



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
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Art Mural Project

At Elder's Mills we are creating spaces to celebrate and affirm the diverse identities of our community. In the Spring of 2024, EMPS students and staff engaged with artist Cindy Scaiffe, to create this mural for our atrium. The mural displays our school mascot, the eagle, soaring above and watching over us. The sky, feathers and body of the eagle are composed of over 600 round discs. Each student and staff member was asked to think about how they might represent their identity on this disc. To think about who they are, what they like, where they are from and more. The result is their creation of a symbol or icon that contributes to the entire eagle. The project was mounted this past Tuesday and it was so uplifting to see and hear students and staff passing through the halls, looking to find their piece. This project serves as a cornerstone, a reminder that we all belong, we all matter and we are all Eagles, 'soaring strong and true' at Elder's Mills.



This project was made possible through the various fundraising efforts supported by the school, School Council and families. We wish to thank Ventura Park Public School for their donation of the two 4x8 canvasses. We look forward to creating more opportunities and memories!



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What's Happening @ EMPS

Safety Week - September 23 - 26 2024

The York Region School Board is committed to ensuring the safety of students, staff, and visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As such, during Safety Week (September 23 to 27, 2024) and throughout the school year, schools in our Board practise various safety drills, including Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and the newly established Bomb Threat Drill. It is critical that all members of our school community become familiar with emergency protocols as they are designed to keep all of us safe at school. Please refer to [Board Policy #669.0](#) for more information about Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management.



Practising drills may create some anxiety for some students. If you are concerned about how these situations might impact the mental health and well-being of your child, please contact school administrators, as we have school mental health professionals available to support your child.

General Supports for Emotional Well-Being

- 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7
- [KidsHelpPhone](#): 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- [York Hills Help Phone Line](#): 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters.
- [Trans Lifeline](#)
- [Black Youth Helpline](#)
- [Naseeha Helpline/](#)
- [2SLGBTQ+ Youthline](#)



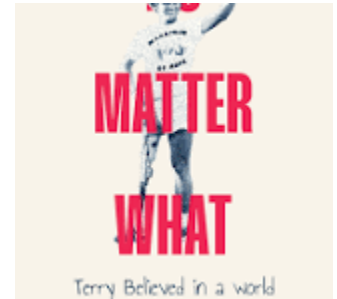
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Terry Fox School Run @ Elder's Mills PS:

We are excited to announce that our school will be proudly taking part in the 2023 Terry Fox School Run, scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, September 25, 2024**. For families who wish to donate, please do so using the website link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/68828>. We hope that we can continue to show the great strength and resiliency of our school community through Terry's message of hope and strength. Last year we raised **\$4,196**. Our goal this year is to reach **\$4,410**! To date we have reached only 12% of this goal. We can do this!!!



Let's spread the news and reach our goal! Our students are excited! Please join us to support cancer research while building incredible school spirit for all of our students.

All students are invited to wear Red and Blue, the colours of the Terry Fox Run this year or School colours/Spirit wear on Wednesday, September 25.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Meet the Teacher!

On Thursday evening **September 26**, you are invited to join us for **Meet the Teacher Night**. We are so excited to be opening up our doors to our families this evening!

Teachers will open their classrooms from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for families to visit. Families will have the opportunity to meet the teacher and learn about classroom routines, expectations, hear about the learning themes and goals for the grade, and to see the classroom.



Our School Council will also be available to connect with families. Stop by their table in the main hall and consider joining one of the Council's subcommittees (e.g. Fundraising, Programming) or signing



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up to volunteer for a number of opportunities throughout the year.

The classroom visits will be organized into two blocks in an effort to allow families with more than one child in more than one grade to visit their children's classrooms. Feel free to visit classes in either one of two sessions:

- 6:00 - 6:25 - Visit 1
- 6:30 - 6:55 - Visit 2
- 6:55 - 7:00 - End of visits

This evening is intended for an introduction to the classroom, the grade and the teacher. Please do not expect the teacher to speak to you about your individual child's progress during this visit. Should you wish to learn more about your child's individual learning, please arrange to meet or speak with your child's teacher at a different date and time. Formal opportunities to meet with and discuss your child's progress will be during the Parent/Teacher conferences in November, after Progress Reports are sent home.

We look forward to seeing you on the 26th!

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day:

Every year on September 30, Canadians observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. It is a day to educate and promote awareness of residential schools and their lasting legacies of trauma, suffering and genocide of Indigenous Peoples. These institutions were designed to assimilate Indigenous children and to eradicate Indigenous cultural practices. The topic of residential schools first appears in the newly revised Social Studies curriculum in Grade 1. Given the observance of Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, many Educators K-12 will take on this topic as part of their instructional program.





