



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

Jump Rope For Heart @ EMPS!

At our Kick-off assembly Friday, our students learned about heart healthy habits , fun ways to get active for heart health all in preparation for this fundraising campaign. The enthusiasm was evident as students enjoyed using skipping ropes at recess. Information has been sent home for families about how to support this fundraiser. Donations can be directed to our school page:

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/26406>

We are looking forward to our Jump Rope for Heart Day on Friday, May 19th!

How Jump Works **It's as easy as 1, 2, 3, 4!**



1. Register online & start your Jump experience!



2. Play the EASY Online Challenge & track Healthy Habits.



3. FUNdraise to help beat heart disease and stroke.



4. Jump into a fun-filled Event Day! Time to celebrate & redeem rewards!

Every Student Counts Survey:

The Every Student Counts Survey **will be open from April 24 - May 12, 2023.** All students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 are invited to

participate. Families of students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will complete the survey with their child at home and students in grades 4

- 12 will complete the survey during class. For more information and

responses to Frequently Asked Questions, please visit: [Every Student Counts Survey web pages](#)



EQAO Grade 3 and Grade 6

EQAO is coming soon to EMPS. Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will participate in this province-wide assessment. The test will be administered between **May 10th - June 14th**. Details about the dates and the assessment will be sent to our Grade 3 and 6 families in a separate communication. Families wishing to learn more about EQAO and the assessments are invited to visit their website at

<https://www.eqao.com/about-eqao/>.



Thank you to our families for your support at our School Council meetings this year! We look forward to reconvening in the Fall.

Please join us for our 2 remaining events for this school year!

RABBITANDBEARPAWS.COM



**Elder's Mills PS
May 18th**

FREE Family Event @ EMPS

Thursday, May 18th - 6:00 p.m.

In-person at the school

Rabbit and Bear Paws – The Way

In this interactive puppet theater called; *Rabbit and Bear Paws: The Way*, we retell the story of how the Turtle carries our world on her back and how the tiny muskrat succeeds in giving all of us the greatest gift of all. A place to call home, Turtle Island.



The poster features a light blue background with a banner at the top reading "SPRING FAIR". The banner is orange with white and red text. Below the banner, a yellow flower is positioned above the date "Thursday June 1st" and time "6pm to 8pm". The location "ELDER'S MILLS PS" is written in green. A red banner below this says "FREE ENTRY". To the left of the text are illustrations of a football, soccer ball, basketball, and tennis ball. Below these are two girls singing into microphones. To the right is a drawing of a hand being painted. At the bottom right is a colorful bus. A list of activities is in the center-right. The bottom of the poster has a green bar with the Eagles logo and the slogan "BRING YOUR EAGLES SPIRIT - STRONG AND TRUE!".

SPRING FAIR

Thursday June 1st
6pm to 8pm

ELDER'S MILLS PS

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- food trucks •
- sports •
- crafts •
- henna •
- face painting •
- karaoke •
- contests •
- photo booth •
- and much more!

BRING YOUR EAGLES SPIRIT - STRONG AND TRUE!

More from the School Council.....

Staff Appreciation:

- **Breakfast Bonanza: Let's Celebrate our EMPS Staff**

- **Wednesday June 14, 2023 at 9am in the Staff Lounge**
- Our EMPS staff work tirelessly to provide the best education to our children, and it's time to show them our appreciation! We're hosting a special brunch just for them, filled with delicious treats donated by our wonderful parents. Let's come together to make this event a memorable one for them!
- Parents, we need your help! Please visit our live Google document using the link provided below to let us know which items you can donate towards. We are counting on your generosity to provide our staff at EMPS with a variety of yummy dishes, pastries, and drinks based on the items on the list.
- **Live Google Link:**
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kmfoueOBkITZyMVymg_nm8rlwFLX_ycpkdfTTiIZJaO/edit?usp=sharing
- **Instructions for Donations:**
 - To donate towards this breakfast event, please follow the steps below:
 - Click on the live Google document link provided below.
 - Choose the item(s) you would like to donate from the list.
 - Enter your name and the quantity of item(s) you will donate.
 - Purchases of **food** items can be dropped off at the school office **ON Tuesday June 13th, 2023**.
 - Purchases of **non-food** items can be dropped off any time **BEFORE Tuesday June 13th, 2023**.



2023 Summer Learning Programs Available

During the month of July, YRDSB continues to offer credit and non-credit summer school program opportunities for elementary, secondary and adult students.

Registration is now open for the following programs:

Elementary Credit and Non-Credit Programs:

- Camp Black Brilliance (for Black Families entering JK or SK)
- Summer Institute (K-8)
- Elementary Summer School (Grades 6-8 non-credit reinforcement)

- Grade 8 Reach Ahead (credit)

Secondary Credit Programs:

- In-Person Learning
- Online Learning

Adult Learning Programs:

- Adult Literacy and Basic Skills
- English as a Second Language
- Citizenship Classes
- Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada

For more information about summer learning programs and registration please visit www.yrdsb.ca and follow us on Twitter @YRDSB.

