



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

EMPS Students recognized at the Alliance of Educators for Black Students awards (AEBS):

AEBS is a network of educators within York Region District School Board, with the purpose of promoting the achievement and well-being of students of African/ Caribbean heritage. On June 8th, the AEBS Annual Student Achievement Awards 2023 "Celebrating Black Excellence" took place at Richmond Green Secondary School. We are very proud to share with our community that four EMPS Eagles were recognized at this year's event.

Please join us in congratulating :

Esther - The Arts
Justin - Academics
Alyssa - Citizenship
Ewan - Academics



Students were nominated by their teachers for their academic achievement, their commitment to their studies, or for their passion (academic, athletic, artistic), for their leadership in the school or classroom, their respect towards their teachers and peers, Felicitations!

Pride @ EMPS:

Pride Month is an opportunity for schools to embrace inclusion and celebrate diversity. On Thursday, June 8th, students were invited to join our EMPS GSA in the raising of the Pride Flag during morning recess. We are proud of our students, staff and community for their support as we continue to ensure Elder's Mills is a safe, inclusive space for all.



EMPS Outdoor Talent Showcase!!!! Please join us on Thursday, June 15th for our first ever OUTDOOR talent showcase! (Weather permitting it will move indoors). See details below:



The most anticipated!

END OF YEAR CONCERT

THURSDAY JUNE 15, 2023
6PM-8PM

EMPS outdoor tarmac
(weather permitting)

Water and Frozen Treats will be sold
\$2.00 each

HEADLINERS :

- EMPS Junior and Intermediate Concert Band
- Music Groups
- Singers
- Grade 5 Bucket Drumming
- Dancing
- Glee Club

Air Quality Index Update:

Please find below information shared by YRDSB Update earlier on Friday afternoon. It is repeated for you below for your reference:

Dear Families,

Earlier today, we received notification that Environment Canada and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks has terminated the Special Air Quality Statement.

This is very good news and means that schools may resume regular operations and activities.

We appreciate your patience and understanding this week and for the next few days, as it may take schools some time to communicate with families and students regarding events and activities that were canceled due to the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI).

Thank you for your support and understanding.



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.



Engagement Matters - Parent Engagement Advisory Committee - Spring 2023

Newsletter:

In this edition we take a closer look at the new mental health and addiction strategy for the York Region District School Board and what it means to take a "Within, Between, and Around" approach when supporting mental health challenges. We also share important reminders for school councils, as well as key dates and application information for parents, guardians and community members who are interested in becoming a PEAC member.



[Link to newsletter here.](#)

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](#)



**GIRLS INC. OF YORK REGION
SUMMER CAMP JULY – AUGUST 2023**

WHAT:

Girls Inc. of York Region offers a fun and unique, 6-week long, summer camp experience for ages 5-13. Each week follows a different theme with a variety of activities, crafts, games and more. Each week also includes a field trip.
Trip locations are to be determined and will vary each week.

WHERE:

Summer Camp Locations:

Regency Acres Public School 123 Murray Dr, Aurora, ON L4G 2C7
Poplar Bank Public School 400 Woodspring Ave, Newmarket, ON L3X 2X1

Call: 905-830-0776 for more information.
To register, please email registration@girlsincyork.org or
visit our website www.girlsincyork.org

Girls Incorporated of York Region is a non-profit youth organization that is dedicated to empowering all individuals who identify as female, to seek the highest quality of life possible. We actively strive to enhance confidence and self-esteem in our participants while giving them the skills and tools they need in order to be empowered, productive and contributing members of society.

Anti-Racism for Families 101

with Dr. Vidya Shah



Thursday June 15, 2023

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Dr. Bette Stephenson
Centre for Learning**

Do you ever wonder how you might support racial justice in your home, school, and community?

In this workshop, Dr. Vidya Shah will share tips and strategies for having conversations about race with children and youth and explain how parents/caregivers can support racial justice in schools.

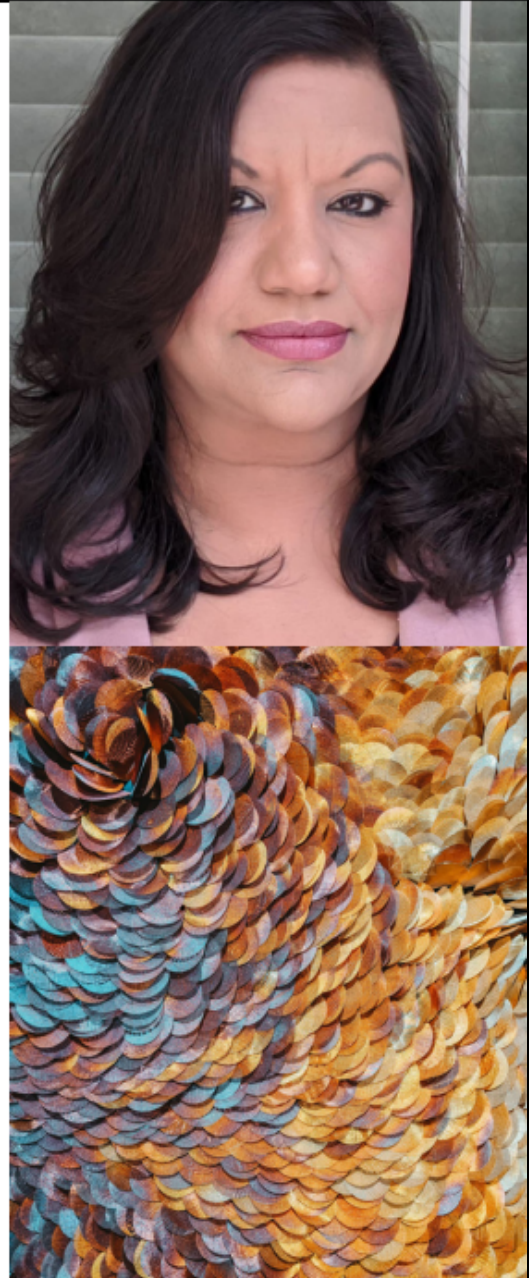
To Register



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

[Register here](#)

Presented by Inclusive School and Community Services



[LINK TO REGISTER 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

Workshop funded through the
Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant



**PROMOTING
RACIAL LITERACY
IN SCHOOLS**

Differences
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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 2 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.



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.



On the Horizon....

June

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

29 Eid-ul-Adha

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

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

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

Omari White
Vice-Principal