

Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye

Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity

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What's happening @ Elder's Mills!

Arts and STEM Night @ EMPS!

Elder's Mills Public School hosted a successful 'Science of Creativity: Art in the Lab' event on Thursday, April 24th. The school's main floor was transformed into a vibrant gallery showcasing student artwork and projects, while classrooms and the gym became interactive art studios. Led by EMPS students, teachers, volunteers, and School Council members, families engaged in creating art and music, exploring their connections to science. For those who missed the event, activity details are available at this link:





Thank you to all teachers, student leaders, volunteers, staff, and the School Council for making this a wonderful community-building experience!

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Basketball Team!

Huge congratulations to the Junior Boys Basketball Team for their outstanding 1st place win at the Area Tournament on Thursday, April 24th! Their teamwork, dedication, athleticism, and school spirit truly shone. We're so proud of them as they move on to compete in Regionals next week. A heartfelt thank you to the players, coaches, and parents for their unwavering support! Go Eagles Go!



Merci aux étudiants et aux professeur(e)s pour le grand succès de la semaine Eco! Classes enjoyed the Community Clean up, the School Spirit Assembly and more this week! Thank you to the grade 8 student leaders for supporting classes with the week's activities!





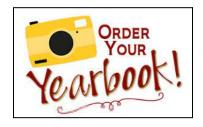






LAST CALL TO PURCHASE YEARBOOK

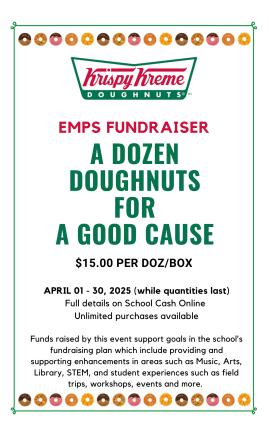
The 2024 - 2025 Yearbook is coming together. Mme Wong and a group of Grade 8 students are collaborating to build a book of 64-colour pages filled with milestones, moments and memories for the whole school! Each copy is \$30.00. Please go to School Cash online for details and to make a purchase. Sales end April 30th!



LAST CALL! for 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
- All funds raised will go directly towards initiatives that benefit our students
- All Sales are Final
- Visit <u>School Cash online</u> to place your orders

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



Class Placements for 2025 - 2026- FORM CLOSES TODAY!

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.

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Requests for specific teachers will not be considered.

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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.

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.schoolcashonline.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!



Upcoming Events to Watch For:

- Coffee Drop In:
 - Tuesday, May 13, 2025
 - o 10:30 12:00 p.m.
- Spring Fair:
 - Thursday, May 29, 2025 Details coming soon!
- **School Council Meeting:**
 - June 12th, 2025 details will be shared as the date approaches

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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 <u>Summer Institute webpage</u>. Registration opens March 26, 2025 at 4:00pm. Families can register online.



Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Langstaff Secondary School

Address: 106 Garden Avenue, Richmond Hill



Celebrate Tradition. Create Together. Share in the Joy.

Join us as we celebrate the richness, resilience, and history of Jewish communities! Roll up your sleeves and learn how to braid challah, the symbolic Jewish bread.

Open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff

Please register here by Thursday, May 22, 2025.









Korean Family Engagement Night 2025



Register by April 24, 2025 Secure your spot using the Google form!

Kids are welcome!



Student Panel

Authentic story sharing from students about their journeys from secondary school to postsecondary pathways



Elementary Workshop

Student Leadership Extracurricular activities Self-identity & sense of belonging



Secondary Workshop

Post-secondary pathways & application processes Mental health & well-being

Thursday, May 1st, 2025 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Thornhill Secondary School, 167 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill, ON

For more information, contact Jae Yeon (Jasmin) Kwak (jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca)







Victims of Crime Week

Parents, caregivers, guardians, community members and youth 11+ are welcome to attend the 3rd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference in York Region.

Join us at Seneca Polytechnic College King Campus on May 13 and 14, 2025 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for an evening of learning, networking, and collaboration in the fight against human trafficking. Registration for the 3rd Annual York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference. Administrators, please share this link with your community.

