



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
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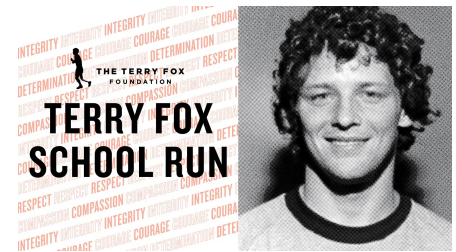
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Dear Families and Students,

Please take the time to read through the information shared here about upcoming events, updates and reminders.

Terry Fox School Run @ Elder's Mills PS:

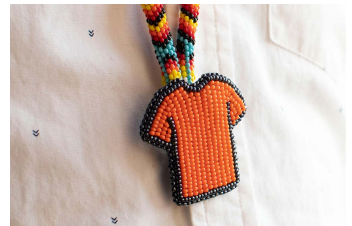
We are excited to announce that our school will be proudly taking part in the 2022 Terry Fox School Run, scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, September 28th, 2022**. For families who wish to donate, please [click here](#) and select your child's classroom.



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. This year our fundraising goal is to surpass the \$7,000 we raised last year! Our students are excited! **We invite all students to dress in school colours, or school spirit wear on this day (Red, Black, White).** Thank you in advance for your support!

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day:

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. [Orange Shirt Day is an annual Canada-wide event](#) that began in 2013 to educate people and promote awareness in Canada about the residential school system and the impact it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century—an impact that continues today. All Canadians are encouraged to wear an orange shirt on September 30 to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and to recognize the resiliency and bravery of residential school survivors. **At EMPS, we invite all staff and students to wear an orange shirt on Friday, September 30th, 2022.**



Safety Week - September 26 - 30th @ EMPS

The Board has a number of policies and procedures in place to address emergency situations. To help our students become familiar with emergency procedures, we will be conducting a fire drill, a lockdown drill and a hold and secure drill in our building this week. We will announce and prepare our students for these drills so that they are aware of expectations. We will also be highlighting School bus safety and other school safety procedures for our students over the announcements and in our classrooms. Over the course of the year, we will hold fire drills, lockdown drills and hold and secure drills so that students become familiar with emergency preparedness procedures. These drills are important so that in the case of an actual emergency, students and staff members know what to do to be safe.



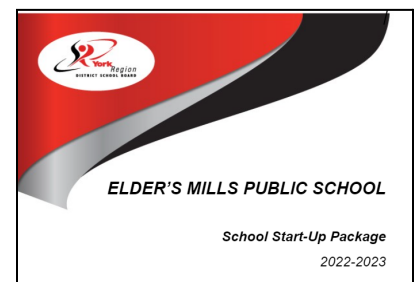
Cross-Country Begins @ EMPS:

Students in grades 4 - 8 have the opportunity to be part of our school's Cross-Country team. This past week students were invited to try out for the team. We had a great turnout! Coaches supervised tryouts at recess and our students were running laps around our field. We are looking forward to our participation in the Area Meet on October 17th.

School Start up Package - Start-Up Forms:

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

- *Parents/guardians are required to complete a separate form for each child.*
- *You will need to be signed into your child's student GAPPS account to complete the form.*
- *Ensure that you log out of one child's GAPPS account and log back into the next to complete the form for each child.*
- *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, whether they are attending school in person or participating in remote, online learning. Your child's school will access the information.

If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact your school office.

Thank you.

Volunteers In Our School:

There are many opportunities to get involved. Please contact your child's teacher or message the school office for more information. All volunteers must comply with the Volunteers in Our Schools Policy and Procedure and:

- Complete the Volunteers in Our Schools Form, available through the school.
- Submit a Vulnerable Sector Screening completed within the last six months (requirement for new volunteers) OR sign the Annual Offence Declaration (returning volunteers).
- Sign a Confidentiality Agreement.
- Complete training, as required.



If you are interested in volunteering in our school, please complete and submit the Volunteers in Our Schools form attached to this communication.

We have immediate opportunities for volunteering in our school library. Please reach out if you are available. Thank you.

Student Verification Forms:

This week, your child will be coming home with a copy of their current Student Registration Verification/Emergency Contact information form. Please review the letter with instructions regarding updating this form and return it to your child's teacher no later than **October 3rd, 2022**.



Consultation Process - Student Leadership and Student Voice:



The York Region District School Board regularly engages in reviewing its policies. Currently, the Board of Trustees has identified a need to review Policy #672 Student Leadership and Voice and Policy #635 Student Dress Code. As part of the review process The YRDSB consults extensively with students, staff and community members.

We encourage you to review this [slidedeck](#) to build some context around Student leadership in our Board and fill out the surveys to provide your feedback. You will find the surveys on our [Board's Policy review page](#) along with an explanation of policy review. Scroll down the page and click on to find the links to the surveys.

We thank you for your participation and your voice in ensuring our policies are reflective of our community of learners. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary, anonymous, and confidential. Your input will be considered and used to help inform revisions to the policies.

YRDSB Audit Committee Seeks Community Volunteer:

York Region District School Board is seeking one community member with financial expertise and business knowledge to serve on its audit committee for a three-year term effective **January 31, 2023**.



The primary role of the audit committee is to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its duties related to governance and oversight. The committee meets at least three times a year, plus ad hoc meetings as required.

Candidate Eligibility

- Applicants must be a York Region resident and have an accounting designation, as well as sufficient accounting and senior financial management expertise to understand public sector accounting and auditing standards.
- The applicant must not be a current employee or officer of the board or of any other district school board or school authority.
- The applicant must not have a parent, child or spouse currently employed by the board.

Submission of Applications

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a letter of interest and resume by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2022** to:

Janna Lagaev, Comptroller, Accounting and Financial Services

York Region District School Board

Email address: finance.services@yrdsb.ca

More information is available on the Board [website](#).



[Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter](#)

(click heading for link to the Newsletter)

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. We are happy to see all of you! We acknowledge that many different feelings and emotions accompany the start

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of a new school year for students, parents, educators, and the communities that support them. From excitement to nervousness, anxiety to joy and everything in between. Whatever feelings and emotions accompany your child(ren) or family, know they are valid, important and okay.

Our September Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter focuses on a mentally healthy start to the school year. A mentally healthy start to the school year may encompass something different for each child and family, honouring that we all experience and support our mental health and well-being differently.

On the Horizon....

September 26 and 27 - Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)
September 28- Terry Fox Event @ EMPS
September 30 - Orange Shirt Day
September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 3 - XMovement returns to EMPS - stay tuned!
October 6 - Meet the Teacher Night and Community event

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis and *Omari White*
Principal Vice-Principal