May is Asian and South Asian Heritage Month and Canadian Jewish 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.



[Canadian Jewish Heritage Month](#) was given Royal Assent in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (Jewish Heritage Month Act, 2012, S.O. 2012, c. 1 - Bill 17) on April 24, 2012 and in the Senate of Canada on March 29, 2018. As we approach the month of May, 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 reside in Ontario. Jewish settlers 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.

Racial Literacy Workshop

A Master Class for Black Families & Youth



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Monday May 8, 2023

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

@ The Venu Event Space

2800 Highway 7, Woodbridge, ON

Families of YRDSB students who self-identify as Black are invited to gather together for a master class in racial literacy for resolving racial encounters with the internationally renowned psychologist and author, Dr. Howard Stevenson.

Come learn techniques to discuss how anti-Black racism functions in a way that empowers and protects the mental health of Black children by building important racial communication skills that helps reduce racial stress and increase agency.

Dinner is available at no cost. All participants in this FREE workshop must RSVP using the link below.



[Register here](#)

Note: All YRDSB student participants must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult family member.





Dr Howard C. Stevenson


**BLACK
EXCELLENCE**

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| 5:00 p.m. | Doors open |
| 5:15 - 5:30 p.m. | Dinner & mingle with community partners |
| 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Interactive workshop |

[REGISTRATION LINK HERE](#)

[The Come Up Summer Program - Register at this link](#)





Navigating Secondary School and Beyond

2023 Summer Program

[Program overview](#)

The Come Up summer program is a unique in-person course offered to self-identifying Black students in the York Region District School Board. It also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch and swag.

Students entering grade 9 will earn a Civics and Careers (GLC2O/CHV2O) credit.

Students entering Grade 10 will earn a Black History (CHE3O) credit. This credit can be used to fulfill the grade 10 compulsory history credit.

[Eligibility](#) (must meet all criteria)

- Are you entering Grade 9 or 10 in September 2023?
- Do you self-identify as Black?
- Are you a YRDSB Student?
- Are you interested in earning a high school credit?

[Dates](#)

July 5 - July 28, 2023 (Monday-Friday)*

*Attendance is mandatory for the duration of the program.
Please note: Lunch will only be provided on Mondays and Wednesdays.

8:45 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

Choice of Tommy Douglas SS or Milliken Mills HS

Registration opens April 11, 2023

Register by May 26, 2023



Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)
invites you to

Family Engagement Conference 2023: Creating Dynamic Futures

Please join us to learn about mental health, special education, and ways to navigate the education system with appearances from children's authors Amaya James and Erica London.

Keynote Speaker: Dwayne Morgan

When:

Saturday, May 13, 2023

10:30am - 2:30pm

Light refreshments will be served

Where:

Richmond Green High School

1 William F. Bell Pkwy in Richmond Hill

[Register Now !](#)

Follow Us On Twitter [@AEBSyrdsb](#)

For additional information please contact aebzca@gmail.com

[REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AT THIS LINK](#)

Emily Carr SS presents SARA WESTBROOK



A teen's emotional state affects their performance at school, their relationships and their physical and mental well-being. Emotions can be hard to identify, to move through and hardest of all...to talk about.

NURTURING YOUR TEEN'S EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

DATE: Tuesday May 23rd

TIME: 6:45 - 8:00 pm

In this presentation, parents and guardians will learn
3 Strategies to help develop:



Resilience and Emotional Well-Being

Using the **3 Strategies** with your tee will help them:

- Navigate emotions
- Decrease anxiety and stress
- Strengthen their confidence muscle
- Communicate with empathy, respect & kindness
- Master the skill of making character-based choices

'Thank you for an incredible presentation!

You gave us a sense of honesty, understanding & connection.

*As parents the journey can become rocky & doubtful at times wondering
if we are doing a good job.'*

As seen and heard on



www.sarawestbrook.com



PARENTING SESSIONS

Let's talk about it!

May 2023 Calendar of Events

We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these virtual sessions!

May 15, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – noon

Mindful Parenting: Ride the Waves

For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will provide an understanding of the importance of mindful parenting and the role it plays in nurturing positive relationships within the family.

May 16, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Parenting: Ride the Waves

For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will provide an understanding of the importance of mindful parenting and the role it plays in nurturing positive relationships within the family.

May 24, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30

Test and Exam Preparation

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on routines and strategies for parents to help better prepare their child for effective learning outcomes.

