



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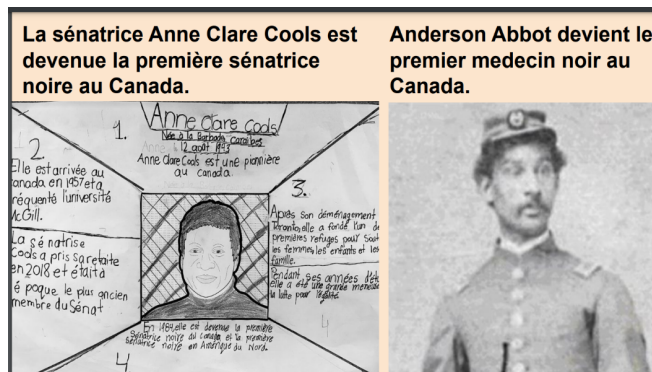
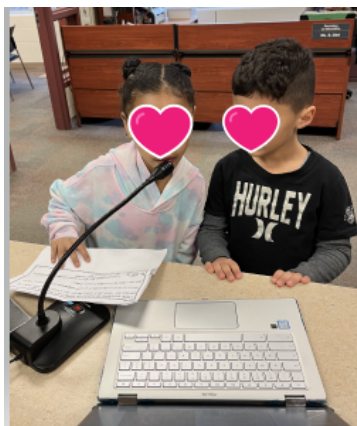
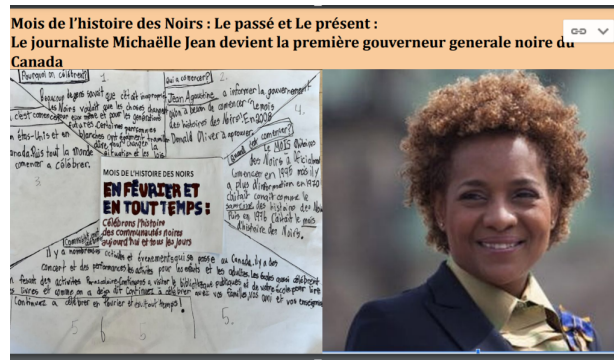
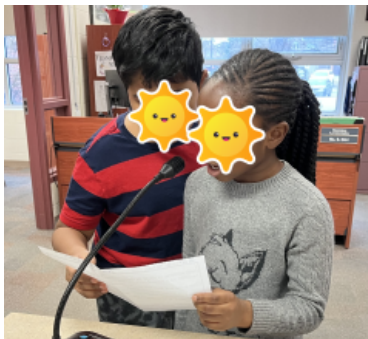


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What's Happening @ EMPS!

Black History Month:

Students from our primary classes continue to share their learning with the school over the morning announcements. We are looking forward to our celebration of Black History Month @ EMPS on Friday, March 3rd. Student leaders, with the support of their teachers, will be preparing a showcase of student learning to share with our classes.



Week 22- Friday, February 17th, 2023

Pink Shirt Day! Wednesday February 22, 2023 is PINK SHIRT DAY. Pink Shirt Day is a globally recognized day in support of anti-bullying, upstanding behaviour, and simple acts of kindness. On February 22, we invite all students to wear pink. At EMPS we continue to practice and encourage kindness and we do not tolerate bullying. Wear pink and show your Eagle School Spirit!



Coming up this week:

F E B R U A R Y	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Day - School Closed
	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with Canada Post/Women in Engineering (Intermediate)
	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pink Shirt Day• Intermediate Boys' Basketball Areas• Mental Health Awareness Workshops (Int.)• Report Cards available through student @gapps accounts
	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due date for Winterfest Raffle - Class Gift basket items
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What else is happening at EMPS?

Spirit Wear Fundraiser

Students, Families & Friends have an opportunity to soar with their fellow Eagles!!! Spirit Wear such as **hoodies, t-shirts, sweatpants and caps** will all be available to order for all. Create and share memories with purchases available from now until June 1. Deliveries will be made to Elder's Mills every 2 - 3 weeks and sent home with students. All proceeds will fund school enhancements and programs. Shop online by following this link:

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



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

ELEMENTARY REPORT CARDS:

Report cards are part of our ongoing communication to support student achievement and well-being. We hope that the Term 1 report card will provide valuable feedback for your child while supporting conversations about learning at home. Your child's report card will be distributed between February 21 to February 24, 2023. These reports will be distributed using the same process used for the Progress Reports via student Board Google GAPPS accounts.



