



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity
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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, Ms. Pamintuan and Mr. Piluris.

October 5th is World Teacher's Day!

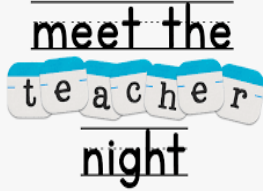


World Teacher's Day is held annually on October 5th to celebrate all teachers around the globe.... It has been celebrated since 1994. Teachers' Day is a special day to thank and remember the teachers who have shaped us and show our appreciation for them.*

On behalf of the Elder's Mills community, we wish to express how much we appreciate our teachers! They are a caring group of professionals who work tirelessly to ensure the students of Elder's Mills are thriving socio-emotionally and academically in a bilingual environment. Merci beaucoup nos enseignants et enseignantes!

*[source](#)

October 12th is Meet the Teacher Night!



On Thursday evening **October 12th**, 2023, you are invited to join us for **Meet the Teacher Night**. Teachers will open their classrooms from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for families to visit. 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 and to see the classroom.

Our School Council will also be available to connect with families. Please consider joining one of the Council's subcommittees (e.g. Fundraising, Programming) or sign up to Volunteer for a number of opportunities throughout the year.

An Ice Cream Truck will be on site selling tasty treats. The vendor will donate 25% of their proceeds back to the school. Thank you to our School Council for arranging this.



We look forward to seeing you!

Safety Week - September 25 - 29 @ EMPS

This week we helped our students become familiar with emergency procedures such as a fire drill, a lockdown drill and a hold and secure. Practicing drills such as these is important so that in the case of an actual emergency, students and staff members know what to do to be safe.



School 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 any time. The online store is now open. Merchandise ordered will be delivered to the school every 3 weeks. All proceeds will fund school enhancements and programs. Shop online by following this link: <https://stores.inksoft.com/eldersmills/shop/home>



Mabels Labels:

Our School Council is pleased to offer this amazing opportunity for our families. Please follow this link for details and see the flyer below.

https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/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 had wonderful weather. It was amazing to see our entire school out on the afternoon of September 28th showing both their school and community spirit! We raised over \$4000. THANK YOU to our community for their tremendous support! Thank you to our teachers for facilitating this event! Way to go Eagles!



Orange Shirt Day

On Friday, September 29th, 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.

Destination Graduation!

We'd like to introduce you to the Destination Graduation website created and curated by Mme Wright, Grade 8 Homeroom teacher and Transitions Lead Teacher. This site is your 'one stop shop' for news and information about high school and how parents can support their children in their last year here at EMPS.

Website link here: [Destination Graduation for EMPS Eagles!](#)





A note about snacks and lunches - they must be NUT FREE!

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).
- PLEASE NOTE - lunches from establishments like Tim Horton's and McDonald's may contain nuts and nut by-products. Please be advised that if you are providing or dropping off lunches from these restaurants, your child will be asked to consume them in a space separate from the classroom (e.g. office)

THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

The Centre for Black Student Excellence - October 2023 Newsletter:

We are thrilled to welcome you back to our Centre for Black Student Excellence newsletter dedicated to educating families about resources in York Region District School Board in alignment under the [Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy Implementation Plan](#). This platform will be your source of inspiration, education, and connection as we work together to foster a more equitable and inclusive educational environment.

Through this newsletter, we aim to share stories, resources, and initiatives that promote understanding, unity, and positive change. We believe that by amplifying diverse voices and engaging in meaningful conversations, we can create a more inclusive future for all.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. Your commitment to diversity and inclusion is a powerful force for change, and we look forward to the progress we can make together.

Warm regards,

The Centre for Black Excellence




www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence

October is Islamic Heritage Month:

The York Region District School Board proudly recognizes Islamic Heritage Month during the month of October and honours Muslim identities all year round.

The Government of Canada declared the month of October as Canadian Islamic History Month in 2007. In 2016, Ontario passed the [Islamic Heritage Month Act](#) to recognize, celebrate and affirm the significant contributions that Muslims continue to make as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of this province. Islamic Heritage Month (IHM) is an opportunity to reflect on and highlight the rich histories and diversity of Muslims in all aspects of society across Canada and around the world. In education, it is critical to represent the historical and contemporary excellence of Muslims through literature, the arts, math, science, and all other areas of the curriculum as part of our unwavering commitment to equity and inclusion. Affirming Muslim identity through the curriculum is foundational for creating inclusive educational environments that centre humanity, value authenticity, and nurture belonging and joy for Muslim students.

This year's Islamic Heritage Month (IHM) theme is Imagining Muslim Futures. Students, families, community members, and staff of all identities are invited to join the Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEAMS) at the IHM Launch on Thursday, October 12, 2023. Registration links can be found on the [IHM Launch Event flyer](#).



IMAGINING MUSLIM FUTURES

Join us at the **Islamic Heritage Month** Launch Event to celebrate our rich heritage and diverse cultures.