Our conference brings together experts, advocates, and community members to raise awareness and education. Through engaging workshops, inspirational talks and community booths, we gain valuable knowledge and tools to protect and empower our community. Free refreshments and a light dinner will be provided.

For more information, please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at iscs@yrdsb.ca.

May is Asian and South Asian Heritage Month

In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to designate May as Asian Heritage Month. At the provincial level, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario designated May as South Asian Heritage Month in 2001 and as Asian Heritage Month in 2005. As we approach the month of May, communities across Canada will be coming together to understand, affirm and appreciate the vibrant heritages of Canadians of the Asian and South Asian diaspora.



May is Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month was given Royal Assent in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on April 24, 2012 and in the Senate of Canada on March 29, 2018. As we approach the month of May,

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staff and students are encouraged to engage in opportunities that celebrate and affirm Jewish histories and the achievements of the Jewish community.

Canada is home to the fourth largest Jewish population in the world. There are close to 400,000 Jewish residents in Canada, and almost half of that number resides in Ontario. Jewish immigrants in Canada can be traced as far back as 1760. Jewish Canadians have proudly contributed to Canadian heritage in all of its facets, including the military, the arts, government, business, academia, law, medicine, culture, and sports. Throughout the month of May, we celebrate the contributions Jewish Canadians make in communities across the country.

May is Armenian Heritage Month:

The month of May is Armenian Heritage Month. Armenian Heritage Month was given Royal Assent in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 2022 through Bill 105 Act to proclaim the month of May as Armenian Heritage Month.

Ontario is home to more than 100,000 people of Armenian heritage. Armenians began migrating to Canada in the 1880s. Approximately 37 Armenians came to Ontario in 1892, and 100 more settled in the province in 1895. After the Hamidian massacres of the mid-1890s, Armenian families began settling in greater numbers in Ontario. Decades later, approximately 2,000 survivors of the 1915 Armenian Genocide - mostly women and children - came to Canada as refugees.

May is a significant month for the Armenian community. May 28, 1918, is widely celebrated by Armenian people around the world as the day Armenians regained sovereignty over their historical territory. The 1918 Armenian Declaration of Independence is a symbol of Armenians' aspiration for freedom, democracy and independence. May 28th is one of the most important Armenian holidays, and many parades and festivities take place during the month of May.

May is Dutch Heritage Month:

The month of May is Dutch Heritage Month. Dutch Heritage Month was given Royal Assent in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 2011.

Ontario is home to about 500,000 Dutch Canadians. Since the early 1800s, the Dutch Canadian community has made and continues to make significant contributions to the cultural, social, and political fabric.

May holds historical significance for those with Dutch heritage. On May 5, 1945, the Canadian forces played an important role in the liberation of the Netherlands from World War II. The Netherlands celebrates independence and liberty, along with the heroic efforts of the Canadian forces, with a national, annual holiday known as Liberation Day on May 5.

May is Polish Heritage Month:

The month of May is Polish Heritage Month. Polish Heritage Month was given Royal Assent in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 2021.

Ontario is home to more than 523,000 people of Polish heritage. Polish Canadians have lived in Ontario since the 19th century and, over the years, have and continue to make significant contributions to Ontario's cultural, social, and political landscape.

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May 3rd is an important day for Polish People as it commemorates the 1791 Constitution, which is a symbol of Poland's aspiration for freedom, democracy and independence. This is one of the most important Polish holidays, and many parades and festivities take place in May.

On the Horizon....

May:

Character Trait - Responsibility
Asian/South Asian Heritage Month
Jewish Heritage Month
Armenian Heritage Month
Dutch Heritage Month
Polish Heritage Month

7 EQAO Window opens

9 Grade 7 Immunization Clinic

12 Wesak

13 Coffee Drop In

13 Soaring Eagles Concert Band @ Music Fest Canada

14 Dental Screening Grades 2 and 7

14 Grade 5s to Scanlon Creek

15 and 16 Grade 4s to McMichael Art Gallery

19 Victoria Day - School Closed

22 Badminton Tournament

28 EMPS Track and Field Day

29 Spring Fair

12 Wesak (Buddha Day)
The most important day of the year for
Buddhists. Coming on the full moon, it
commemorates the birth, awakening, and
passing away (paranibbana) of the historical
Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama. (Theravāda)
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