



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

Felicitations to the Intermediate Girls Baskektball Team on winning the CEC West Area Tournament! We wish you good luck at the Regionals! Way to go Eagles!



February is Black History Month

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



Jeff A.D. Martin inspired and motivated students during his visit on February 20th. His messages included why we celebrate Black History month in Canada, an awareness of where our biases come from and how we can be upstanders, allies and disruptors! Merci Jeff!

Featured on the announcements this week:

Students are invited to share their learning about Black Excellence with the school. This week's announcements included a biography of Dr. Julius Garvey prepared by Eric-Michael.

Dr. Julius Garvey

Surgeon and medical professor Dr. Julius W. Garvey, was born on August 16, 1933 in Kingston, Jamaica to UNIA founder Marcus Garvey and activist Amy Jacques Garvey. The younger of two sons, Garvey was raised in Jamaica. He graduated from Wolmer's Trust High School for Boys in Kingston in 1950; and then earned his Bachelor of Science degree from McGill University in Montréal, Canada in 1957, and his Masters Doctorate C.M. degree from McGill University Faculty of Medicine in 1961.

Father - Marcus Garvey (born August 17, 1887, St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica—died June 10, 1940, London, England) charismatic Black leader who organized the first important American Black nationalist movement (1919–26), based in New York City's Harlem.



Eric-Michael and Dr. Garvey

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Celebrating @ EMPS!

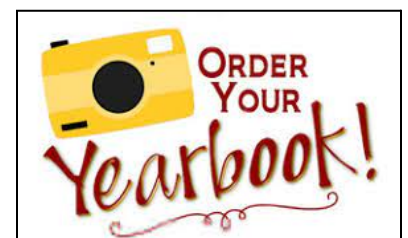
We have much to celebrate at Elder's Mills. We are a community of families, students and staff of diverse identities and we are reaching out to you to share the celebrations, traditions and stories, past and present, that are part of the Elder's Mills identities.

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 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](#)



Caring and Safe Schools Presentations - Grades 2-3, 4-6 and 7-8

To support and promote positive student behaviour, students attended the Caring and Safe Schools Mid-Year Presentations. These presentations underscore behaviour expectations as we create a caring, safe, and inclusive school environment. As families are critical partners, please continue discussing school safety at home by asking your child what they have learned in the Caring and Safe Schools Mid-Year Presentation.

Presentation topics included:

- YRDSB and School Code of Conduct (including items that are not to be brought to school)
- Staying safe online
- Progressive discipline, and
- Standing up for each other, including methods of reporting incidents of racism, discrimination and bullying.

Promoting Behaviour

In the Mid-Year Presentation, students learned about following the YRDSB and the School Code of Conduct. Instances of anti-Black racism, other forms of racism, discrimination and bullying are not acceptable and are addressed through progressive discipline. In some cases of racism and discrimination, York Regional Police may be involved.

Students are reminded about safe school behaviours, including what items must never be brought to school, such as peanut products, vape products/drug paraphernalia, weapons/replica weapons and knives/replica knives.

Reporting Behaviour

Standing up for one another and reporting when something does not feel safe is part of a caring and safe school environment. Students should report incidents that make them or others feel unsafe or uncomfortable, including acts of racism, discrimination and bullying. Students can report incidents by:

- Telling a caring adult;
- Using the YRDSB's ["Report It Button"](#) (Located on our school's website, the online Report It button allows students and families to share information about

inappropriate behaviour and incidents of hate or discrimination. Please see [this video](#) for additional information);

- Contacting [Kids Help Phone](#) (1-800-668-6868).



Mental Health

We will stress the importance of connection to students as we continue the school year. Students are learning about who they can talk to if they need support. In addition, positive mental health is closely tied to each individual's sense of identity and safety. As such, mental health initiatives are aligned with equity and safety in mind, which includes culturally specific supports. YRDSB student mental health services are delivered by Board social work and psychology staff. These services are accessible through the school principal. [Mental health resources for families](#) are also available on the Board website.

Student Discipline

We use a progressive discipline approach for inappropriate behaviour on and off school property. This means we consider various options to determine the most appropriate response to each situation to help students learn from their choices. In some cases, suspension or expulsion may be necessary. The Ontario Education Act and the Board's Caring and Safe Schools Policy (found on the [Board's Caring and Safe School Page](#)) outline situations where suspension and expulsion must be considered. These infractions are also outlined in the Guide to the School Year. In addition, when inappropriate behaviour occurs, information will be shared with the student(s) who were harmed and the families of the student(s) who were harmed to the extent that legislation allows.