Facilitator: Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



These free virtual parent presentations are brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

REGISTER NOW

For information contact: Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB
Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

[REGISTRATION LINK HERE](#)

York Region - Recreation - Free or Subsidized:

Free and/or Subsidized Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps For Children and Youth ages 4-18 whose families participate in one of the following:

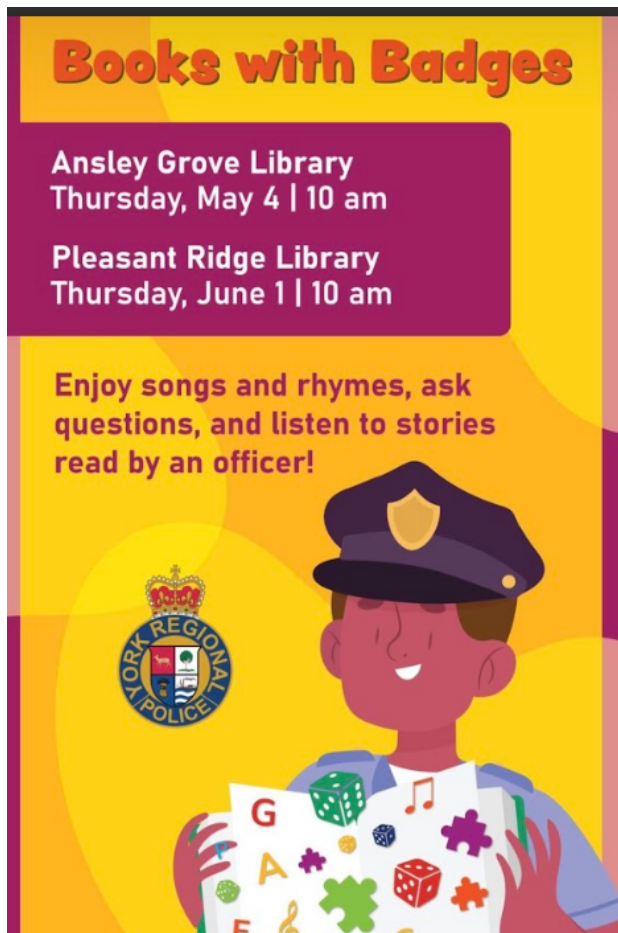
○ Ontario Works ○ Ontario Disability Support Program ○ Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities ○ Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit) ○ Child Care Fee Subsidy (income below \$36,000)

Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities ○ Housing York Inc.
○ Non-Profit Housing ○ Cooperative Housing

For More Program Information and Eligibility: Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or visit york.ca/recreationsubsidies



IN OUR COMMUNITY



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

BIG BOX Fundraiser!

We will be celebrating the success of our Big Box fundraiser with our Prize draw next week! Stay tuned!



Are you moving?

Please let us know if you are planning to move. This information helps us immensely when planning for next year. Please notify the school office as soon as possible by sending an email to elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca



Planning an extended absence or vacation?

Please let the school know by sending an email to elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca. Families must communicate extended absences in writing.

SPRING HAS ARRIVED and so have the mud and puddles!

Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for the weather. Please expect that your child will be going out for recess every day, unless it's raining. Children may get wet, muddy, and dirty when playing during recess. To minimize disruptions to the school day with students calling home for a change of clothes or to avoid having students in wet pants, shoes or socks for the remainder of the day, please send a change of clothes (e.g. extra pants and socks) and a change of shoes. Students are asked to have a pair of indoor shoes at school so that they may change out of their outdoor shoes prior to entering the classroom. Please be sure to label all articles of clothing.



Arrivals to School

Consistent late arrivals impact your child's learning in several ways. . We request your support in getting your child to school on time.



Classes start and attendance is taken at 8:45 a.m. If you are driving your child to school, or if they are walking, they can arrive as early as 8:30 a.m. when supervision is available in the school yard. Parents and caregivers please support positive habits about school attendance.

We have a high volume of late arrivals that are not attributed to late buses. If you know that your child will be arriving late to school, please indicate this in Edsby. Students not accounted for when attendance is taken are considered absent until they arrive. Your communication about late arrival supports us in ensuring all students are safe at school.

Please let us know how we may support you and your child in setting them up for success as we come to the end of this term and prepare for the next school year.

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 **available from now until June 1**. Deliveries will be made to Elder's Mills every 2 - 3 weeks and sent home with students. All proceeds will fund school enhancements and programs. Shop online by following this link: <https://stores.inksoft.com/eldersmills/shop/home>



Pics of the Week!

**More Steel Pan drumming! Grade 7s and 8s @ Ontario Skills Workshops!
& EMPS Junior Girls Basketball Team @ Regionals!**



On the Horizon....

May

8 & 9 Vaughan Firefighter Hazard House visit in library

11 & 12 Gr 6s Trip to Science Centre

14 Mother's Day

18 School Council Family evening event - Rabbit & Bear Paws puppet theatre

19 Jump Rope for Heart Event

25 EMPS Track and Field Day Grades 4 - 8

29- Track and Field Rain date

June

1 - 8- Book Fair

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

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

Omari White
Vice-Principal