



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity
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Dear Families and Students,

Please take the time to read through the information shared here about upcoming events, updates and reminders.

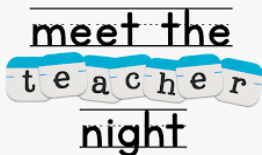
School Custodian Appreciation Day



October 2nd is National Custodial Workers Recognition Day!

Custodians might also be known to many as Janitors or Caretakers, particularly in schools. Their role is diverse and they do so much more than just clean, they also perform building maintenance and fix anything that is broken. Without them, our students and staff wouldn't have a good, safe, and clean learning environment. Thank you to all of our custodians for the tremendous role you play!

Thank you to the Awesome Team at EMPS: Mr. Luciani, Mr. Pignitore, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Torres and Ms. Pamintuan!



On Thursday evening **October 6th, 2022** you are invited to join us for **Meet the Teacher Night**. This year's event is being held **in-person and on location!** We are so excited to be opening up our doors to our families this evening!

Here is an overview of the evening: (continued on the next page)

Week 4 - Friday, September 30th, 2022

- **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

- **Aussie X Cricket:**

- Families who wish to join us at this time will have the opportunity to learn how to play **Cricket**. Students in grades 2 - 4 will have had the opportunity to learn earlier this same week, with our **Aussie X** program (Monday, October 3rd). **Come join the fun and play together.**



- **Vaughan Public Libraries** will be on-site with information on French learning resources and opportunities to register for a library card .
 - **Vaughan Community Health Centre** will be on-site with information about their programs for families.
 - **EMPS School Council** will be available to connect with families. Please consider joining one of the Council's subcommittees (e.g. Fundraising, Programming) or signing up to Volunteer for a variety of opportunities throughout the year.
 - **Snacks** will be available for purchase. These include popcorn, cookies and bottled water. \$1.00 per item. Cash only. Supplies are limited. Funds raised will be used to support the school program enhancements.



- **7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

- Classroom presentations/open house
 - Each homeroom teacher will host **two** identical 30-minute sessions
 - Presentation/Open house 1: 7:00 - 7:30
 - Presentation/Open house 2: 7:30 - 8:00
 - Families will have the opportunity to meet the teacher and:
 - Learn about classroom routines, expectations
 - Hear about the learning themes and goals for the grade
 - See their child's classroom



We look forward to seeing you!

Food Fundraising @ Elder's Mills PS!



Families who wish to participate in our Food fundraisers are invited to go to [School Cash Online](#) to sign up. Registration for these programs is open now and for the next two weeks.



Our lunch programs include:

- Sub lunches from Subway
- Pizza lunches from Pizza Nova
- Just Catering - details coming soon!

We are also pleased to be bringing back our **Fun Food Friday Fundraiser**. Families may register and purchase their choice of milk, cookie and/or popcorn for their child, to be enjoyed on Fridays at morning recess.

All funds raised will go towards supporting program enhancements to benefit our students and our school.

Please visit School Cash Online for dates and pricing.



We thank you for your support!



Terry Fox School Run @ Elder's Mills PS!

What an amazing turnout of support from the EMPS families and students! Our annual EMPS Terry Fox Run was a phenomenal success! We raised over \$5500. THANK YOU to our community for their tremendous support! Way to go Eagles!

Orange Shirt Day

On Friday, September 30th, our EMPS Eagles demonstrated their support and recognition of the resiliency and bravery of residential school survivors by wearing orange shirts, engaging in activities on the themes of well-being, caring for one another, and Every Child Matters. We encourage families and students to continue the conversation about the themes of this day. Chaque enfant compte.



Peanut and Tree Nut Free Zone! EMPS is an Allergy-Aware School!



To protect students with allergies, please help to ensure that lunches and snacks are free of nut and peanut products, and/or other allergens that may be a problem for students with allergies. We ask families and children to do their part to ensure our students with allergies stay safe. We can reduce the risk of accidental exposure with your help. Please:

- **DO NOT** send peanut/tree-nut containing products to school. This includes products like peanut butter, hazelnut/chocolate spread and their substitutes.
- Please read all labels of processed foods to ensure they indicate they are peanut/nut free.
- 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).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS to Families who use School Bus Transportation:



- **Late Buses:**
 - It is the parent/guardian responsibility to check notifications for late buses for both the morning and afternoon bus run.
 - Please visit [School Bus City webpages](#) for alerts and notifications.
 - For afternoon bus routes, if the school receives advance notification that a bus will be running late by more than 30 minutes, the office will make an effort to send an email notification to families; unfortunately we cannot guarantee this communication due to staffing or technical issues that may arise.
- **If you wish for your child not to take the bus on a given day:**
 - Please notify the school **no later than 2:30 p.m.** on the same day.
 - Know your child's bus route number
 - If you are picking up your child, go to the Kiss'n'Ride area by the school parking lot between 3:15 - 3:30
- **Student behaviour on the bus:**
 - Please remind your child of the expected code of conduct on the school bus
 - The expectations for behaviour on the school bus are the same as those for behaviour at school
 - Instances where students are not respecting school bus rules will be reported to the school office to be addressed by the administration
 - Consequences for repeated misbehaviour may include a removal of bus privileges