Tobacco/Alcohol/Drug-Free Environment

The use of tobacco, electronic products (such as [vaping, electronic cigarettes](#) and related products) and student possession of alcohol/illegal and restricted drugs, including cannabis, are prohibited on school property or within 20 metres of school boundaries. This complies with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services. A progressive form of discipline may apply, including suspension from school and fines (up to \$5,000). In accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (SFOA), exceptions are made for the traditional use of tobacco that forms part of Indigenous culture and spirituality.

Online Safety and Appropriate Use of Technology

Students are reminded about the Appropriate Use of Technology agreement, including the importance of using respectful language and making positive choices when using electronic communications and social media tools. This agreement is also included in the start-up package that all families receive at the beginning of the year.

Week 23- February 23, 2024

Students are reminded that online threats and comments are taken seriously and may have consequences, including potential criminal charges. Where there are concerns for the safety of students, staff, community members or Board property, the school board works with York Regional Police and appropriate actions are taken. The safety and well-being of students remain our top priority.

For More Information

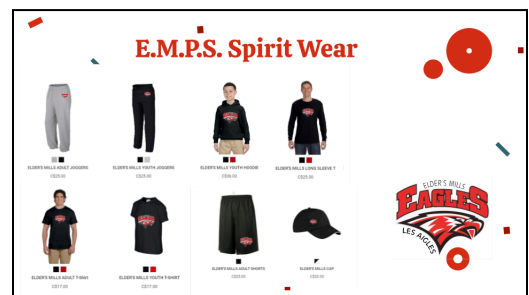
For more details on these items, please read the Guide to the School Year or visit the [Caring and Safe Schools](#) section on the YRDSB website for more information and to access family resources to continue these conversations at home.

Thank you for helping us create a caring, safe, and inclusive school community.

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](#)



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 was distributed between February 20 to February 23, 2024. Your child's report can be accessed electronically via their YRDSB Board Google GAPS accounts..



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)

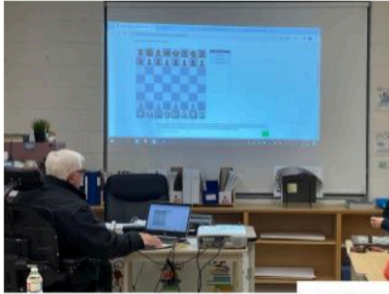
Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 27, 2024 7:00-8:00pm.	Anti-Blackness in Schools - Virtual Affinity Session for Black Students, Families and Black Staff with Presenters Dr.Joi Spencer and Dr.Kerri Ullucci Register Here	Online - Register to Receive Link.
February 29, 2024 5:00pm - 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. Register Here	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.](#)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



FAMILY FUN NIGHT @ E.M.P.S. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND!



Winterfest! Thursday, March 7th, 2024

Details regarding events and ticket sales are available on [School Cash Online](#).

Thank you to our students and families for their donations towards the class themed Gift Baskets. If you have not yet contributed and would like to, classes are collecting items until March 4th. These gift baskets will be raffled off on the night of our Winterfest, March 7th.



In addition to the Gift Baskets Raffle, families can come to enjoy hot chocolate and treats, crafts, games, music and much more. The entry fee for this event is \$2.00 per person. This includes several free activities. All other activities, including pizza, water, snacks will need Winterbucks. Winterbucks need to be purchased through School Cash online.

A detailed outline of the activities and 'Winterbucks' is available on School Cash online.

We are looking forward to a fun evening with our families. See you soon!



