

Week 23- Friday, February 21, 2025



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What's happening @ Elder's Mills!

Provincial Election Voting Location

Our school will be a polling station for the upcoming provincial election on February 27, 2025.

This is a valuable opportunity to highlight the importance of the democratic process for our students.

Please be assured that school operations will continue as normal. We will take all appropriate measures to ensure student learning is not disrupted and student safety is prioritized. This includes:

- Voters will use one access door, closest to the location of the polling station.
- The voting access door will be monitored at all times by an election volunteer or other appropriate adult. Hallways between the access door and the polling station will be monitored.
- Volunteers will be made aware of their responsibilities regarding school access.
- School administration will also remain visible in the hallways throughout the day.

The majority of voting occurs after school hours; school parking and traffic should not be significantly affected on Election Day. However, we thank you for your patience as there may be some minor delays during arrival and dismissal due to additional pedestrian and vehicle traffic on February 27.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Une journée au musée!

Grade 4s Bring Ancient Civilizations to the Atrium!

Classes were invited to visit the 'Grade 4 Museum' last week. Students shared their learning about different civilizations through a curated display and presentation of their work. Bravo les quatrièmes années!



Ramadan

Ramadan is a holy month of fasting and contemplation for Muslims.

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, is referred to in the Qu'ran as a blessed month in which the teachings of the Qu'ran were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). This year, the Holy month of Ramadan is expected to begin on the evening of Friday, February 28th.



During Ramadan, most Muslims fast during the hours of daylight and increase their focus on prayer and contemplation. At the end of each day the fast is traditionally ended with a prayer and a light meal called the Iftar.

Ramadan is considered a time for Muslims to recommit themselves to cultivating spiritual renewal within themselves and their communities, as well as practicing compassion and generosity for others.

Ramadan @ EMPS:

Elder's Mills is committed to supporting student needs during the Holy Month of Ramadan.

During this time, we usually experience an increase in the number of students who wish to access prayer space.

To provide us with an indication of student needs and to support communication with classroom teachers, **please fill out the form, [Ramadan 2025 - Prayer Space](#), if you wish for your child to be excused from class during prayers.**

As in previous years, space will be provided during snack and lunch for students observing the fast for Ramadan.

Merci.

Notes from the Office

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.

**All Visitors
Must Report
to Main Office**



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.

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](#)

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.schoolcashionline.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 - available February 20th, 2025

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](#) - UPDATED

A promotional poster for Black History Month. The background is black on the left and transitions into a colorful diagonal stripe of red, green, and yellow on the right. The text 'Black History Month Celebration' is in large white font. Below it, details about the event are listed. The York Region District School Board logo is in the top right. The words 'BLACK HISTORY MONTH' are written vertically in large white letters on the right side. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

**Black History Month
Celebration**

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

Dates: **Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Tommy Douglas S.S.**
[Register by February 21, 2025.](#)
Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at Bill Hogarth S.S.
[Register by February 28, 2025.](#)

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](#).

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

 YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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



presented by
**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.	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 	In person
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.	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!	
February 25, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tommy Douglas S.S.	Register Here	
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

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](#)



The poster is for the Youth Advisory Council. At the top right is the "youth wellness hubs ONTARIO" logo. In the center is a photo of a diverse group of youth standing together, with the text "YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL" overlaid. To the right of the photo is a graphic of four hands in different colors (pink, orange, green, blue) reaching towards the center. Below the photo, on the left, is a text box titled "The Youth Wellness Hubs YORK REGION" that describes the council's purpose and asks for members. Below this is a small illustration of three people, one in a wheelchair, and the text "Join a Youth-Led Space - WE NEED YOU!". On the right is another text box titled "WE ARE LOOKING FOR...." with a bulleted list of requirements and a "Commitment:" section. To the right of this list are five green checkmarks. At the bottom left, it says "WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY BY FEB 28 2025" next to a QR code. At the bottom right, it provides contact information for Nina Singh, Hub Manager, including email, phone, and website, along with the "york hills" logo.

youth wellness hubs
ONTARIO

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

york hills
JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILD SERVICE OF GREATER TORONTO

<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

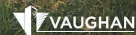
Recreation Facilities

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



Pink Shirt Day!

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, is **Pink Shirt Day**, a globally recognized day to support anti-bullying and upstanding behaviour, such as standing up to all forms of hate and discrimination.

All students at EMPS are invited to wear pink on Wednesday, February 26, 2025.



On the Horizon....

February

Character Trait: Initiative

Black History Month

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