



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

Felicitations!

The Junior Boys Basketball team competed in the Area Tournament on Wednesday. **They won!!!** The team will be moving on to the Regional meet on May 1st. Thank you to coaches M. Kakar and Mr. Childs (behind the camera 📷), to staff and parent volunteers for their support for this amazing team! Way to go Eagles! Nous sommes les aigles, forts et fideles!



Special Announcement!

EMPS Eco Team's 1st Place Eco Banner is on display now until April 26th in the Event Court at Vaughan Mills Mall as part of the Environmental Sustainability Campaign! Congratulations to the EcoBanner Team!

Earth Day @ EMPS

Earth Day is hosted every year on April 22nd. It is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability. Everyone is encouraged to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future. **On Monday, wear blue or green to show your love for the planet.** Next week, EMPS will spend time outside in nature and do intentional learning about how to care for our planet.

Remember to dress for the weather!!

Eco Week/Semaine Éco: 22-26 avril

Monday/Lundi 22 avril	Tuesday/Mardi 23 avril	Wednesday/Mercredi 24 avril	Thursday/Jeudi 25 avril	Friday/Vendredi 26 avril
<p>*Earth Day* Wear blue or green to show your love for our planet!</p> <p>Bondar Challenge Students will learn about the art of photography to discover new perspectives of nature through a camera lens.</p> 	<p>Sit spot and mental health benefits A Sit Spot cultivates a connection between you and nature, improves observation skills, and well-being by visiting one specific place in nature on a regular basis.</p> 	<p>Waste Free Lunch Have a waste-free lunch to reduce environmental impacts of packaging by using drink containers, washable cutlery, and cloth napkins instead of prepackaged foods, juice boxes and pouches, and disposable utensils.</p> 	<p>Community Clean-up Every year in April, in honor of Earth Day, residents in Vaughan come together to take part in the City of Vaughan's 20-Minute Makeover community litter cleanup.</p>  <p>Map and materials provided</p>	<p>Pause to Play Challenge Students put aside technology and are more physically active by playing outside.</p> 

BIG BAGS OF POPCORN! LAST CALL!!!!

FUNDRAISER CLOSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Get four Family Size Bags for only \$20.00.

Each bag is 125 grams and the flavours are:

*butter and salt, *white cheddar, *chipotle cheddar, *dill pickle

Locally grown! Locally popped! Peanut and Nut free! Gluten Free!

All payments and orders will be placed on [School Cash online](#). Many prizes for our top selling students. Good luck and thank you for your participation.



Ready For Some Fundraising Fun?




Get 4 big family size bags for only \$20.00 including tax.

- ✓ Locally grown!
- ✓ Locally popped!
- ✓ Peanut & Nut free!
- ✓ Gluten Free!

Prizes for the top five sellers!




ELDER'S MILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL
Starts Friday, April 5




Celebrating @ EMPS!

We have much to celebrate at Elder’s Mills. We are a community of families, students and staff of diverse identities and we are reaching out to you to share the celebrations, traditions and stories, past and present, that are part of the Elder’s Mills identities.

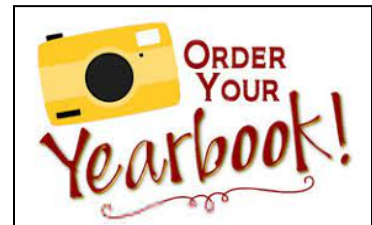
Families are invited to share artifacts and resources for Sikh Heritage Month, Passover, Orthodox Easter and looking ahead to May for Asian Heritage Month, Jewish Heritage month and more! Please email elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca to indicate your interest.



Students and Staff contribute to and create a display about Passover

Yearbook on sale now!

We have opened up [School Cash online](#) for families who wish to purchase a yearbook. The cost per yearbook is \$30.00. Delivery is expected mid-June. **Place your order by April 30th, 2024.**



Class Placements for 2024 - 2025:

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 26, 2024. 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.

Google Form: [Class Placement 2024 - 2025](#)

Student Personal Information Consent Form - YEARBOOK:

Yearbooks chronicle the activities of the school and student body. They are produced for sale (hard copy or digital) to students and the school community. School yearbooks may be placed in the school library in hardcopy or electronic format.

Class photos, photos of your child's participation in school clubs, activities and events, work products by your child, and your child's achievements may be published in the yearbook along with their grade and full name.

Please complete and submit [this form](#) if you **DO NOT CONSENT** to your child's photo and/or name being published in the yearbook. Complete a separate form for each child. Submit by Monday, April 22nd.

This information was initially collected in the School Start Up forms shared with all families in September. If you did not complete these forms, please follow this link and complete them as soon as possible: <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>

If you consent, there is no need to complete this form, but we do ask that you ensure the start up forms are completed.

