



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

Pink Shirt Day - April 9th, 2025: On this annual day in April, we invite all students to wear pink to show respect for diversity and to demonstrate support for learning and working environments which are safe and inclusive of people from all different backgrounds.



The Science of Creativity: Art in the Lab



Elder's Mills P.S. Family Event
Thursday, April 24th, 2025
6:00-8:00 p.m.
ALL AGES



Please join us for an evening where students of all grades and their families can partake in creative activities that are linked to STEM (Science, Math and Technology).

Stations include:

- ❖ Scrape Painting Workshop
- ❖ Playdough Making
- ❖ Disappearing Rainbow Experiment
- ❖ Exploring Music through Science
- ❖ Shadow Art
- ❖ Origami
- ❖ and many more STEM related activities!


**TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT,
PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK:**
[The Science of Creativity - Art in the Lab](#)

NEW to our school this year is the Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

- Families have the option to purchase a box (or boxes) of 12 freshly made glazed donuts.
- These donuts are prepared on the same day when picked up.
- All orders will be delivered to the school and sent home on Monday, May 5. Arrangements will be made for pick up, if needed.
- **Cost of one box/dozen donuts: \$15**
- **PAYMENT DEADLINE:** Wednesday, April 30 or until quantities last, whichever comes first.
- All funds raised will go directly towards initiatives that benefit our students
- All Sales are Final
- Visit [School Cash online](#) to place your orders



The student who sells the most boxes will receive a certificate worth \$100 to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair!



EMPS FUNDRAISER

**A DOZEN
DOUGHNUTS
FOR
A GOOD CAUSE**

\$15.00 PER DOZ/BOX

APRIL 01 - 30, 2025 (while quantities last)
Full details on School Cash Online
Unlimited purchases available

Funds raised by this event support goals in the school's fundraising plan which include providing and supporting enhancements in areas such as Music, Arts, Library, STEM, and student experiences such as field trips, workshops, events and more.

Attendance and Safe Arrival:

Parents may inform the school office of their child's absence in three Consistent, punctual attendance is very important. Learning occurs daily, right from the beginning of the school day. Frequent, repeated late arrivals and absences result in missed learning for students, disruptions to the routine of the classroom and missed opportunities to develop socially. A high volume of students are arriving late to school (not including late buses). Attendance impacts your child's learning in several ways. We request your support in getting your child to school on time and developing positive habits about school attendance.



1. Absences can be entered into **Edsby** which is available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time;
2. Send an email to the school attendance email address at: elders.mills.ps.attendance@yrdsb.ca or;
3. Parents may choose to contact the school office at 905-893-1631 between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on the day of absence.

Class Placements for 2025 - 2026:

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 a number of criteria. 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 complete and submit the Google Form shared below by **Friday, April 25, 2025**. If you have more than one child at the school, please submit a separate form for each child.



Requests for specific teachers will not be considered.

As we make placement decisions, your input is taken into consideration; however, due to the variety and number of factors which inform class placement decisions, we cannot make any guarantees regarding placements.

CORRECTED! Google Form: [Class Placement 2025 - 2026](#)

Thank you for your support.

Delivery Services at Lunch Time

We have noticed an increase in food deliveries for students from services such as Uber Eats and Skip the Dishes. While we understand the convenience these services offer, we kindly ask that they be reserved for emergencies only (e.g., if a student forgets their lunch and a caregiver is unable to bring a replacement).



If you are dropping off a lunch for your child or using a delivery service in an emergency, please ensure their name is clearly labeled on the package to avoid any confusion.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a smooth and safe lunchtime process for all students.

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.

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!



NEWS! The School Council Welcomes New Co-Chair, Sonia Canterra:

The School Council announces the appointment of Sonia Canterra as our new Co-Chair. Sonia will be stepping into the role previously held by Ban Obaid.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Ban for her dedicated support and valuable contributions to the School Council. We wish her all the best.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Sonia to her new position. Bienvenue!