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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, observed on September 30th in Canada, is a solemn occasion dedicated to acknowledging the historical and ongoing injustices faced by First Nations, Métis and Inuit. It serves as a vital step towards reconciliation and understanding, providing an opportunity to learn about the painful legacy of residential schools and the enduring trauma experienced by Indigenous communities. On this day, schools across the country also recognize **Orange Shirt Day**, which specifically remembers the story of Phyllis Webstad, a survivor of the residential school system, who had her new orange shirt taken away on her first day at school. These events in schools take on a solemn tone as students and educators engage in activities and discussions that foster empathy, respect, and awareness of the hardships endured by First Nations, Métis and Inuit, promoting a more inclusive and equitable society for future generations. We encourage YRDSB staff and students to wear an orange shirt on Monday, September 30, 2024, to recognize the resiliency, bravery and survival of Residential School Survivors and those who did not come home.

Hot Lunch Fundraiser

At this time we are offering Hot lunch options through the Lunch Box program. Our new Lunchbox program is live through:
<https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>. Details have also been posted on EDSBY.



LUNCHBOX
by SchoolCashOnline

Ordering is open! The *first* delivery date is for Monday, September 23, 2024.

Please secure your order. The deadline for the week is Sunday, September 22, 2024. There will be **no cash sales**.

Below is a list of the providers and delivery dates: .

- Monday – Subway
- Tuesday – Pizza Pizza
- Friday – BarBurrito



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School Council

School councils play an important role in building school, family and community partnerships by providing input into relevant Board and school-level decisions and by encouraging the involvement of all members of the school community in support of student learning, achievement and well-being.

If you are interested in holding a leadership position on our School Council or nominating someone, please complete the [School Council Nomination Form](#) and submit it to the school. You may also contact the office to request a form. **Please complete and submit this form by October 3rd.**

Join us for the first School Council meeting! At this meeting the School Council executive and members will be established. All parents are invited to attend this and all School Council meetings. You do not need to hold a formal position to be present, engaged and involved! We look forward to seeing you then and there.

Date: Thursday, October 10th

Time: 6:30 - 7:30

In-person Location: Elder's Mills school library

Virtual Location: connect by virtual meet link available on [the School Council pages](#) of the school website.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser!

Apples...yum

Potatoes....yum

Onions....yum

Carrots....well, they are good for your eyes!





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We all buy them, we all use them.
 Why not buy them through the school? 40% of sales goes to the school! AND they are fresh from the farm!

Delivery will be sometime between November 4th-December 5th. A notice will go out approximately 10 days before delivery so you have plenty of time to make arrangements (pick up at the school). You will have 2 days to pick up your produce. (After that we will donate any leftovers to the food bank)

Purchase your produce on
<https://www.schoolcashionline.com>



Healthy Fundraising
for Ontario Schools

A fresh take on school fundraising

Since Fresh from the Farm's launch in 2013, 2,600 schools have sold over \$5.5 million of Ontario grown fruits and vegetables, equating to over 4.6 million pounds of product. This has resulted in \$2 million raised by schools and \$3.2 million being returned to local farmers.

14lb Vegetable Bundle

\$22.00

**LESS THAN
\$1.60/lb**

Includes

- 5 lb bag White Potatoes
- 3 lb bag Sweet Potatoes
- 3 lb bag Yellow Onions
- 3 lb bag Orange Carrots



8lb Apple Bundle

\$24.00

**ONLY
\$3.00/lb**

NEW - 8 lb bag Ambrosia apples

Ambrosia apples are a beautiful bright pinkish red and light yellow coloured apple. They are crisp and juicy with a distinct sweet aroma and sweet low acid flavour. Excellent for eating fresh.



Thank you for supporting school based initiatives and Ontario farmers

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School Start-Up Virtual Meeting for Black Families

Last updated September 18, 2024

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for a special virtual meeting where Black families will have the opportunity to hear about initiatives, available resources and upcoming programming for Black Students in both elementary and secondary division.



Agenda:

- *Introduction to some available resources for Black Students*
- *Important information for elementary and secondary division*
- *Upcoming Initiatives, programs and events*
- *Opportunities for collaboration and involvement*
- *Question and answer session*

Registration

[*Registration Link*](#)

Please register no later than September 25, 2024 to ensure you receive the zoom meeting link. Virtual meeting link will be provided after registration.

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community. We look forward to seeing you there.

Location

Virtual meeting link will be provided after registration

When

Thursday, September 26, 2024 - 18:30 to Thursday, September 26, 2024 - 19:30

Contact

**Registration information is collected pursuant to the Education Act and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and will be used for the purpose of registering for the School Start Up Virtual Meeting.*

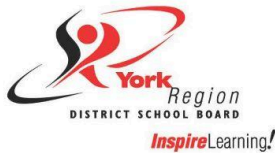
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Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program

The York Region District School Board offers language learning for students in the elementary level (SK to Grade 8) and at the secondary level (Grades 9 to 12).

