



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

Grades 4 - 8 Track and Field

What a great day for our EMPS Track and Field meet! Our grades 4 to 8 students engaged in a variety of events trying to improve on their personal best and compete against others in their group. We thank our staff and our students for their contributions to the day; our teachers for organizing, supervising, timing and measuring; our students for their sportsmanship and participation. A special thank you to our Grade 8 event leaders who were a great support! Félicitations!

Duane Gibson is coming to EMPS!!! NEW DATE!

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 29th**.

"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.](#)



Thank you to our community for supporting our fundraisers, making events like these possible!



A vibrant, colorful poster for a Spring Fair. At the top, a banner reads "SPRING FAIR" in large, stylized letters. Above the banner, a string of colorful triangular flags hangs across the top. To the left, a pink speech bubble says "hooray! IT'S HERE!". In the center, a white cloud contains the date and time: "Thursday June 1st 6pm to 8pm" and the location "ELDER'S MILLS PS". Below the cloud, a red banner says "FREE ENTRY". To the left of the cloud, there are illustrations of various sports balls (football, soccer, basketball, tennis, etc.). Below the balls, two children are shown singing into microphones. To the right of the cloud, there are illustrations of white daisies and a colorful, abstract drawing of a hand or flower. Below the central text, a list of activities is provided: "JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!" followed by "• food trucks •", "• sports •", "• crafts •", "• henna •", "• face painting •", "• karaoke •", "• contests •", "• photo booth •", and "and much more!". At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a colorful bus. The bottom of the poster features a green banner with the text "BRING YOUR EAGLES SPIRIT – STRONG AND TRUE!" flanked by two "EAGLES" logos.

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SPRING FAIR

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BRING YOUR EAGLES SPIRIT – STRONG AND TRUE!

York Region District School Board Seeks Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) Members

Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an application by June 14, 2023.

PEAC supports, encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. It represents the collective voice of parents who have children attending public schools in York Region. Members are expected to attend a minimum of five meetings each year. The first meeting date for the new membership is November 9, 2023, which is a joint meeting with our Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee (EIAC).

Interested parents/guardians are invited to submit an application using the [online application form](#). For a copy of the application, please contact Leadership Development and Engagement via email at leadership.development.engagement@yrdsb.ca or by phone at 905-727-0022 ext. 3650.

June is Pride Month

Around the globe, it's a time when people in the 2SLGBTQAI+ community (Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Asexual, Intersex and additional identities) recognize 2SLGBTQAI+ history and leaders in activism. Pride Month is an opportunity for schools to embrace inclusion and celebrate diversity.



Pride Flags

It is the goal of YRDSB to make visible our commitment to safer environments and more inclusive schools for 2SLGBTQAI+ students, staff and community, and as such, it is our expectation in YRDSB that Pride flags be flown at all schools and workplaces for the month of June.. The introduction of the new Progress Pride Flag allows schools to show representation of marginalized identities in the community. The significance of the colours in the Progress Pride flag are as follows:



- yellow background with the purple circle recognizes intersex experiences
- pink, white and blue represent trans experiences, and
- black and brown represent intersectional racialized experiences.

The colours from the original pride flag represent life, healing, sunlight, nature, harmony and spirit in the order in which they appear from top to bottom.

June is National Indigenous History month

In June, Canadians celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. It is also an opportunity to recognize the strength of present-day First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. National Indigenous History Month is a time for learning about, appreciating and acknowledging the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in Canada. The Canadian Government unanimously declared June as **National Indigenous History Month** in 2009 through a motion in the House of Commons. The month, which includes National Indigenous Peoples Day, is a perfect time to reflect upon the long relationship between the many different Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island and Canadians throughout history. It is a good time to become better acquainted with the different First Peoples who share this land with us.



June 21 was declared **National Indigenous Peoples Day** in 1996 by then Governor General Romeo Leblanc. The day was chosen in consultation with some national organizations for Indigenous Peoples including the Assembly of First Nations, and coincides with the summer solstice which is significant for some First Nations.

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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.



Parent/Caregiver virtual workshop supporting students of the Tamil Diaspora

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

Parents and caregivers are invited to join this workshop to learn about supporting their children's academic, emotional and social well-being. The session will provide practical tips to create space for open conversations about mental health and well-being, ways to provide support and resources available through YRDSB and the York region community.

Register here on our [Google Form](#). Link to join will be provided via email following registration.



யோர்க் பிராந்திய மாவட்டப் பாடசாலைச் சபையானது எங்கள் பிள்ளைகளின் நல்வாழ்வுக்கு ஆதரவளிக்கின்றது

உங்கள் பிள்ளை, கல்வியிலும் உணர்வு மற்றும் சமூக ரீதியாகவும் சிறந்த ஆதரவைப் பெற்றுக்கொள்வதனை விரும்புகின்றீர்களா?

