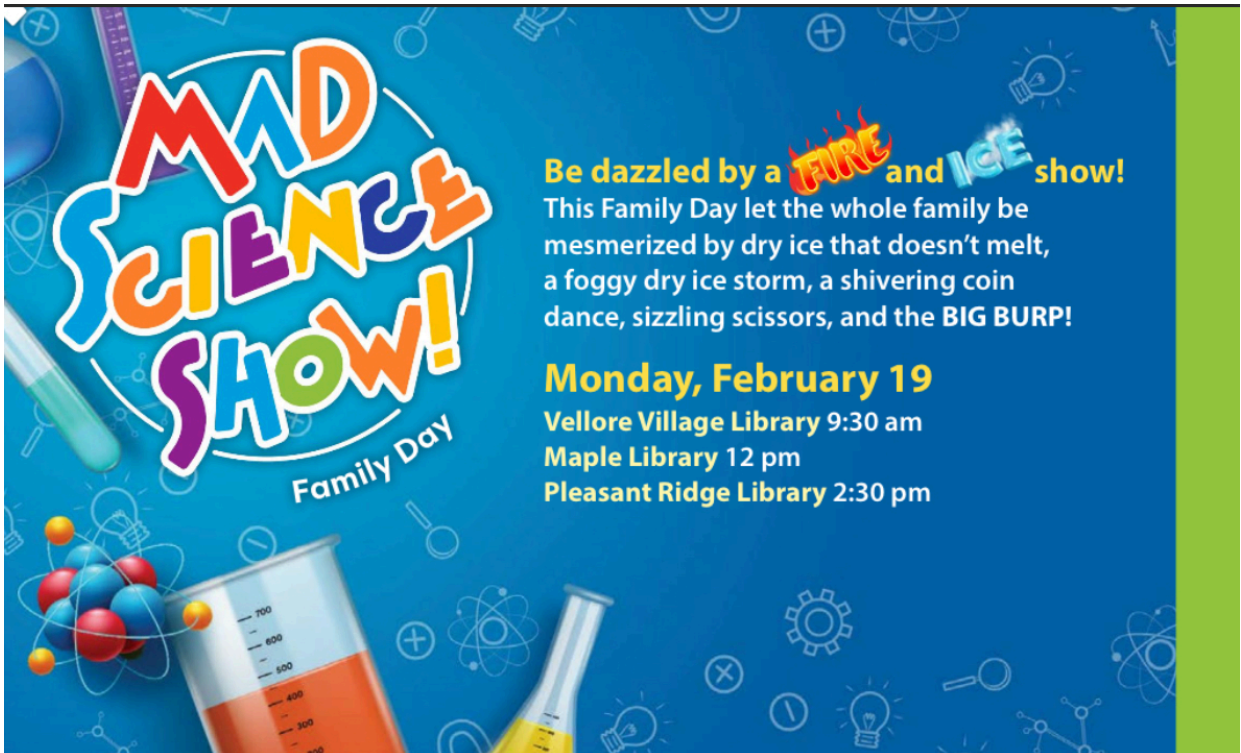




**MAD SCIENCE SHOW!**  
Family Day

Be dazzled by a **FIRE** and **ICE** show!  
This Family Day let the whole family be mesmerized by dry ice that doesn't melt, a foggy dry ice storm, a shivering coin dance, sizzling scissors, and the **BIG BURP!**

**Monday, February 19**  
Vellore Village Library 9:30 am  
Maple Library 12 pm  
Pleasant Ridge Library 2:30 pm



## 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

With funding from  Visit Us Online @ [www.RCTO.ca](http://www.RCTO.ca) 

## Application Check-List

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



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

**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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### Solar Eclipse - Early Dismissal April 8, 2024

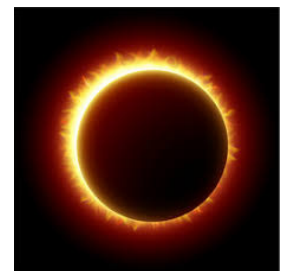
Earlier this week, York Region District School Board announced that to ensure student safety due to the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, all schools will be dismissing students early.

As such Elder's Mills will dismiss at 11:45 a.m.

On April 8, 2024, all students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m.

The morning bell, drop off and transportation will remain unchanged. For those eligible for school transportation, such as busing and taxis, service will be adjusted for the early afternoon departure.

The safe arrival program will remain in place, if your child is not attending school on April 8, please record their absence. Student after school activities, including extra-curricular activities will be canceled on April 8.





On the Horizon....

**February**

**Character Trait: Initiative**

**Black History/African Heritage Month**

19 Family Day

20 Jeff A.D. Martin @ EMPS

21 Intermediate Girls Basketball Area Tournament

22 Intermediate Boys Basketball Area Tournament

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

**March**

**Character Trait: Perseverance**

1 Black History Month Celebration Assembly

1 Concert Band Workshop with Guest Conductor

4 - 8 Carnival Week

6 Eco Fair

7 LAMPS (Learning about Mental Health  
Presentation - gr. 7 and 8)

7 Winterfest

11 - 15 March Break

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Wishing you a happy weekend!

*Eugenia Korinis*  
Principal

*Ayesha Mondal*  
Vice-Principal