YRDSB Podcast

Did you know that YRDSB has a podcast? From in-depth discussions on issues affecting education to practical conversations for families, Tune In YRDSB helps you stay connected to what's happening in education.

Check out some of our latest episodes, available on most podcast platforms. Don't miss our monthly wrap-up episodes sharing the latest news and upcoming events each month.



- [Shine episodes](#) featuring Black voices and celebrating Black excellence in its many forms.

Week 22- Friday, February 17th, 2023

- [Introduction to Special Education](#). Learn more about how students are identified, what to expect, how we work with families to support students and more. We also invited students to tell us how their IEP helps them.
- [Adult Learning](#). Two students sit down with adult learning educators to share their stories and talk about the benefits of adult learning. Find out how it works, what to expect, and why students feel “at home” here.
- [Tamil Heritage Month](#). Staff, students and family members speak about Tamil Heritage Month, Tamil identity and how we can create learning and working spaces that affirm Tamil identity.
- [Yad Vashem](#). Join YRDSB educators as they sit down with staff from Yad Vashem to discuss the importance of Holocaust education in Canada.

News, Tips and Resources for Families

Looking for the latest news, tips and resources for families? Some of our departments put out monthly newsletters that provide helpful updates and resources for families.

Visit our [newsletters page](#) to see them all, or check out the latest from:

- [Centre for Black Student Excellence](#)
 - [Math](#) and [Math Problems of the Month](#)
 - [Mental Health](#)
 - [Parent, Family and Community Engagement](#)
- ["The Special Edition"](#) Exceptional Learning Strengths and Needs Newsletter

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



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 Fun!

Thank you to all families for coming out and supporting this evening! Everyone 'escaped' and got to also enjoy 'Minute to Win-it' games in the gym and STEM in the library. Thank you to our student and parent volunteers for their support. Thank you to our office team, Mme Consiglio and Mme Ditri for supporting School Cash online and other inquiries. A tremendous thank you to our School Council team for their organization and creativity! We are looking forward to our next family fun event - **WINTERFEST!!!**



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. Some of the themes we have to look forward to are: Drawing and Painting, Games Night, Movie Night, Dog Toys & Treats!



**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

Winter Fest is coming!

Join us on Thursday, March 9 from 6-8pm for a fun community evening.

Pre-order your WinterBuck\$ and Entry on School Cash Online
Use WinterBuck\$ at our fun activities!

Fun Activities to enjoy...

Pizza Slice \$\$\$

Water \$

Snack Sale \$

Colouring Wall

Face Painting

Henna Station \$

Hot Chocolate \$

Photo Booth

Raffle \$

Snowflake Station

Craft Table

Games

and more...

Musical entertainment
provided by Mr. Mellor and
his bands

Dress in white and blue

\$= 1 Winterbuck

Winterbuck\$ will be available for purchase during the event

This is a family event. Students must be accompanied by parents/guardians.

Supervision will not be provided

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Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List.

As part of our commitment to dismantling anti-Black racism, YRDSB is **launching the Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List.**



Family members subscribed the mailing list will receive information about:

- Updates and programs from the [Centre for Black Student Excellence](#)
- Information about Board programs that would benefit Black students, families with Black children
- Community flyers and programs that would benefit Black students and families with Black children

Families can sign up for the mailing list using this [subscription form](#), available at www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence, and can unsubscribe at any time.

The mailing list is one of the key commitments outlined in our [Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#). For more information please visit the [Centre for Black Student Excellence](#).

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:

[Black Excellence Program Master Class](#) and [In Conversation with MARKTD](#)



TÜRKIYE and SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

List of Urgently Needed Items

Winter Clothing (coats, jackets, raincoats, boots, gloves, scarfs, hats)
Tents
Camping mattress
Blankets
Sleeping bags
Thermos
Flashlights (without batteries)
Diapers
Cleaning and Personal Hygiene
Sanitary Napkins
Dry Food Items
Baby Formula

All donations will be sent to Türkiye in a prioritized manner via the Consulate.

Donations to Syria will be distributed from Türkiye through a third party organization.

