



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

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 23, 2024! Everyone is invited to attend. 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 and the school's Eco banner.. Student representatives from our school's Eco Fair will showcase their projects at this event. Please come show your support and join us at Vaughan City Hall! We hope to see you all there!

You're invited!

Our students have been working hard on their Eco Projects! Come celebrate with us on **Saturday, March 23rd** at **Vaughan City Hall** to find out the winners for the Eco Banner Competition and the Eco Science Fair!

The fun starts at 6:30 p.m.

See you 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 until 9:30 p.m. Thank you for your efforts in reducing your energy consumption and promoting action against climate change in our community!

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 2024 - Prayer Space](#).

Students who are observing the fast and who would prefer not to remain in their classroom while their peers are eating their lunch, they will have the opportunity to be supervised in the library during this time. This will be a quiet, no food and drink space for this purpose. Students who wish to use this space should bring a quiet activity with them.

Thank you.



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.



For the month of March, families are invited to share artifacts and resources for Ramadan, Holi, Nowruz, Purim, Greek Heritage Month, Bangladeshi Heritage Month, and looking ahead to April, for Easter, Passover and more!

Please email elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca to indicate your interest.

Students,
families and
staff contribute
to displays for
our various
celebrations





Meetings:

Our next School Council meeting is Thursday, April 25, 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.](#)

A flyer for a "USED BOOK DRIVE" with a pink background. At the top, a speech bubble contains the title "USED BOOK DRIVE" in green. Below the title is an illustration of an open book with a pink cover and a green spine, surrounded by pink starburst shapes. Three green speech bubbles contain text: "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!", and "Please ensure books are appropriate and games and puzzles are complete!". At the bottom, a white box contains the text: "Books, games, and puzzles can be sent to the school with your child immediately! Reusable bags also appreciated!" and "Thank you for your support!".

A flyer for a "SELF DEFENCE CLASS" with an orange background. At the top left is the "EAGLES LES MILLS" logo, and at the top right is the "WOODBRIDGE TAEKWON-DO GROUP" logo. The title "SELF DEFENCE CLASS" is in a black brushstroke font. Below the title, the schedule is listed: "WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 6:00-6:45: AGES 3-10" and "THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 6:00-6:45: AGES 11+ \$10 PER PARTICIPANT, SIGN UP ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE. LIMITED TO THE FIRST 25 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION". The address "5732 HWY 7 UNIT 1" is listed below. The central image is a silhouette of a taekwondo practitioner in a white gi, performing a high kick against a large yellow sun. At the bottom, a black brushstroke box contains the text: "WOODBRIDGE TAEKWONDO IS OFFERING \$200 TO ELDER'S MILLS PS FOR ANY NEW INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS WITH THIS FLYER. SEE MR CARIATI ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT FOR MORE DETAILS."

Stay Tuned!

Elder's Mills families will have the opportunity to try a Self-Defence class !

All proceeds raised from this event will go to support the school fundraising plan.

Details to follow soon on School Cash online!

Food Bank Cake Mix



Join our initiative to sweeten someone's day! **Donate cake mix** to support the food bank.

Spread joy with a simple gesture - **contribute cake mix**

Help us bake smiles! **Your cake mix donation** will make a difference in someone's life.



Budget Consultation Survey:

“York Region District School Board (YRDSB) is the largest employer in York Region, with approximately 15,000 staff members across nine municipalities. With an enrollment of over 130,000 students, YRDSB is the third largest school board in Ontario.

Our mission is to advance student achievement and well-being through public education that motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community. We are responsible for the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs and stewardship of Board resources.

Each school year, YRDSB develops a budget based on funds allocated to the Board through annual Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) and other sources of revenue such as permit fees, rental fees and international tuition fees. This budget is determined through an extensive process involving collaborating with stakeholders and considering Board priorities as outlined in our Trustees' [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) and the [Director's Action Plan](#).