***இது தமிழிலும் ஆங்கிலத்திலும் வழங்கப்படும்**

பேச்சாளர்கள்

Nijatha Subramaniam, MSW, RSW - Community Care Team
- Social Worker for the Tamil Diaspora

Thanara Rajakulendran, M.Sc, M.Psy (Clin.)
- Psychoeducational Consultant

இதைப் பற்றிக் கலந்துரையாட இணையத்தில் எங்களுடன் இணைந்து கொள்ளவும்

- உங்கள் பிள்ளைகளுடன் ஊடாடுவதற்கும் இணைந்துகொள்வதற்கும் உரிய உதவிக்குறிப்புகள்
- உங்கள் பிள்ளைகளின் நல்வாழ்வு மற்றும் உணர்ச்சிகளின் நிலை மாற்றங்களுக்கு ஆதரவளிப்பதற்கான வழிமுறைகள்
- கல்வி ரீதியாகவும் சமூக ரீதியாகவும் சிறப்பாகச் செயற்பட அவர்களுக்கு உதவுவது எப்படி என்பதைக் கற்றுக்கொள்ளல்
- YRDSB மற்றும் யோர்க் பிராந்தியச் சமூகத்தில் இதற்குரிய ஆதரவளங்கள் கிடைக்கும்

ஜூன் 1, 2023 பிப 6:00-7:30 வரை

இங்கேயுள்ள எங்கள் Google படிவத்தில் பதிவு செய்யவும்

பதிவு செய்வதற்கான காலக்கெடு: மே 26, 2023

பதிவுசெய்த பிறகு, இதில் சேர்வதற்கான இணைப்பு மின்னஞ்சல் மூலம் வழங்கப்படும்.

கேள்விகள் அல்லது வசதிகள் தொடர்பான கோரிக்கைகளுக்குத் தயவுசெய்து மின்னஞ்சல் செய்யவும்: nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca



Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools

Differences That Make A Difference

with Dr. Howard C. Stevenson



Monday June 19, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Parents/guardians and students are invited to attend a virtual workshop with Dr. Howard C. Stevenson, author of *Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools: Differences That Make a Difference*.

Join the conversation on how to help children learn healthier ways to resolve racial stress.

All participants in this FREE workshop must RSVP using the link below.



[Register here](#)

Presented by Inclusive School and Community Services

Workshop funded through the
Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant



**PROMOTING
RACIAL LITERACY
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Differences
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HOWARD C. STEVENSON

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION LINK](#)

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

PA DAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

Friday June 2, 2023 is a PA day for Elementary students in YRDSB. There are no classes on this day for students.



FRIDAY JUNE 30, 2023 IS AN EARLY RELEASE DAY

On Friday June 30, 2023 an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

Students will attend school during the morning of Friday, June 30 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at 11:45 AM. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time.

Help! There is school inventory in your homes!

Please ensure **all items belonging to the school**, Chromebooks, textbooks, library books, classroom books etc.. have been returned to the school.



ALLERGY AWARE @ EMPS!

We are reaching out to remind you that a student or students in your child's class have potentially life-threatening allergies. They have reactions that can be triggered by peanuts and tree nuts or by eggs and dairy. The medical term for this anaphylaxis.

Students with anaphylaxis are aware of how to keep themselves safe (e.g. not eating unknown foods, carrying an epi-pen, hand-washing, eating in a separate space in the classroom). Our staff is aware of the potential risk to students and receives training for administering an epi-pen. Unfortunately, we are not able to check all snacks and lunches to ensure they are safe to eat in the classroom.



We ask that all families and children do their part to help their allergic classmates stay safe. We can reduce the risk of accidental exposure with your help. Please:

- DO NOT send peanut/tree-nut containing products to school
- remind your child that food in their snack or lunch is not to be shared
- do not send food to school for sharing with classmates (e.g. birthday or other celebrations)

Your cooperation and understanding of this matter is greatly appreciated.

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

29 Duane Gibson - Grades 4 - 8
29 Track and Field Rain date

13 Girls Soccer Area Tournament
14 Boys Soccer Area Tournament
15 Student Showcase Grades 4 - 8
18 Father's Day
21 Primary presentation - Daytime event
22 Grade 8 Trip
26 Grade 8 Graduation
30 Last Day of Classes - Half Day a.m.

June

1 - 8 Book Fair
1 Spring Fair
1 LAST DAY FOR SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS
2 PA Day - School Closed for students

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

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

Omari White
Vice-Principal