



**Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye**  
*Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity*  
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### What's happening @ Elder's Mills!

#### EMPS EcoFair & Earth Hour!

EMPS Students will be representing our community at this year's Earth Hour Vaughan City Hall evening event on Saturday, March 22, 2025! Everyone is invited to attend.

Please see details below from M. Kouri:

*Dear EMPS Staff, Families and Community Members,*

*This is an invitation to attend this year's Earth Hour Vaughan City Hall evening event on Saturday, March 22nd, 2025! The Earth Hour celebration begins at 6:30 p.m. and is FREE for all parents, children and community members. Our students have been working hard to make their Science projects, the school's Eco banner (our school has placed in the top 3 for the city!) as well as their "lightbulb" energy pledges. We will also announce the winners of our Eco Fair and the city's Banner Competition! Please come show your support at Vaughan City Hall and enjoy the energy exhibits, live musical entertainment provided by our EMPS Eco Fair Band, lantern-making workshop, guided nighttime walk, free hot chocolate, giveaways, prizes and much more! We hope to see you all there!*

*If you are unable to join us in person this year, we invite all of our families to participate at home by turning off their lights on Saturday between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. You may also take advantage once again of the city's greening program initiative by registering with [evironment@vaughan.ca](mailto:evironment@vaughan.ca) using your email and providing your home address in order to receive your FREE Pollinator Seed Packets delivered right to you for your very own home garden!*

*Thank you for your efforts in reducing your energy consumption and promoting action against climate change in our community!*



## Notes from the 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](#)

### 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](mailto: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!

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**Upcoming Events to Watch For:**

- Coffee Drop In - April 15th
- 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](mailto:elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)

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## In the YRDSB

### Budget Survey and Consultations

YRDSB is inviting staff, families, and community members to participate in the annual budget consultation process taking place until April 18, 2025.

These opportunities for staff and public input provide the Board with important information about how staff and the broader community would like the budget to be allocated to continue supporting student achievement and well-being in York Region.

#### **Survey:**

The online survey will be available until April 18, 2025.

#### **Public Consultation Date:**

In addition to the survey, a virtual consultation session will take place on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.:

- For listen only, telephone access to the webinar, dial 647-497-9385 and enter access code 732-589-625; or,
- Register for online access to the consultation session. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Thank you for your time and input. Questions regarding the budget process may be directed to [budget@yrdsb.ca](mailto:budget@yrdsb.ca).

**Get Together Celebrating Persian Heritage Month**

Join us in a meaningful celebration as we honour the rich cultural and historical contributions of the Persian community to our society. Together, we'll explore Persian heritage, enjoy cultural performances, and deepen our understanding of the diverse world around us. This event will focus on fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement. We look forward to celebrating with you!

**Date: Thursday, April 10th, 2025**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning**

**Address: 36 Regatta Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4R1**

**Open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff**

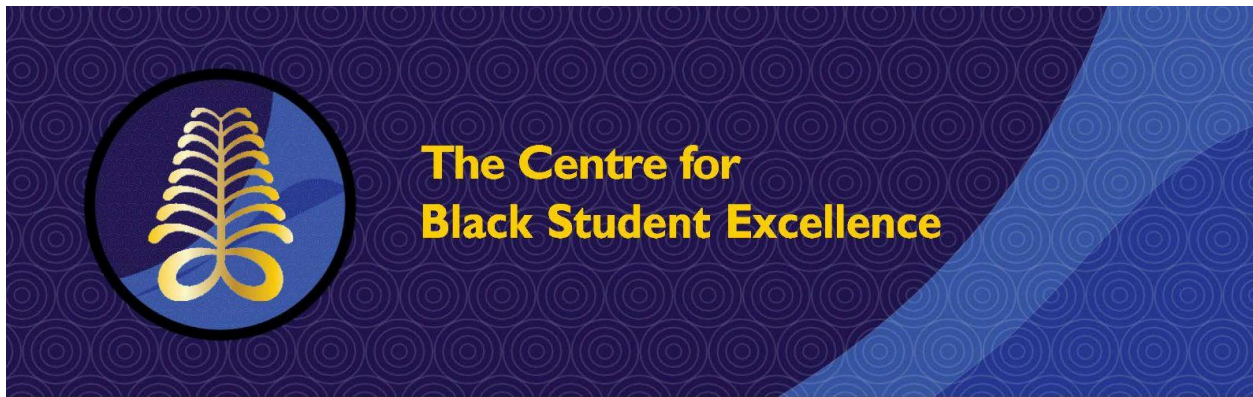
**Please register by Friday, Apr 4, 2025**

Registration is limited to the first **200** participants, with a maximum of 4 people per registration. Secure your spot as soon as possible!