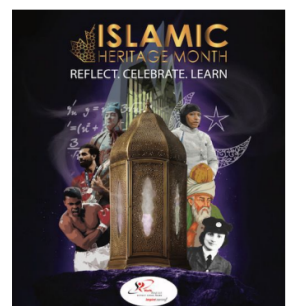
IMPORTANT REMINDERS for Families who pick up their child from the KISS'N'RIDE:

- **DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE IN THE KISS'N'RIDE LANE**
 - **There is no parking along the sidewalk at the entry of the school parking lot**
 - Please remain in your vehicle and drive along the Kiss n Ride lane
 - Stop at the end of the lane or behind the car in front of you
 - Do not leave your vehicle unattended
 - Remain with your vehicle and have your child enter the vehicle from the passenger side



October is Islamic Heritage Month:

In 2007, the Government of Canada declared the month of October as [Canadian Islamic History Month](#). The province of Ontario passed the [Islamic Heritage Month Act \(2016\)](#) to recognize and affirm the important contributions that Muslims make in Ontario as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our province. Families are encouraged to explore IHM events and



learning opportunities being hosted by various Muslim communities and organizations, with the understanding that these events are community-based. For example:

- the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, one of many Muslim communities in York Region, has invited YRDSB educators and students to participate in a virtual event on Friday, October 7th to learn how Muslims greatly contributed to the Science of Engineering
 - an in-person exhibition on a wide variety of aspects of the Golden Islamic Scientific Era will be held on Friday, October 21st at the Tahir Hall Community Centre. Workshop information and registration is available by visiting the Islamic Heritage Month website:
<https://islamicheritagemonth.org/>
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October is 2SLGBTQI+ History Month:

The month of October commemorates the impact that Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and individuals with related identities have had in our local communities, nationally and internationally. It is an opportunity to build awareness of the contributions the 2SLGBTQI+ community has made in Canada and abroad.



Volunteers In Our School:

There are many opportunities to get involved. Please contact your child's teacher or message the school office for more information. All volunteers must comply with the Volunteers in Our Schools Policy and Procedure and:



- Complete the Volunteers in Our Schools Form, available through the school.
- Submit a Vulnerable Sector Screening completed within the last six months (requirement for new volunteers) OR sign the Annual Offence Declaration (returning volunteers).
- Sign a Confidentiality Agreement.
- Complete training, as required.

If you are interested in volunteering in our school, please send an email to elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca

We have immediate opportunities for volunteering in our school library. Please reach out if you are available. Thank you.

Student Verification Forms:

Last week, your child came home with a copy of their current Student Registration Verification/Emergency Contact information form. Please review the letter with instructions regarding updating this form and return it to your child's teacher no later than **October 3rd, 2022**.



Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee - Call for community volunteers:

The York Region District School Board invites applications from community volunteers for membership on the Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee (EIAC).

The committee advises and supports the Board in fulfilling its commitment to ensuring that YRDSB schools and workplaces are equitable and inclusive places to learn and to work.

Membership requires a commitment to attend meetings six times a year.

The deadline to apply is November 1, 2022. More information about this volunteer opportunity, including how to apply, is available on the Board website.

Additional information about the Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee is contained in the Committee's Operational By-Law, included as Appendix D of the York Region District School [Board Operational By-Law](#).



Audit Committee Seeks Community Volunteer:

York Region District School Board is seeking one community member with financial expertise and business knowledge to serve on its audit committee for a three-year term effective **January 31, 2023**.

The primary role of the audit committee is to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its duties related to governance and oversight. The committee meets at least three times a year, plus ad hoc meetings as required.

Candidate Eligibility

- Applicants must be a York Region resident and have an accounting designation, as well as sufficient accounting and senior financial management expertise to understand public sector accounting and auditing standards.
- The applicant must not be a current employee or officer of the board or of any other district school board or school authority.
- The applicant must not have a parent, child or spouse currently employed by the board.

Submission of Applications

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a letter of interest and resume by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2022** to:

Janna Lagaev, Comptroller, Accounting and Financial Services

York Region District School Board

Email address: finance.services@yrdsb.ca

More information is available on the Board [website](#).

Anti-Asian Racism Research Project:

York Region District School Board (YRDSB) is conducting research on the experiences of Asian students, educators, staff, and community members, in an effort to dismantle anti-Asian racism and to foster belonging and create safer spaces for Asian members of the YRDSB organization. If you are an Asian identifying member (East Asian, South Asian, South East Asian) of the YRDSB, then you are invited to participate in a virtual focus group (small discussion group) to talk about your experiences within the YRDSB institution. For your participation, you will receive a small gift. For details and registration information, refer to the information package attached to this communication.