Elementary

The elementary courses are extra-curricular language learning available for in-person or online classes. Classes are 2.5 hours and run once a week between Tuesday to Friday evenings (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) or Saturday mornings (9:30 AM to 12:00 PM*).

Online registration opens on **Thursday, May 30, 2024**. To attend the full language program in its entirety, be sure to register by **Monday, September 9, 2024**.

* For more information about the elementary program, visit the ILIL [Elementary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



Secondary

The secondary courses are credit-bearing, running once a week for 3.7 hours. Fall classes are year-long, running once a week on Wednesday evenings (5:45 PM to 9:25 PM) or Saturday mornings (8:45 AM to 12:25 PM).

Fall registration will open in mid-July and will close by the third week of classes.

For more updates and information about the secondary credit program, visit the ILIL [Secondary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



Please Note:

- All courses offered are subject to enrolment and teacher availability.
- Stacked classes may be created based on registration numbers.
- Not all languages are offered at the elementary and secondary levels.
- Additional fees are required for international fee-paying visa students.

Languages Offered:

Arabic
Cantonese
Dari
Farsi
Filipino
German
Greek
Gujarati
Hebrew
Hindi
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Macedonian
Mandarin (Both)
Mandarin (Simplified)
Mandarin (Traditional)
Mohawk
Punjabi
Ojibwe
Russian
Sanskrit
Sinhala
Spanish
Tamil
Turkish
Ukrainian
Urdu
Vietnamese
Yoruba



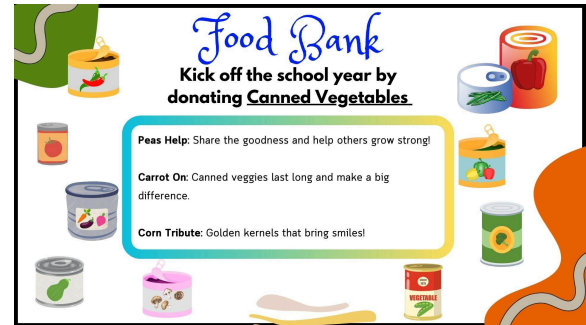
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Support the Vaughan Food Bank!

The School Council has a bin set up in the main hall of the school to collect donations all year long. The theme for the month of September is Canned Vegetables.



In the Community





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School Start up Package - Start-Up Forms:

All families are asked to review [the School Start-up Package](#) linked here. This start-up package includes important information about our school, and we encourage you to review it. Each year we ask families to complete some **important forms** to indicate they have reviewed and understand school and Board policies, and to indicate permissions.



Please take the time to review and complete the forms. If you prefer to receive and complete a paper copy, please let us know.

For your convenience, the link to the forms is shared below:

These forms are available online. [Please complete and submit these online School Start-Up Forms](#) through your child's YRDSB Google account.

Translations are available in:

- [Arabic - العربية](#)
- [Farsi - فارسی](#)
- [Gujarati - ગુજરાતી](#)
- [Hebrew - עברית](#)
- [Korean - 한국어](#)
- [Punjabi - ਪੰਜਾਬੀ](#)
- [Russian - Русский](#)
- [Simplified Chinese - 简体中文](#)
- [Tamil - தமிழ்](#)
- [Traditional Chinese - 繁體中文](#)
- [Turkish - Türk](#)
- [Urdu - اردو](#)
- [Vietnamese - Tiếng Việt](#)
- Frequently asked questions and additional information on [how to complete the forms](#) are available on the Board website under [Family Resources](#) (click on the "Need Help" link for Family Start-Up Forms).

It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year. There are both mandatory and optional forms. The forms are to be completed for all students. Your child's school will access the information.



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Dear Families,

Re: Important Reminders for Student Safe Arrival Procedures



We would like to remind families to report any student absences and ask that you contact the school to inform office staff of any absences. At Elder's Mills, absences can be reported in EDSBY, by calling the school or via email at elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca

As per [Board Policy and Procedures #665.0. Safe Arrivals and Departures – Elementary and Secondary Students](#), if your child's absence is still not verified even after exhausting different steps to connect with the family, York Regional Police will be contacted and may be dispatched to your residence.

We remind parent(s)/guardian(s) to update the school with all emergency contact information when changes are made. Thank you for your cooperation in reporting student absences.

On the Horizon:

September

Character Trait: Courage
23 Safety Week Begins
25 Le jour des Franco-Ontariens
26 Meet the Teacher Night!
27 PA Day - No classes for students
30 Orange Shirt Day; National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October

1 Photo Day!
1, 2, 8 and 9 Grade 3s to Heritage House
2, 3, 8, 9 Grade 7 & 8 to Cold Creek
9, 10, 11 Grade 4s to BORC
14 Thanksgiving - School closed
15, 16, 17 Grade 2s to BORC
21 PA Day - No classes for students

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis and *Ayesha Mondal*
Principal Vice-Principal