Hosted by YRDSB: Iranian/Afghan Educator Alliance (IAEA) & Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS)

For more information, please email Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at [iscs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:iscs@yrdsb.ca)





## CAMP BLACK BRILLIANCE

Camp Black Brilliance will offer families the opportunity to get to know the Kindergarten program and have their children experience their introduction to schooling in a way that is culturally responsive and affirming of their identity, through experiential learning.

**Who:** Children of Black Families who are Junior and Senior Kindergarten entering school in September 2025

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., July 7 - July 25, 2025

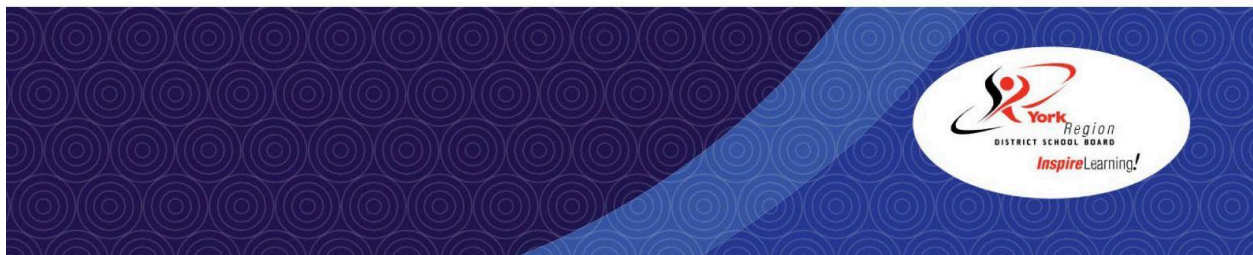
**Location:** Choose One of the following locations

(subject to change based on registration)

- Armadale Public School
- Crosby Heights Public School
- Discovery Public School
- Maple Leaf Public School

[REGISTER](#) Today!

Deadline June 1, 2025





# G.I.V.E!

## Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

### 2025 Spring Session

Join our workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. Empower yourself to support our school community and enrich your child's learning experience!

**You will learn more about:**

- The role of a volunteer
- Transferable skills
- Equity and inclusive education
- Human rights
- Employment readiness
- School information and community resources

**We will help you:**

- Expand your network
- Effectively communicate with school staff
- Contribute to student learning and parent engagement
- Gain volunteer experience in schools
- Build healthy communities
- Boost professionalism

**Location: Sharon Public School Library**

**900 Murrell Blvd, Sharon, ON L9N 0P6**

**Dates: April 7 to 11, 2025 (Monday to Friday)**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**All parents, guardians, caregivers are welcome to join this free training program!**

**Space is limited, please scan the QR code or visit the [Registration Link](#) to register now!**



This free information session is organized by York Region District School Board in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region. For more information, please contact:

[iscs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:iscs@yrdsb.ca) or [beshragi@ccsyv.org](mailto:beshragi@ccsyv.org) and [ykim@ccsyv.org](mailto:ykim@ccsyv.org)



On the Horizon....

**March**

**Character Trait: Perseverance**

**Persian Heritage Month**

**Hellenic Heritage Month**

**Bangladeshi Heritage Month**

22 Earth Hour event @ Vaughan City Hall

25 Grade 3 Scientists in the School

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31 Eid-ul-Fitr

**April**

10 School Council Meeting

12 Passover begins at Sundown

14 Vaisakhi

15 Coffee Drop In

18 Good Friday/Holy Friday - No classes today, school closed

19 Last day of Passover

21 Easter Monday - No classes today, school closed

24 Junior Boys Basketball Tournament

24 EMPS Family Event Night - The Science of Visual Arts!

25 Junior Girls Basketball Tournament