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YRDSB values your input and is making an effort to increase transparency and understanding of its budget process. This survey aims to offer students, families, staff and communities an opportunity to provide input into the decision making regarding YRDSB's funding allocation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Week 26- Friday, March 22, 2024

This survey is anonymous and voluntary. Individual responses will be kept strictly confidential. Your completed survey will be submitted directly to YRDSB's Research and Assessment Services staff, who will create a summary findings report. Please note that this report will not contain information that has the potential to identify individuals.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes and may be completed at your convenience anytime on or before April 12, 2024. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact research.services@yrdsb.ca. If you have questions about the budget process, please contact budget@yrdsb.ca.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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.



Are you moving?

Is your family planning a move? If your child is currently attending Elder's Mills and you know that they will be changing schools for September, please let our office team know as soon as possible. This information will support our planning for September. Please send an email to elders.millps@yrdsb.ca. Thank you.



SPRING HAS ARRIVED and so have the mud and puddles!



Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for the weather. Please expect that your child will be going out for recess every day, unless it's raining. Children may get wet, muddy, and dirty when playing during recess. A change of clothes is often necessary due to the wet weather of the Spring months. To minimize disruptions to the school day with students calling home for a change of clothes or to avoid having students in wet pants, shoes or socks for the remainder of the day, please provide a change of clothes (e.g. extra pants and socks) and a change of shoes. Students are asked to have a pair of indoor shoes at school so that they may change out of their outdoor shoes prior to entering the classroom. Please be sure to label all articles of clothing.



NEKS

The Network of Educators for Korean-Canadian Students

Korean Community Engagement Night

Connect with experienced Korean educators to ensure effective support for your child's academic journey and future success.

자녀들의 성공적인 학교생활과 진로들 위해 현직에 계신 한국인 선생님들을 만나보세요

Presented jointly by NEKS, and CCSYR Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region, this event offers valuable insights into YRDSB's diverse programs. Parents and families of Korean students are invited to join us for an informative session where they can learn how to help their child be successful in Ontario's education system.

NEKS(한인 학생들을 교육하는 교육자 모임)과 York Region 학교 정착 프로그램과 공동 주최하고 갤러리아가 후원하여 한인 학생들의 학부모를 대상으로 하는 캐나다 공립학교시스템의 다양한 프로그램 안내 및 질의 응답할 수 있는 자리를 마련하였습니다.

Date: April 11, 2024

Time: 6PM - 8PM

Location: Thornhill S.S.
167 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill

Registration: Enrolment limited to first 100 registrants
온라인 등록 선착순 100명
*Registrations end on April 8th (등록마감일 4월 8일)



Workshop Topics:

- **Opportunities and Pathways after High School (고등학교 이후의 기회와 진로):** Learn about different pathway opportunities after high school. What career opportunities are there? How do we prepare our students for life after high school?
- **Transitioning into High School (고등학교 진학-고등학교의 다양한 프로그램 및 성공 팁):** Learn about different programs at YRDSB schools. What are some tips for being successful in high school?
- **Special Education (특수교육 및 학생지원):** Learn about special education and Individualized Education Plans. How can students who are struggling in school be supported?

For additional inquiries, please contact (문의사항) jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca



Summer Institute Registration

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.



The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at nine school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute webpage](#).

Registration opens March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Families can register online.

Free Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps

For Children and Youth ages 4-18 whose families participate in one of the following:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Child Care Fee Subsidy (income below \$43,000)

Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing

For More Program Information and Eligibility:

Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or visit york.ca/recreationsubsidies

On the Horizon....

March

Character Trait: Perseverance

24 Palm Sunday

24 Purim

25 Soaring Eagles Band Trip

25 Holi

28 Good Friday (W) - School Closed

31 Easter Monday (W) - School Closed

24 Palm Sunday (W) Christianity

Celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. (Western Calendar)

24 Purim Judaism

Celebrates victory over an oppressive ruler, as related in the Book of Esther, which is read at this time.

25 Holi Hinduism

A religious spring festival celebrated by people throwing colourful powder and coloured water at each other. Holi is dedicated to Krishna or Kama.



We wish our students and our families a very happy weekend!

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

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Vice-Principal