Upcoming Events to Watch For:

- **School Council Meeting:**
 - June 12th, 2025 - details will be shared as the date approaches
- **Coffee Drop in this week:**
 - Tuesday, April 15, 2025
 - 10:30 - 12:00 p.m.

If you wish to connect with School Council, please email elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca





In the YRDSB

Summer Institute 2025

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 9 school sites around York Region.

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

Registration opens March 26, 2025 at 4:00pm. Families can register online.

Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by
**THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

**Monday, April 28, 2025
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Welcome and Engagement Exercise
- Presentation on Black Affirming Resources to Support the Curriculum
- Upcoming Programs and Events
- Question and Answer Session



Please register ASAP.

A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Register now.

If you require further information, please contact
BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

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**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER:
EDUCATE TO ERADICATE**

**FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS,
PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY
MEMBERS AND YOUTH AGES 11+**

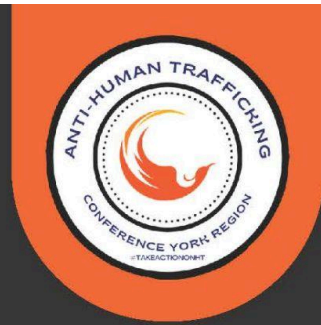
Join us for an educational and awareness raising event about human trafficking. Gain valuable knowledge, tools and resources to help protect and empower our community!

PARENTS!

Learn how to safeguard your children from human trafficking. Hear from a mother of a survivor and York Regional Police officer.

YOUTH!

Win prizes and have fun, while learning about personal safety, self-esteem building, and resilience.



Funding provided by Department of Justice Canada

LOCATION

Seneca Polytechnic, King Campus
13990 Dufferin Street, King City

DATES

Attend on either **May 13** OR
May 14 2025 from 6-9 pm.
Doors open at 5:30 pm.

LEARN, ENGAGE & ENJOY

- Information sessions
- Community information booths
- Free pizza and refreshments!



**REGISTER USING QR CODE
OR USING THE CODE BELOW
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EQAO @ Elder's Mills PS:



EQAO for grade 3 and 6 students will take place between May 7 - June 11.

Specific windows of time for each class will be shared by your child's

homeroom teacher in the coming weeks. Below you will find information for parents from the EQAO website:

EQAO Webinar for Parents and Guardians of Elementary School Students

Register for this free live webinar and learn about EQAO's primary and junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Participants will learn about the purpose of Ontario's large-scale assessments. EQAO staff will explain the assessment format, highlight resources to support students, and answer questions from participants. The session will be approximately 45 minutes, followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff. [Register](#)

EQAO Math Night for Parents and Guardians

Join us for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning. [Register](#)

On the Horizon....

April

Character: Respect

Sikh Heritage Month

World Autism Acceptance Month

12 Passover begins at Sundown

14 Vaisakhi

15 Coffee Drop In

18 Good Friday/Holy Friday -School closed

19 Last day of Passover

20 Easter Sunday

20 Ridvan

21 Easter Monday - School closed

22 Earth Day

24 Junior Boys Basketball Tournament

24 EMPS Family Event Night

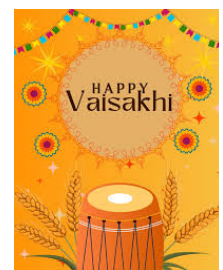
25 Junior Girls Basketball Tournament

***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 Red Sea, as related in The Book of Exodus.*



To students, families and staff observing Passover/Pesach we wish you a Happy Passover, Happy Pesach or Chag Pesach Sameach!

***Vaisakhi** is celebrated in April every year. Vaisakhi is celebrated in different parts of India and all around the world. For Sikhs, Vaisakhi celebrates the birth of the Panth Khalsa order (the Order of the Pure Ones) established by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699. It is at this time that Guru Gobind Singh gave the Khalsa order the five distinct symbols of purity and courage.*



We extend good wishes to all staff, students and members of the Sikh and Indian communities who will be celebrating Vaisakhi.

