

Week 3



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
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School Photo Day!
Wednesday, September 27th!

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

Wednesday September 27, 2023



Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.



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Terry Fox School Run @ Elder's Mills PS: Thursday September 28th!!!!

We are excited to announce that our school run is here!!! The 2023 Terry Fox School Run, will take place on **Thursday, September 28th, 2023**. For families who wish to donate, please do so using the website link shared with you by your child's homeroom teacher. 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 \$5,765.65 and our goal this year is to raise \$6,055! As of today we are just over \$1000 towards our goal. Our students are excited! Please join us to support cancer research while building incredible school spirit for all of our students. Thank you in advance for your support!



Dear families,

As you know, on October 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., our school had planned our Meet the Teacher Night.

Due to a scheduling conflict, we will have to reschedule this event to Thursday, October 12th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Families are our most important partner in education and we hope you are able to join us on this new date.

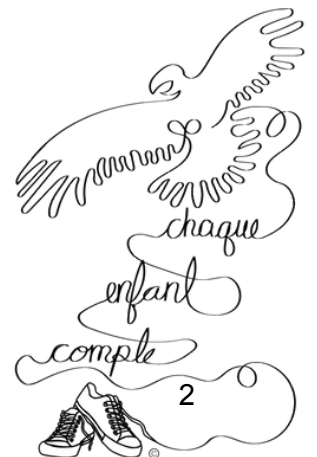
**MEET THE
TEACHER** 

We are very sorry for any inconvenience. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, as always, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher, or to the main office.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Orange Shirt Day:

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



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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 29th.**

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.

At EMPS will be encouraging all students and staff to wear an orange shirt on Friday September 29, 2023, to recognize the resiliency, bravery and survival of Residential School Survivors and those who did not come home. In addition, we will be flying an **Every Child Matters** flag in front of our school.

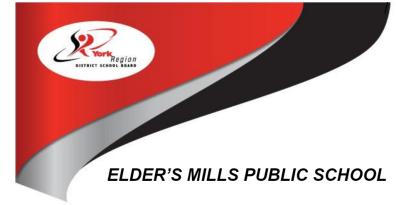
Safety Week - September 25 - 29 @ EMPS

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. The planned dates are shared with you in the On the Horizon section at the end of this communication. 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.



School Start up Package - Start-Up Forms:

At the start of each school year, schools share with families a package of information about the school. Please ensure you review this important information. Families are also encouraged to review the online [Guide to the School Year](#).



We also ask families to complete some important forms. These forms are now available online. [Please complete and submit these online School Start-Up Forms](#) through your child's YRDSB Google account. Translations are available.

School Start-Up Package
2023 - 2024

- *You can access your child's YRDSB Google account via a web browser. For best results, use a computer rather than a mobile phone.*
- *The username is your child's YRDSB Student Number. Your child will receive their login information from the school at the start of the year. If you or your child do not know the password to log in to their Google account, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.*
- *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.

Please complete a separate form for each child attending our schools. Secondary school students will also be asked to review important school and Board policies and to indicate that they have reviewed this information on forms sent to their student GAPPS account.

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.

*The EMPS School Start-Up package was shared with families in our Week 1 email. It is available on our school webpages for your reference. Follow this link: [EMPS School Start-Up package 2023 - 2024](#)

Fundraising at EMPS!

Our Fundraising programs are up and running at EMPS. All funds raised from these programs support our school fundraising plan.

Hot Lunch

At this time we are offering Hot lunch options for Mondays and Tuesdays. If you are interested in participating, please place your orders by September 24th. Check your email for a message from School Cash online for details. You may also access the site by clicking this link:

[School Cash online](#)



NEW! We are also offering Just Catering for Kids on Wednesdays. Please visit this link if you are interested. All inquires, orders and payments are made directly to Just Catering for Kids.

<https://www.justcateringforkids.com/booking/>. The school receives a portion of the profits from each sale.



School 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 any time. The online store is now 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>



Mabels Labels:

Our School Council is pleased to offer this amazing opportunity for our families. Please follow this link for details and see the flyer below.

https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/



Elder Mills PS (Vaughan)

Buy Mabel's Labels waterproof, durable labels to help reduce classroom mix-ups and keep your items coming home!



→ Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for

Elder Mills PS (Vaughan)



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](#). You may also contact the office to request a form. **Please complete and submit this form by September 22nd.** At our first meeting, we will be reviewing the nominations and forming the Council for this year. All parents of EMPS students are invited to attend.

School Council Meeting:

Thursday, September 28th
Library @ Elder's Mills P.S.
7:00 p.m.

A separate communication with further details will be shared with families. In-person and remote options for attending will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Tune In YRDSB Podcast - Indigenous Education: A Students' Perspective

Hear Indigenous student trustees share their experiences and perspectives on Indigenous education in York REgion on the latest episode Tune In YRDSB.

Tune In YRDSB

Use of Non-Board Electronic Devices (Mobile phones, laptops, tablets...) at Elder's Mills:

- Students in our grades 5 - 8 classes may bring personal electronic devices such as a tablet or a laptop into the classroom for instructional purposes only.
- Personal computers and tablets are used when instructed by and under the supervision of the teacher - no personal gaming etc...
- **Mobile phones are discouraged and are not allowed to be used during the instructional day.**

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- Cell phones and other personal communication devices **must be turned off and kept out of sight during the instructional day (including recess and lunch)**. Should students need to phone home, they may come to the office to use the phone.
- **At no time may electronic devices be used in washrooms or changerooms.**
- Please review [YRDSB's Information Technology Acceptable Use Agreement linked here](#).



