



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

Rabbit and Bear Paws – The Way - FREE Family Event @ EMPS - Thursday, May 18th!

We are excited to offer this experience to our families and look forward to seeing parents, caregivers and children join us on the evening of May 18th! This event supports our goals in our ongoing learning about Indigenous perspectives, beliefs and ways of doing things such that they are respected and valued. We invite our community to participate and share in this learning on **Thursday, May 18th - 6:00 p.m., in-person at the school**

*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.*



Grade 2 and 3 Families- We need your voice! Every Student Counts Survey

As of Thursday afternoon, only 19% of our Grade 2 and 3 families had completed and submitted this survey. Your voice is important and supports YRDSB and our school in making decisions to support change and improvement.

**every
STUDENT COUNTS
SURVEY**

Please read the letter below shared with families by YRDSB Update about an extension to the survey deadline:

Dear families,

As you may know, York Region District School Board is currently engaging students in the Every Student Counts Survey.

On April 24, 2023, families received an [email](#) notifying them that the survey period is open. Families of students in Kindergarten-Grade 3 will have now received an invitation letter from their school, which includes a [survey link](#) and survey code to complete the survey at home.

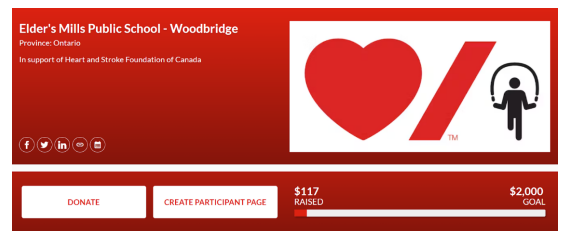
We thank everyone who has already completed the survey. We have made the decision to extend the survey deadline. If you have not yet completed the survey, please consider doing so by May 19, 2023. We appreciate you taking the time to help us better understand our students and their experiences in school.

If you didn't receive the survey invitation letter or have misplaced it, please contact your child's school.

Jump Rope for Heart Event

Friday, May 19th!

Thank you to all families for their support with this community fundraiser! We are moving towards our goal of \$2000 and hope to get there by this Friday! Go to the [EMPS Jump Rope website](#) to make a donation.



Duane Gibson is coming to EMPS!!!

In supporting our goals in the area of Student Mental Health and Well-being, we have invited Duane Gibson to give a presentation to our Grade 4 - 8 class on **May 24th**.

"D.O. Gibson is a Guinness World Record setting rapper, published author and University graduate that has been inspiring hundreds of thousands of youth since 2001. He set a Guinness World Record for longest freestyle rap by rapping for 8 hours and 45 minutes. Gibson has performed at over 1000 schools. He's toured Canada, US, Asia, Europe and had ten videos played on MuchMusic including one where Drake made a cameo. Stay Driven is a one-hour assembly that combines speaking with live performances to engage students while delivering a solid message." [Stay Driven - About D.O.](#)



Prayer Room @ EMPS:

In the YRDSB, we are committed to provide equitable and inclusive spaces for all of our learners and one of our goals is to “dedicate respectful spaces for prayer, smudging, devotion or meditation activities for students...” At Elder’s Mills, the Prayer Space is in the Conference Room. Students who wish to have time for individual prayer may come to the Prayer Room between 1:35 - 1:50. We ask that they have attendance taken by their teacher first prior to leaving the classroom. We invite families to connect with your child’s teacher to discuss accommodations.



Keeping busy at recess and lunch:

Thank you to our teachers for volunteering their time to provide activities for our students over the course of the week. Here is another example of what is happening at Elder’s Mills:

Extra-Curricular Activities - May					
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Recess	Equity Club - Room 207 with Mr. Kouri Intramural Boys Soccer at 10:25 AM in the GYM Little Inventors Club with madame Mahmoudi at the Library	Equity Club - Room 207 with Mr. Kouri GSA for Grade 6-8 with Mme Hill at 10:40am in Rm 116 Little Inventors Club with madame Mahmoudi in Library Soccer tryouts #1 6-8 Boys - Meet Mme. Merches & Mr. Gregoriou at the soccer field @ 10:25am	Primary French reading club room Rm 122 - Gr 3/4 -Grade 7 Volleyball Practice - Smart Art Club Library Little Inventors Club with madame Mahmoudi in Library	Soccer tryouts #1 6-8 Girls - Meet Mme. Merches & Mr. Gregoriou at the soccer field @ 10:25am Little Inventors Club with madame Mahmoudi in Library	Little Inventors Club with madame Mahmoudi in Library Soccer tryouts #2 6-8 Girls - Meet Mme. Merches & Mr. Gregoriou at the soccer field @ 10:25am
Lunch Recess	- Glee Club Student Showcase Auditions in the Music Room for Grades 4 & 5 (acts that involve singing, dancing or gymnastics)	Intermediate Volleyball Team Practice Teachers are invited to join practice Student Showcase Auditions in the Music Room for Grades 4 & 5 (acts that involve instruments or any students that did not audition yesterday)	Chess Club Gr 4-8 Library @ 12:55 Student Showcase Auditions in the Music Room for Grades 6 - 8	- Newspaper Club Library -Soccer tryouts #2 6-8 Boys - Meet Mme. Merches & Mr. Gregoriou at the soccer field @ 12:55pm There is no Intermediate Band today	- Grade 5 Bucket Drumming-Music - Badminton for Fun- Strictly Grades 3-5 only. Nosib @12:35 in gym.