Donations may be dropped off at:

Humanity First Food Bank

600 Bowes Rd, Unit 40, Concord ON L4K 4A3

Telephone: (416) 440-0346

Email: Info@humanityfirst.ca

You may also donate online at www.humanityfirst.ca

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 Türkiye 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](#)

Parent/caregiver series supporting students of Chinese Heritage.

The series will provide a number of parent/caregiver virtual events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The third session in the series 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.

Community Building and Engagement Event

February 27th, 2023 at 7:00pm-8:30pm Cantonese Session

[Registration for Cantonese Session](#)

March 6th, 2023 at 7:00pm-8:30pm Mandarin Session

[Registration for Mandarin Session](#)



Fostering Your Child's Emotional Resilience 培養孩子的情緒適應力/ 培养孩子的情绪适应力

This session in Cantonese and Mandarin will introduce key strategies of how parents can encourage their child to express their feelings.

這講座將讓大家學習如何有效的鼓勵你的子女表達他們的情緒

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To register for a Cantonese session:
[點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan the QR code



To register for a Mandarin session:
[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan QR code





Parenting Program for Farsi and Dari Speaking Families

Building healthy relationships with your children is a fundamental parenting skill. As a parent, we want to raise healthy individuals. This starts with knowing and practicing strategies that help us mitigate parenting challenges. Join us for a session full of helpful information and practical strategies. Some of these topics are:

Session 1: Fostering positive relationships with children with looking at self-esteem enhancement strategies

- Tips on fostering a healthy and secure attachment with your child
- Useful communication strategies such as emotional validation and normalization
- Learning how to strengthen your child's self-esteem

Session 2: Regulating Emotions

- Functionality of emotions: What can emotions do for you?
- Understanding and naming emotions
- Tips for addressing your child's emotions and strategizing healthy coping strategies to deal with challenging emotions

Session 3: Social Media and Parenting Concerns Q&A

- Social media and recommendations regarding healthy social media habits
- Age-appropriate screen time
- Peer pressure and interpersonal skills

Date: February 27, March 27 and April 24, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Zoom (Virtual) Held in Farsi / Dari

[Register Here](#)

For more information, please contact: **Maryam Jariani**
Community Partnership Developer (Iranian/Afghan Community)
maryam.jariani@yrdsb.ca; 905-727-0022 ext. 3512

Speaker: **Afsaneh Zafarani** School Social Worker

Speaker: **Mahsa Ghayoumi** Psychotherapist from (Family Service York Region)



[REGISTRATION LINK HERE](#)



زبان ارتباط سالم بین والدین و فرزندان برای خانواده فارسی و دری

مزایای شرکت در این جلسه فارسی

ایجاد روابط با فرزندان یک مهارت اساسی است. ما به عنوان والدین می خواهیم افراد سالمی تربیت کنیم. این با دانستن و تمرین راهبردهایی شروع می شود که به ما در کاهش چالش های والدین کمک می کند. با ما برای جلساتی پر از اطلاعات مفید و استراتژی های کاربردی همراه باشید
جلسه اول: ارتباط سازی مثبت والدین با فرزندان با نگاهی به روش های افزایش حرمت نفس

- نکاتی در مورد تقویت دلبستگی سالم و ایمن با فرزندان
- راهبردهای ارتباطی مفید مانند ارزش دادن به احساسات
- آموزش تقویت عزت نفس فرزندان

جلسه دوم: مدیریت احساسات

- نقش احساسات در روابط
- شناخت احساسات
- روش های سالم مدیریت احساسات

جلسه سوم: دغدغه های والدین در ارتباط با شبکه های اجتماعی (پرسش و پاسخ)
تاریخ جلسات: 27 فوریه - 27 مارچ - 24 اپریل ساعت 6:30 - 8:00 بعد از ظهر آنلاین. زوم

[لطفاً اینجا ثبت نام کنید](#)

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سخنران: مهسا قیومی روان درمانگر

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:

27 - Black History Month Fire Engine presentation Grade 2-3

March:

1 - Skills Challenge Competition

3 - Black History Month @ EMPS celebration

6 - 10 Carnaval!!!

9 - Winterfest

13 - 17 March Break

22 - World Water Day Eco Fair @ EMPS

We wish all of our students and their families a wonderful Family Day weekend!

Eugenia Korinis

Omari White

Principal

Vice-Principal