Maple's Closet:

Maple's Closet has helped provide graduation attire to grade 8 and 12 students across our schools. The objective is to provide a graduation dress, suit and accessories to every York Region student in need.

Donations Welcome

If you would like to make a donation: dresses, suits, dress pants, shirts, ties and accessories please contact:

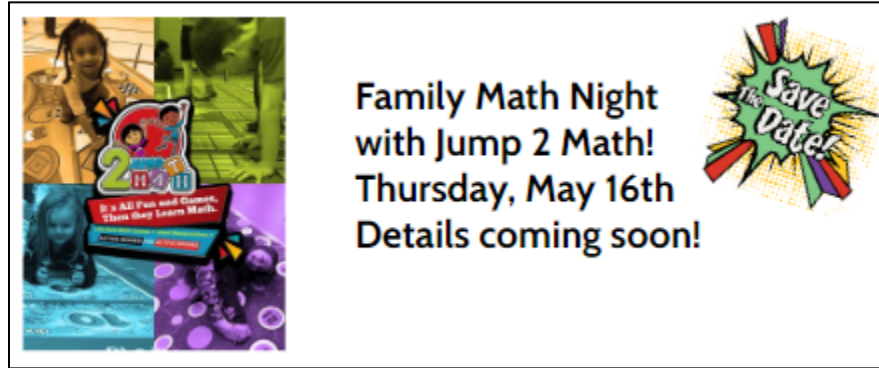
Lindsay Greffel at Maple High School: Lindsay.greffel@yrdsb.ca

Oksana Majaski: Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

Donations would be appreciated by April 30, 2024.

School
Council 

Our next School Council meeting is Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. A virtual link will be emailed on the afternoon of the 25th for parents/guardians who would like to attend virtually. If you are unable to join a meeting and would like to know the topics discussed, the meeting presentations are posted on the [School Council pages of the Elder's Mills website.](#)



Family Math Night
with Jump 2 Math!
Thursday, May 16th
Details coming soon!

Save the Date!

Food Drive!

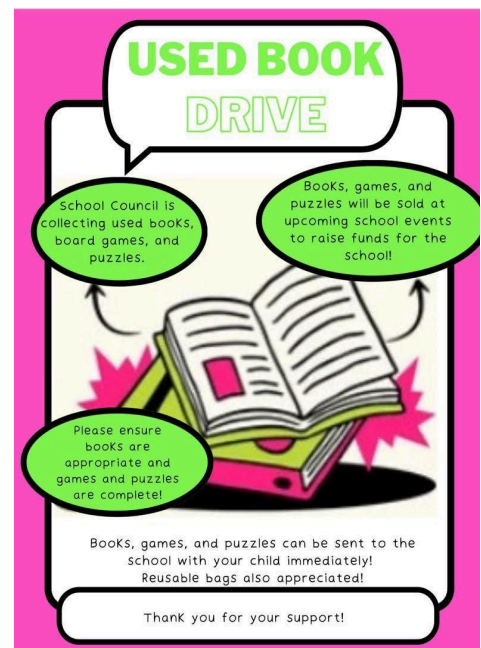
The EMPS Food Drive is ongoing. We continue to accept donations of non-perishable food items for the Vaughan Food Bank. There is a bin in the front hall of the school where donations may be dropped off. We thank our parent volunteers for supporting the pick up and drop off of the bins.



Coming this Spring! EMPS School Council Spring Fair!

Among many other activities, the Used Book and Toy Drive will take place at the Spring Fair.

Please continue to send in items. Details to follow!



USED BOOK DRIVE

School Council is collecting used books, board games, and puzzles.

Books, games, and puzzles will be sold at upcoming school events to raise funds for the school!

Please ensure books are appropriate and games and puzzles are complete!

Books, games, and puzzles can be sent to the school with your child immediately!
Reusable bags also appreciated!

Thank you for your support!



Sikh Trails In Canadian Landscapes

Please join us to commemorate our Sikh Heritage Month Celebration with the Sikh Educators Voice Alliance and Sikh Student Association.

Our focus is on **Sikh Trails In Canadian Landscapes**. At this event, the Sikh Educators Voice Alliance (SEVA) and Sikh Student Association (SSA) will provide time and space to highlight and promote Sikh histories, language and identity and to build unity through community.

Exhibits:

- Keynote Speaker: Kulvir Singh Gill
- Artifacts
- Artwork / Spoken Word by YRDSB Students
- Gatka Performance
- Bhangra Performance
- Community Partners and Vendors

All are welcome to come learn, celebrate, and grow with us.