The poster features a light blue background with a banner at the top reading "SPRING FAIR" in white and red lettering. Below the banner, a yellow flower icon is positioned above the text "Thursday June 1st 6pm to 8pm" and "ELDER'S MILLS PS". A red ribbon banner below this text says "FREE ENTRY". To the left of the central text are illustrations of various sports balls (football, soccer, basketball, tennis) and two women singing into microphones. To the right is an illustration of a hand holding a paintbrush. Below the central text is a list of activities: food trucks, sports, crafts, henna, face painting, karaoke, contests, photo booth, and much more. At the bottom right is an illustration of a colorful bus. The bottom of the poster has a green banner with the text "BRING YOUR EAGLES SPIRIT - STRONG AND TRUE!" flanked by two "EAGLES" logos.

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_ycpkdfTTiIZlaO/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**.



Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - June 2023

Stepping into Summer: In this edition we will focus on reflecting on the past year and all that we've achieved and experienced. We will also be looking at what's to come this summer, including resources and activities that families can take part in. We invite you to reflect on the memories you've made, your successes, and the goals you have achieved. We encourage you to acknowledge that despite challenges and adversities you may have experienced, you have persevered. As one chapter comes to an end, a new one awaits its beginning.





Inclusive School and Community Services
in Partnership with
Catholic Community Service of York Region
Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region


A Century of Reflection
Celebrating East-Asian Heritage
and
Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the
Chinese Exclusion Act

Everyone is Welcome!







Come and join the event to honor East-Asian cultures through art performances, cultural displays, fun activities, and community resources. Learn the history of East Asian Canadians and celebrate their contributions to the growth and prosperity of Canada.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023
6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m

Richmond Green Secondary School
1 William F. Bell Pkwy, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9

[Register Now!](#) 

For more information, please contact YRDSB Community and Partnership Developers:
Cynthia Liu - cynthia.liu@yrdsb.ca, **Pauline Guo** - pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca




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 aebbsca@gmail.com

York Region District School Board
Presents

Supporting Our Children's Well-being

Looking to better support your child
academically, emotionally, and socially?

*To be delivered in Tamil and English

Speakers
Nijatha Subramaniam, MSW, RSW - Community Care Team
— Social Worker for the Tamil Diaspora
Thanara Rajakulendran, M.Sc, M.Psy (Clin.)
— Psychoeducational Consultant

Join us virtually to chat about:

- Tips to engage and connect with your children
- Ways to support your children's well-being and emotional ups and downs
- Learning how to help them do better academically and socially
- Resources available at YRDSB and the York Region community




June 1, 2023 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm


Register here on our [Google Form](#)

Registration deadline: May 26, 2023

Link to join will be provided via email following registration

For questions or accommodation requests please email: nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca




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

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



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

EMPS IS A FRAGRANCE AND SCENT-FREE ZONE

Staff, students and all other persons who are invited to or who work on Board property are asked to be considerate of those who are sensitive to fragrant chemicals **by voluntarily refraining from chemical-based scented products** and replacing them with unscented alternatives. This will reduce the use of fragranced products in our environment.



We have staff and students at Elder's Mills who have respiratory issues such as asthma, allergies and bronchitis. Their reactions to chemicals from scents and fragrances can be more frequent, uncomfortable and intensified in warmer weather. Your attention and consideration of this is appreciated.

Changing your child's end of day dismissal routine?

Please ensure you inform your child's teacher and the office staff if you are changing your child's regular pick up routine for the afternoon or for longer. Please call the office by 2:15 p.m. to advise them of any changes. We remind our families that students will not be called down to the office after 3:00 p.m.

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.

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>



On the Horizon....

May

- 17 Grade 4s to Forest of Reading Festival**
- 18 School Council Family evening event - Rabbit & Bear Paws puppet theatre**
- 19 Jump Rope for Heart Event**
- 19 Student vs Teacher Volleyball**
- 22 School Closed - Victoria Day Holiday**
- 24 Duane Gibson - Presentation to Grades 4 - 8**
- 25 EMPS Track and Field Day Grades 4 - 8**
- 29- Track and Field Rain date**



June

- 1 - 8- Book Fair**
- 1 Spring Fair**
- 2 PA Day - School Closed for students**
- 13 - Girls Soccer Area Tournament**
- 14 - Boys Soccer Area Tournament**

15 - Student Showcase Grades

21 or 22 - SAVE THE DATE - Primary showcase (daytime event)

To all of the mothers and women who hold this space in our lives, we wish you a Happy Mother's Day!

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

Eugenia Korinis

Principal

Omari White

Vice-Principal