



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

MERCI! Thank you to our community of families, caregivers, students and staff for an amazing event! We appreciate your partnership and support and are grateful for all we have been able to achieve and accomplish together this year. We can't wait to see what next year will bring!



EVERY STUDENT COUNTS SURVEY - EXTENSION - GRADE 2 AND 3 FAMILIES WE NEED YOU!

Dear Families,

The Every Student Counts Survey was scheduled to close on Friday, May 19, 2023. In order to ensure families have enough time to complete the survey, we are extending the deadline for the Kindergarten - Grade 3 survey until June 23, 2023.

During the week of June 5, families of students in Kindergarten - Grade 3 will receive another invitation letter to complete the survey. If you have already completed the survey, or do not wish to complete the survey, please disregard the invitation letter.

Participating in the Every Student Counts Survey is a unique opportunity for you, as families, to voice your child's experiences. Your input is crucial in helping us understand the diverse needs, strengths, and goals of our student community.

The information you provide will guide us in making informed decisions about programming, supports, and resources, ultimately benefiting your child's learning experience. By participating, you are directly contributing to the improvement of our schools and student success.

We appreciate your time and effort in helping us make Elder's Mills P.S. a better place for all students.



Crossing Guard Appreciation Week

It's almost School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week! From Monday, June 5 to Friday, June 9, the City of Vaughan is celebrating and recognizing the dedicated team of 120 crossing guards who help students, parents and guardians travel safely to and from school each day. This School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week video showcases the passion and dedication the crossing guards have for their very important role.



The City recruits, trains and hires crossing guards, conducts pedestrian studies, selects crosswalk locations and installs appropriate signage and pavement markings. With more than 115 crosswalk locations throughout Vaughan, both permanent and standby crossing guards are needed to service all locations. Interested in becoming a school crossing guard? Visit vaughan.ca/CrossingGuard to learn more.

Please join us in celebrating our crossing guards by taking the time to thank them for what they do and by spreading the word!

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.



Legislative Page Program for Grade 7 and 8 students:

Each year approximately 150 young students from across Ontario are selected to participate in Ontario's Legislative Page Program. This unique educational program for Ontario students provides an opportunity to experience the provincial legislature in action and forge new lifelong friendships with peers from all over the province!

Learn more at this link: [About the Page program](#)

The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter:

We look forward to continuing to develop opportunities for supporting Black students, families and staff within the York Region District School Board, in partnership with community partners. See newsletter for further information. [June Newsletter](#)



PARENTING STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER BREAK!

Let's talk about it!

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

June 13, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers and
community members to attend this virtual session!**

This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children with strategies to:

- how parents may get “trapped” in escalations and power struggles;
- understanding various traps ways to avoid these traps and develop age appropriate and do-able strategies; and
- how parents can have a successful, stress free summer break

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

Register Today!

This free parent presentation is brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

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[REGISTRATION LINK HERE](#)

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

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RACIAL LITERACY
IN SCHOOLS** Differences
That Make a
Difference



HOWARD C. STEVENSON

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION LINK](#)

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Frozen Yogurt Sales - Thursdays and Fridays in June \$2.00!

Our grade 8s are leading this fundraiser to support their upcoming graduation and other goals in our Fundraising plan. Frozen yogurt will be sold from 10:00 - 10:25 on Thursdays and Fridays for the next 3 weeks. Grade 8 volunteers will bring the treats to the classrooms at this time and students can purchase up to 2 treats. Please do not send students to school with large bills. As with any food items, students are not to be sharing food and therefore only purchasing for their own consumption. We cannot guarantee the availability of flavours or of supply.



Wheels @ School:

A reminder to our students and families that get to school on wheels such as bicycles, skateboards, roller blades etc... Please DO NOT ride your wheels when on school property. Please walk your bikes and your boards while on school grounds. Thank you.

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.



Week 36 - Friday, June 2nd, 2023

On the Horizon....

June

1 - 8 Book Fair

13 Girls Soccer Area Tournament

14 Boys Soccer Area Tournament

15 Student Showcase Grades 4 - 8

18 Father's Day

20 NEW DATE!!! Primary presentation -
Daytime event

21 National Indigenous People's Day

22 Grade 8 Trip

23 Junior Speech competition

26 Grade 8 Graduation

30 Last Day of Classes - Half Day a.m.

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

Eugenia Korinis

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