USED BOOK DRIVE

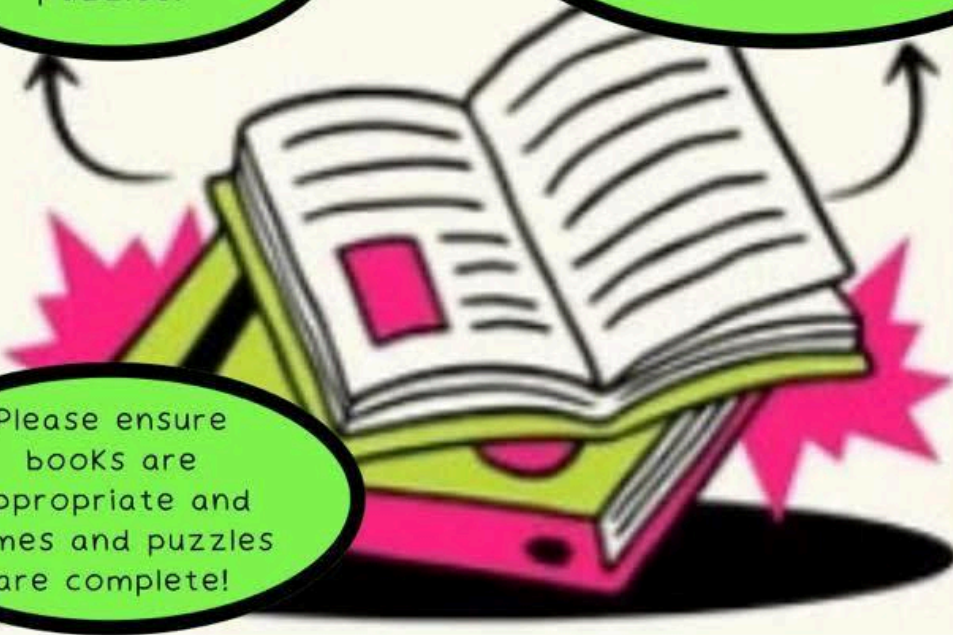
School Council is collecting used books, board games, and puzzles.

Books, games, and puzzles will be sold at upcoming school events to raise funds for the school!

Please ensure books are appropriate and games and puzzles are complete!

Books, games, and puzzles can be sent to the school with your child immediately!
Reusable bags also appreciated!

Thank you for your support!



In the Community



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



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, U6/6PM, U8-10/7PM and U12-14/8PM. 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



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



QUESTIONS?
Email info@knsc.ca
or call (905) 893-3388

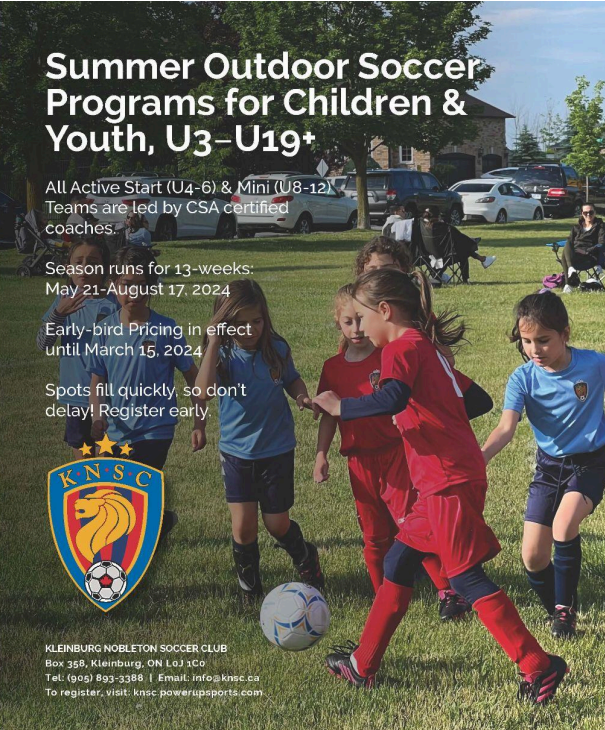

Summer Outdoor Soccer Programs for Children & Youth, U3-U19+

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 L3J 1C0
Tel: (905) 893-3388 | Email: info@knsc.ca
To register, visit: knsc.powerupsports.com

Do you need a computer?



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

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.

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

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 **RCT**
Renewed Computer Technology

Application Check-List



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

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

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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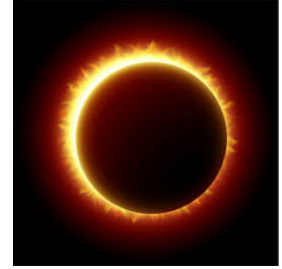
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Solar Eclipse - Early Dismissal April 8, 2024

NEW DISMISSAL TIME

On Monday April 8, Elder's Mills will dismiss all students **at 12:15 PM**, 180 minutes **before** the end of day dismissal bell. 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 cancelled on April 8.

As you may have seen, some Ontario school boards moved a preexisting April PA Day to coincide with the eclipse on April 8. This is not possible for our board due to contractual obligations, prior commitments and because there is no preexisting April PA Day.

We are working with child care providers to determine their plans for the day. If you have questions about child care, please contact your child's child care provider directly.

The [Government of Canada website](#) has additional information related to solar eclipses that you may review.

Please know that this decision was made with student safety at its centre. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

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On the Horizon....

February

Character Trait: Initiative

Black History/African Heritage Month

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

Week 23- February 23, 2024

Wishing you a happy weekend!

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

Ayesha Mondal
Vice-Principal