Addressing Anti-Asian Racism across the York Region District School Board (YRDSB)

Attention YRDSB Asian Students (Grades 7-12)

In YRDSB, 49% of students identify as Asian. YRDSB is collecting survey information on the experiences of Asian students (East Asian, South Asian, South East Asian). This research will support YRDSB's efforts to dismantle anti-Asian racism and foster belonging for Asian members of the YRDSB organization.

If you are an Asian identifying student (grades 7-12) of the YRDSB, then you are invited to complete an anonymous survey. The surveys will close on October 31, 2022.

[Survey for YRDSB Students \(grades 7-12\)](#)

Access the survey link here: [Survey for YRDSB Students Grades 7 - 12](#)

Raising Resilient Children: REGISTER HERE



RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

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.

October 6, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

[Register Today!](#)

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

- Recognize and accept feelings
- Express their feelings appropriately
- Build positive feelings
- Deal with negative feelings
- Deal with upsetting or stressful life events


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

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.

More Information:
Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB
Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference

Registration links for each day listed here: [Day 1](#) [Day 2](#) [Day 3](#) [Day 4](#)



YORK REGION 2022

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE

INFORMING	ENGAGING	EMPOWERING
Education & Awareness	Collaborative Workshops	Take Action

Virtual Conference Dates: October 19, 20, 26, 27 | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

OUR COMMUNITY OUR FUTURE TAKING ACTION

Human Trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation is a prevalent issue and one of the fastest growing and most lucrative crimes worldwide and it is happening in York Region. It is predatory and devastatingly damaging to victims, survivors, their families and communities.

At the Anti-Human Trafficking York Region Conference, attendees will learn about what human trafficking is, signs and indicators, risk factors, laws, what we can collectively do to eradicate human trafficking in our communities and more.

Who Should Attend
Parents, Youth, Community Members, Newcomers to Canada, Educators & Support Staff, Law Enforcement, Immigrant Service Agencies, Social Services and Healthcare Providers.



Register Now For This Free Conference

DAY 1 (October 19th) [Registration](#)
Introduction to Human Trafficking
The Connection Between Homelessness & Human Trafficking
Youth in Care & Human

DAY 2 (October 20th) [Registration](#)
Childhood Experiences that put Children at Risk
How to Prevent Human Trafficking
Indigenous People & Human Trafficking
Criminal Justice System & Human Trafficking

DAY 3 (October 26th) [Registration](#)
Human Trafficking in York Region
Where I'm Headed (Interactive Activity)
Human Trafficking (Interactive Presentation)

Day 4 (October 27th) [Registration](#)
A Survivor's Story
Get to Know Community Agencies in York



York Region
Children's Aid Society
Société d'aide à l'enfance de la région de York



USY SUY
Victim Services of York Region
Services aux victimes de la région de York



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Child & Family Services



**Ontario
Health**

A Different Kind of Healthcare



VAUGHAN
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE



Kids Have Stress Too!®

Kids Have Stress Too!® is a research-based program designed to teach children how to recognize and deal with stress.



- Children will learn techniques to cope with stress, manage emotions and address the signs of stress before getting overwhelmed.
- For children 6-8 years of age

- Mondays, Oct. 17 to Nov. 28, 2022
- 4:00pm-5:00pm
- Program will be held virtually on Zoom

You will need access to the Internet and a working video/microphone on a phone, tablet or computer device. A link to the program will be emailed weekly to participants.



To register, contact Kelly:
EMAIL: Klo@vaughanchc.com
CALL: 905-303-8490 Ext. 2653

If awaiting email communications from VCHC staff, please remember to check "junk" folder in your inbox to ensure you receive our email communications.



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www.vaughanchc.com

This flyer can be provided in an alternative format.

Vaughan Culture Days:

Details are available at this link: [Vaughan Culture Days events](#)

MWV PRESENTS MULTICULTURALISM

Celebrating Ontario Culture Days in Vaughan



Saturday, October 1st, 2022

Vellore Village Community Center, **Gym 4**

5:30pm-7:30pm

All Are Welcome

Wear your traditional Clothes!

**FETE DE LA
CULTURE
DAYS**



Pics of the Week!



TERRY FOX
RUN FUN!!!



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION & ORANGE SHIRT DAY - LEARNING AND REFLECTING



Week 4 - Friday, September 30th, 2022

On the Horizon....

October:

3 - Aussie X Cricket - Grades 2 - 4

5 - Yom Kippur *

6 - Meet the Teacher Night and Aussie X Cricket for Families!

10 - Thanksgiving Day - School Closed

17 - Cross-Country Area Meet

20 - Aussie X - Aussie Rules Football - Grades 5 - 8

24 - Diwali *

26 - Photo Day

28- Fall Ball for students

**Diamond Days: YRDSB is committed to affirm and value equally the faith diversity in our schools and workplaces. Therefore, INTERNALLY scheduled events such as field trips, school concerts, conferences, meetings, workshops, other professional events, co-curricular activities, and exams/tests SHALL NOT be scheduled on these dates referred to as Diamond Days in the YRDSB.*

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis

Principal

Omari White

Vice-Principal