When

Saturday, April 27, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where

Middlefield Collegiate Institute

525 Highglen Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3L5

This event is an opportunity for parents, families and YRDSB staff members to network, share, and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of Sikh identity.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please fill out the [Registration Form](#) by April 22, 2024

If you have an questions reach out to Harpinder.kaur@yrdsb.ca

[LINK TO REGISTER HERE](#)

Parent/caregiver series supporting students of Chinese Heritage.

Keep the Door Open: Understand Your Child's Inner World

敞開孩子的心房/敞開孩子的心房

The YRDSB Community Care Social Work series will provide a number of parent/caregiver virtual events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The first session in the series is offered for any parent/guardian of students of Chinese Heritage. Parents, caregivers are invited to join this workshop and engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school. Tips on ways that help strengthen family relationships and emotional wellbeing will be shared. This will be a free virtual event.

Keep the Door Open (Repeated Session): Understand Your Child's Inner World

April 23, 2024 at 6:00pm-7:00pm Mandarin Session

[Registration for Mandarin Session](#)

April 23, 2024 at 7:00pm-8:00pm Cantonese Session

[Registration for Cantonese Session](#)

Please email charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions or difficulties in accessing the registration link. Thank you

Festival of Ridvan - April 20th, 2024

The Festival of Ridván (pronounced Riz-wan) commemorates the anniversary of the declaration of Bahá'u'lláh of His prophetic mission to his followers in 1863, proclaiming His identity as the promised Manifestation of God. Ridván is celebrated over the twelve-day period that Bahá'u'lláh spent in the Najibiyyih Garden just outside of Baghdad and across the Tigris River. Bahá'u'lláh later referred to it as "The Garden of Ridván". Ridván can be translated as "Paradise". On three of the twelve days, Bahá'ís may suspend work on the First, Ninth, and/or the Twelfth Day of Ridván in order to participate in community celebrations and do good works. These three days represent, in order, the day of Bahá'u'lláh's declaration, when His family joined Him in the Najibiyyih Garden, and when He and His



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family left the Garden and started the journey for Constantinople, the place of His exile... The dates for the Festival of Ridván are determined from the date of another Bahá'í Holy Day – Naw Rúz (held on the Equinox), and will therefore vary from year to year between April 20 – May 2.

We extend good wishes to all staff, students and families who will be celebrating Ridvan. To help deepen our understanding, and to honour YRDSB's Diamond Days, please see this [Ridvan video](#).

Passover - begins on the evening of Monday, April 22

Passover, also known as Pesach, is the eight-day Jewish commemoration of the Israelites' emancipation from slavery in ancient Egypt.

Passover can be observed by avoiding leaven and eating matzah. This is highlighted by the Seder meals, which include many rituals, such as the presence of four cups of wine, eating bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus, to name just a few. Passover begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the eighth day.



Passover is celebrated by the Jewish community across all denominations because it is so essentially and uniquely a family holiday. The Seder (SAY-der), which is a ceremonial meal that includes reading, drinking wine, telling stories, eating special foods, singing, and many other Passover traditions, is often attended by complete extended families. As per Biblical command, it is held after nightfall on the first night of Passover (and the second night if you live outside of Israel), the anniversary of the Israelites' miraculous exodus from Egyptian slavery more than 3,000 years ago.

As charity and community are central aspects of Judaism, it is common for families to invite those who do not have their own seders to join them. During seder meals, bitter herbs and various symbolic foods symbolize the suffering endured by the Israelites, as well as their escape from bondage. The Haggadah, which is a retelling of the exodus, is read at the seder meal. ...

We extend good wishes to all staff, students and families who will be celebrating Pesach/Passover.

To help deepen our understanding, and to honour YRDSB's Diamond Days, please see this [video about Pesach/Passover](#).

On the Horizon....

April

April is Sikh Heritage Month

April is Earth Month

Character Trait: Respect

20 Ridvan

22 - 26 Eco Week

22 Earth Day

23- 29 Passover

25 EMPS 20 Minute Makeover

25 School Council Meeting

30 Jr. Boys Basketball Regional meet

30 Ascending Sisters Mentorship Session

May

May is Asian Heritage Month

May is Jewish Heritage Month

Character Trait: La Responsabilité

2 Gr 7s Virtual Experience - Ripley's Aquarium

3 Holy Friday (Christianity, Eastern)

6 Grade 7&8 Immunization Clinic

13 Grade 7 Trip to Ripley's Aquarium

20 Victoria Day - School Closed

21 Grade 8 Trip to Brock University

24 Jump Rope for Heart Kick off Assembly

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

To families who will be celebrating Ridvan and Passover/Pesach, we wish you happy celebrations!

Eugenia Korinis

Principal

Ayesha Mondal

Vice-Principal

