



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

Big Box of Cards Fundraiser!

The Big Box of Cards is a set of 35 All Birthday cards for the low price of \$35.00 per box. We have outlined the details of this fundraiser below in order to make this a success for our school community.

- Our campaign runs from Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 to Tuesday, April 18, 2023.
- Each family will be provided with a starter box of cards as well as an order form. For families with more than one child, the box cards and order form will be sent home with the oldest child.
- Orders are through School Cash Online
- The starter box must be returned, only if you are not ordering any boxes and making any purchases



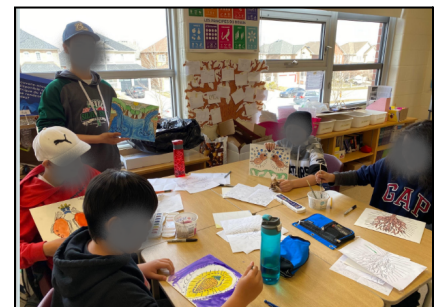
Additional Information:

- Don't forget our amazing prizes!! For every two boxes of cards your family sells, your child's name will be placed in a draw to win one of four \$25 gift cards at local retailers like Cineplex, Toys R Us, Indigo, Walmart and Amazon.
 - There is also the possibility to award a Samsung 8" Tablet 'A' to the top seller if the school reaches sales of 400 boxes or more!

All funds raised will support school fundraising goals in the areas of STEM, Literacy, Mental Health and Well-Being.

McMichael Gallery School Visit - Grade 7s

On Tuesday, March 28th, our grade 7 classes enjoyed a workshop hosted by the McMichael Art Gallery. Our Eagles are a talented group!



Steelpan Music Workshops coming to EMPS!

We are excited to welcome Joy Lapps to EMPS to teach students about the history of the Steelpan on Thursday, April 20. Joy empowers educators to creatively engage students with the steelpan and meet curriculum goals through alternate, inclusive and anti-oppressive pathways. Additionally, we are excited to announce that we will have a class set of steel pans available to enhance our music program. The instruments will be here from April 6th - May 7th.



What else is happening at EMPS?

Ramadan @ EMPS:

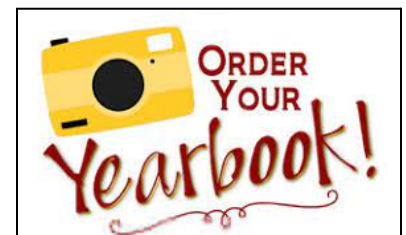
During this time, we usually experience an increase in the number of students who wish to access prayer space. If you would like your child to be excused from class during prayers, we respectfully ask that you reach out to your child's teacher with your request. The Prayer Room is available for students to use for prayer. The room is not supervised by staff. We are encouraged to see so many of our students accessing this space during the lunch hour for Dhuhr.



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 on sale now! Even as the Yearbook Cover and Back Cover Design Contest continues, we have opened up [School Cash online](#) for families who wish to purchase a yearbook. This year's book will have 64 full- colour pages and will include class pages, graduation photos and pages of memories from this past school year. The cost per yearbook is \$28.00. Delivery is expected mid-June. Place your order by April 23rd, 2023.





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: **May 4th**

Upcoming events: Save the Date! June 1st, 2023 - Spring Fair!

APRIL IS SIKH HERITAGE MONTH:

On April 1st, 2021 Minister Bardish Chagger issued the following statement from Ottawa:

"Canada is proud to be home to more than 500,000 Sikh Canadians, making it one of the largest Sikh diasporas in the world. Since the arrival of the first Sikh immigrants in the late 19th century, members of this community have contributed to Canada through their achievements in all areas of society and have helped shape the diversity found within it."

"Sikhism's core principles include equality, generosity, openness, and compassion. Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to reflect on the pivotal role that Sikh communities have played, and continue to play, in building a stronger and consciously more inclusive Canada."

April is an important month for the Sikh community. In this month, Sikh Canadians celebrate Vaisakhi, which marks the creation of the Khalsa and the Sikh articles of faith. Sikh Canadians widely celebrate Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, across Ontario.



South Asian and Tamil Youth Conference

Grades 7 to 12

To honour South Asian Heritage Month, the York Region District School Board in partnership with [The South Asian and Tamil Women's Collective](#) invites self-identifying South Asian and Tamil, female and gender non-binary, grades 7 to 12 students to attend our **2023 South Asian & Tamil Well-Being Conference**.

Students will participate in a day of culturally responsive, identity affirming mentorship and learning in support of their agency, health and well-being.

When

Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8:30am – 2:30 pm

Where

[Pierre Elliott Trudeau Secondary School](#)
90 Bur Oak Ave, Markham, ON L6C 2E6

Registration

Students are to register through this [Conference Google Form](#).
Students should also bring the completed [consent](#) for filming form to submit at the conference.

Contact

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REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/VsvrkwsAK1zxu2wX9>

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Be Allergy Aware! At Elder's Mills, we are a nut-aware school. Students with anaphylaxis are aware of how to keep themselves safe (e.g. not eating unknown foods, carrying an epi-pen, hand-washing, eating in a separate space in the classroom). Our staff is aware of the potential risk to students and receive training for administering an epi-pen. Unfortunately, we are not able to check all snacks and lunches to ensure they are nut-free.

We ask that all families and children in this class do their part to help their allergic classmates stay safe. We can reduce the risk of accidental exposure with your help.

Please:

- DO NOT send peanut/tree-nut containing products to school.
- remind your child that food in their snack or lunch is not to be shared
- do not send food to school for sharing with classmates (e.g. birthday or other celebrations)
- Be mindful of foods from establishments (e.g. Tim Horton's, McDonald's) where they are not a nut-free facility

Your cooperation and understanding of this matter is greatly appreciated.

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.



On the Horizon....

April

3 - Vaughan Fire Visits Grade 3s

6 - Passover

7 - Good Friday - School Closed

10 - Easter Monday - School Closed

14 - Vaisakhi

14 - Holy Friday

21- First Day of the Festival of Ridvan

21 - Id al-Fitr

6 First Day of Pesah - Judaism

Pesah (Passover) commemorates the departure of Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days, the first two and last two days are observed as holy days. The evenings of the first and second days of Pesah begin with Seder meals (festive meals and the telling of the Passover story). The final day of Pesah marks the Israelites' crossing of the Reed Sea, as related in The Book of Exodus.

7 Good Friday (W) - Christianity

Good Friday commemorates the passion and death of Jesus Christ. It is a solemn, holy day for Christians. Good Friday may be marked by attending Church services and by observing a fast. Many Christians break the Good Friday fast after a candle-lit Easter vigil which occurs on the Saturday evening after Good Friday.

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

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

Omari White
Vice-Principal