



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

School Newspaper! 2nd Edition of the Eagle's Nest

Please find our student newspaper linked to our webpages with this communication. See below the Table of Contents. Bon travail aux élèves!

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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. Each family would have received a box on Tuesday, April 4th. In the bag with the box was a sheet of instructions. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about this campaign:



Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What do I do if I don't want to participate?**
 - Return the box with all the cards, in its original condition, to the school office
- **What do I do with the order form that came with the box?**
 - This is for your reference only. Keep track of the boxes you sell so that when you receive delivery of your orders you will know who purchased from you
- **I've sold the box that was sent home, how do I get more to sell?**
 - Use the box that was sent home as the 'sample' to show your family and friends
 - Once sales are finished, place your order on School Cash online and pay for the number of boxes sold
 - Boxes will be sent home at the end of April/beginning of May so that you can fulfill your orders
 - For example: If you sell 10 boxes, you will make a payment on School Cash online for \$350.00; we will send home 9 boxes with your child. You will use the one that was sent home as part of your order.

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.

Caring & Safe Schools @ EMPS: Technology Use

We recognize that learning can be enhanced by technology and we have created opportunities in our classrooms to leverage digital tools to enhance teaching, learning and communication. Discussions about the impact of digital footprints and how a positive attitude toward using technology supports collaboration, learning and productivity are ongoing in our classrooms.

At Elder's Mills, personal mobile devices/laptops are permitted at school for our grades 5 - 8 classes. We are reaching out to our families for support regarding the appropriate use of technology both on

and off-school property. Please continue to engage in conversations with your children regarding respectful and appropriate use of this tool and the privilege and responsibilities that come with it.

To support these conversations, we are highlighting some of the school's and Board's expectations and understandings regarding technology use. Some of these continue to be a challenge for our students.

When using technology, students are accountable for:

- Following the Caring and Safe Schools Policy and the school code of conduct.
- Treating technology with respect.
- Being respectful when writing messages and sharing ideas while using technology.
- Respecting others' privacy and personal information, including passwords.
- Keeping personal information private (e.g. not publishing photos, names, addresses or phone numbers on the internet).
- Using technology responsibly for educational purposes as assigned by a teacher.
 - Cell phones and other personal communication devices must be turned off and kept out of sight during all instructional periods, except with the clear permission of the principal or the classroom teacher.
- Reporting inappropriate or uncomfortable situations involving technology to a staff member.
- Camera and/or video functions on mobile devices are not permitted for use on school property without clear permission from the principal or teacher. Infractions will be dealt with as student discipline, under the Caring and Safe Schools Policy and its related procedures.
- At no time may electronic devices be used in washrooms or changerooms.
- Students are responsible for the care and security of their personal devices. The school is not responsible for any damage, loss or theft.

Families are invited to review YRDSB's [guidelines for technology use](#) by referring to the Guide to the School Year and the School Start-Up package shared in September.

We thank you for your understanding and your ongoing support as we continue to reinforce for and instill in our children their responsibilities to themselves, their peers, their families and their school community in contributing to caring and safe environments for all.

What else is happening at EMPS?

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.



Ramadan @ EMPS:

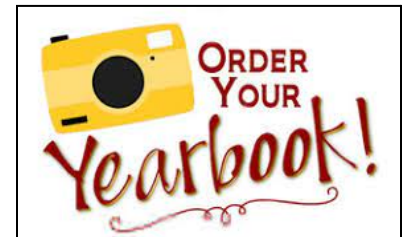
During this time, we usually experience an increase in the number of students who wish to access prayer space. If you would like your child to be excused from class during prayers, we respectfully ask that you reach out to your child's teacher with your request. The Prayer Room is available for students 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

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**

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Elder's Mills PS School Council is busy planning the FIRST Spring Fair since 2018!
Together we can make this a spectacular event!!!

Week 27 - Friday, March 31, 2023

We are looking for parent volunteers to support the event. The Spring Fair will be held on June 1st, 6-8pm. We will need help to set up, run activities, and take down.

Some jobs include:

Face painting

Henna

Refereeing volleyball/basketball games

Running kids activities

And more

If you are interested in helping out please email the School Council at elders.mills.ps@sc.YRDSB.ca.

We are also looking for special events to include at the fair. If you own a business or have a special talent and can donate time or resources to the event, please let us know.

Without you, these events would not be possible. Thank you to everyone that has already given their time!

Thank you,
School Council

Budget Consultations:

Dear families,

York Region District School Board invites families and community members to participate in the Board's annual budget consultation process. The Board values community input and encourages you to complete the [online budget survey](#) that will be available until Wednesday, April 26.

You are also invited to attend a virtual [public budget consultation](#) on Monday, April 17, 2023 or Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

The consultations and survey feedback provide the Board with valuable insight from our community which will be considered in the Board's 2023-2024 budget development and approval process as we work to ensure the final budget will continue to support student achievement and well-being in York Region.

We hope to hear from as many people as possible. Please visit the Board website for more information on how to register for the public consultations and to complete the survey. Questions about the budget process may be directed to budget@yrdsb.ca.

Thank you for your time and input.



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
For more information, please contact:
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[REGISTRATION LINK HERE](#)



CREATIVE & CRAFTY



Children 9-12 Years of Age

The program activities are designed to support participants to relieve stress, relieve everyday anxieties and reduce social isolation.



Date: Thursdays, April 27 to June 15

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

**Location: Suite 106, 9401 Jane Street,
Vaughan, ON. L6A 4H7**



To register, contact Kelly:

EMAIL: Klo@vaughanchc.com

CALL: 905-303-8490 Ext. 2653

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ensure you receive our email communications.*

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 www.vaughanchc.com

This flyer can be provided in an alternative format.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Class Placements for 2023 - 2024:

In the upcoming weeks, homeroom teachers, support staff and administration will be working to develop balanced classes for the next school year that strive to best meet the needs of our students. In this process we rely on the professional judgment of the teachers and staff who have worked with your child.

We appreciate that parents/guardians may wish to share information about their child for staff to consider during the class placement process. If you wish to do so, please email eugenia.korinis@yrdsb.ca before April 27th, 2023. Requests for specific teachers will not be considered. As we make placement decisions, your input is taken into consideration; however, we cannot make any guarantees regarding placements.

Should you have any questions regarding the class placement process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

On the Horizon....

April

- 7 - Good Friday - School Closed**
- 10 - Easter Monday - School Closed**
- 14 - Vaisakhi**
- 14 - Holy Friday**
- 18 - Last Day for Big Box Fundraiser**
- 19 - Junior Boys Basketball Tournament**
- 20 - Earth Day and Community Clean Up**
- 21- First Day of the Festival of Ridvan**
- 21 - Id al-Fitr**
- 25 - Ripley's Aquarium for Grade 2s and 3s**
- 27 - Junior Girls Basketball Tournament**



Save the Date:

Scholastic Book Fair - June 1st - 8th 2023!

Week 27 - Friday, March 31, 2023

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

To families celebrating Passover and Easter, we wish you happy festivities!

Eugenia Korinis

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