2023 - 2024
YSSI
YOUTH SCHOOL SUCCESS INITIATIVE
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

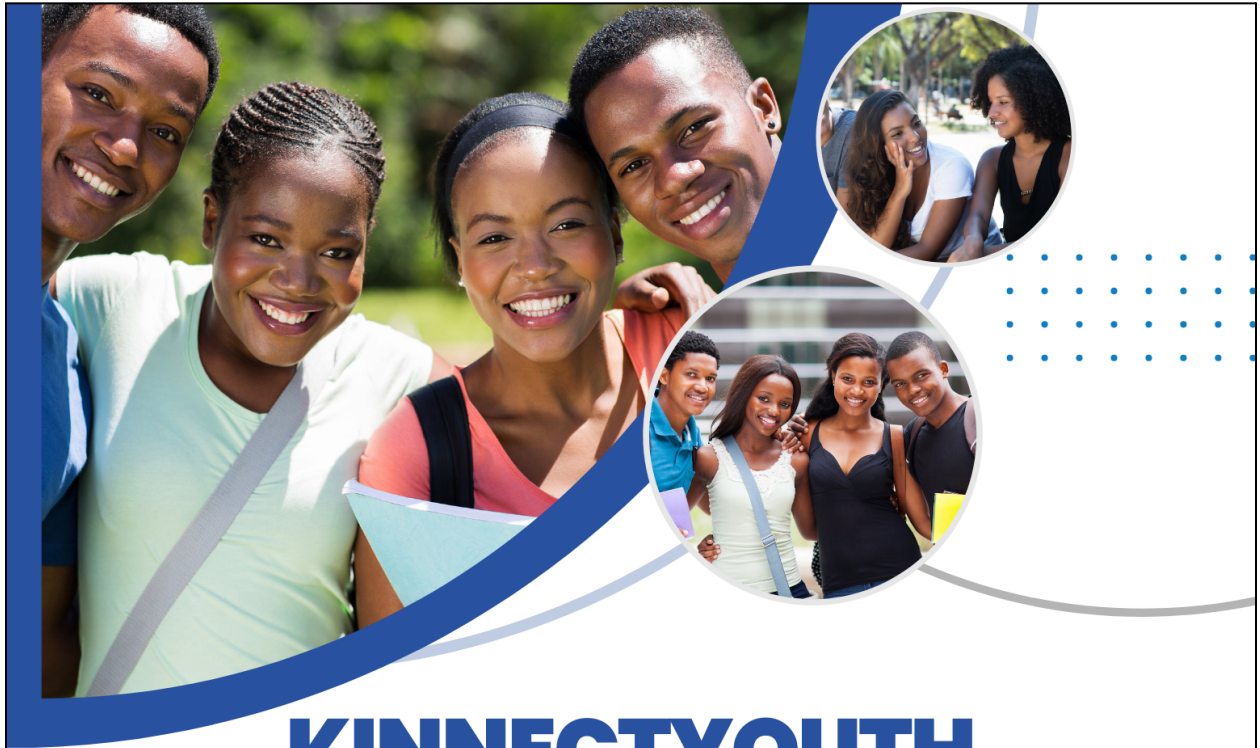
YSSI: Empowering Black Youth (Grades 6-8) for High School Success!
Personalized academic support, culturally relevant curriculum, and life skills development. Fostering community, boosting confidence, and celebrating diversity. Join us for a brighter future!

Support offered:

 ANCHOR (In-person) French Tutoring	 Parents of Black Children (Online) EDGE Program 1-on-1 tutoring support
 MACCA (Online & In-person) Math & Literacy Tutoring STEAM Activity sessions	 YRAACC (Online & In-person) Sankofa Identity Program (Exploring Racial and Cultural Identity)
 NACCA (Online) Mental health education 1-on-1 access to therapists	

Register and to learn more visit
www.macca1987.com/YSSI

For more information please contact support@macca1987.com



KINNECTYOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

Aaniin Community Centre (Youth Room)
5665 14th Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3K5

Weekly-in person meetings on Wednesdays 3:30pm-7pm

Our Mission

To educate and empower Black identified youth by offering innovative and culturally responsive programming, mentorship, and a social support network.

- Hands-on, interactive creativity and entrepreneurship workshops
- Opportunities to gain professional experience
- Individual and group mentorship
- Presentations from community leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs
- Access to technology
- Weekly In-person meetings

Contact Us

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Yom Kippur Greeting

To all those who commemorate [Yom Kippur](#), which begins Sunday, I would like to wish you and your families a meaningful fast.

Please see my [video message](#) to mark this important day.

Bill Cober (he/him/his)
Director of Education
Education Centre – Aurora

On the Horizon....

- September 25 - Fire Drill Practice
- September 25 - Yom Kippur
- September 26 - LockDown Drill practice
- September 27 - Photo Day
- September 28- Terry Fox Event @ EMPS
- September 28 - School Council
- September 29 - Hold and Secure Drill practice
- September 30 - Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



SAVE THE DATE!

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis and *Ayesha Mondal*
Principal Vice-Principal