Limited Spaces for Workshops

Who: All YRDSB Staff, Students, Families

Date: Thursday October 12, 2023

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Location: Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School

Address: 90 Bur Oak Avenue, Markham, ON

Registration:

IHM Launch Event:
<https://forms.gle/uqUSxgRDgCvTJAwT6>

Basketball Workshop:
<https://forms.gle/FtQKzfbMNizpJWwL7>

Art Workshop:
<https://forms.gle/W9Xix2bmSjjVM6FZ9>

Deadline to Register:
October 5th, 2023

Our Speakers

- **Spoken Word Poetry**
- **Rania El Mugammar**
 - Liberation Educator & Anti-oppression Consultant
- **S.K. Ali**
 - New York Times Best Selling and Award-Winning Author
- **Nada Aoudeh**
 - Practitioner & Researcher of Anti-Racism Education Leadership
- **National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM)**
- **York Region Muslims**

Student Activities

- Basketball Workshop
- Art Workshop
- Henna
- Face Painting



LEN

La red de educadores latinos del YRDSB (LEN) estamos muy orgullosos de invitarlos a su primer encuentro para educadores, personal y familias latinas de la región de York, en celebración por el mes de la Herencia Latina.

Latin Heritage Month Celebration and Meet and Greet

El CCSY (Catholic Community Services of York Region) tendrá puestos de información de los servicios que ofrece y también habrá música y actividades para toda la familia. Esta será una gran oportunidad para conocernos mejor como comunidad latina en la región de York.

Este encuentro será el
October 19 2023
de 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
tendra lugar en
Julliard Public School
61 Julliard Dr, Maple, ON L6A 3W7

¡Esperamos su asistencia!

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GIVE!



Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

Develop Skills to Support School Communities

Research shows that parent and community engagement increases student achievement, well-being and success.

Learn more about:	Will help you:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role of the Volunteer• Transferable Skills• Equity and Inclusive Education• Communication Skills• Human Rights• Employment Readiness• School Information and Community Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build confidence• Effectively communicate with school staff• Contribute to student learning and parent engagement• Gain volunteer experience in schools• Build healthy communities• Meet new people• Boost Professionalism

Date: **Oct. 23 - 27, 2023 Monday to Friday**

Time: **9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Location: **Richmond Hill Welcome Centre**, 9325 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, L4C 0A8

OR

Date: **Oct. 30 - Nov. 3, 2023 Monday to Friday**

Time: **9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Location: **Markham South Welcome Centre**, 7220 Kennedy Road, Markham, L3R 7P2



Register For This Free Program Today!

Space is limited [Register Now!](#)

This free information session is organized by York Region District School Board in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region. For more information, please contact:

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October is International Walk to School Month (IWALK)

IWALK is an annual celebration of active transportation that takes place around the world throughout the month of October. IWALK Month officially launches October 4, 2023.



When walking to school, here are some important safety tips to remember

- Look all ways before you cross the street. Always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing.
- Cross at intersections and crosswalks, when possible.
- Always make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street.
- Obey traffic signals and signs.
- Use a sidewalk if there is one.

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week, or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution and improve safety around your school. If you choose to drive, please be mindful of students who walk and cycle, drive slowly and be highly vigilant of your surroundings.

Benefits of Active School Travel

- Improves student academic performance by making students more alert and better prepared to learn.
- Improves both physical and mental health. Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones and around our school community.
- Improves air quality.
- Encourages social interaction and improves social skills.
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future.
- It's fun!

For more information about IWALK Month please visit: [Ontario Active School Travel IWALK Month](#)

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) - Do You Need a Computer?

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at YRDSB and either receive government assistance payments or



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

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qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

Family size	Annual income*
2 people	\$30,286
3 people	\$37,234
4 people	\$45,206
5 people	\$51,272
6 people	\$57,286
7 people +	\$64,381

This year, there are different packages available for purchase. Please reference the online [application page](#) for the current available package offerings. Please note that there are three options for delivery.

1. If you would like for the computer to be delivered directly to your home, there is a \$40 charge for laptops and a \$50 charge for desktops. Families who choose this delivery option will have their order shipped when it is ready, roughly 3 weeks from date of order.
2. If you would like the device shipped to your child's school there is a \$20 delivery charge. If you choose this shipping option, the computer will be delivered to your child's school after the end of the promotion period. Please indicate the name of the school on the form when selecting this option.
3. You may choose to pick up the computer from the RCT Mississauga Warehouse, for free, located at 945 Meyerside Drive, Mississauga. Families who choose this option will have their order ready for pick up roughly 3 weeks after the date of order.

Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household. Please see below for a full list of device specifications.

If you are interested in applying, please complete an online application at <https://www.jotform.com/210054491659255> using the group code on the attached program flyer. The application period is from September 21, 2023 – November 23, 2023 with delivery to schools taking place in December.

Please note - There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

- Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income
- Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, please contact the administration team at your school for assistance.

For inquiries related to the RCT application process, devices and delivery, please contact Alexander

Oliver (Aoliver@rcto.ca) and for inquiries related to support from YRDSB, please contact Yvonne Kelly (yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca)

For more information, including complete application and payment instructions, please refer to the program flyer below.

Do you need a computer?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

For more information, please contact:

Alexander Oliver
RCT Community Engagement Lead
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All systems include our
STANDARD 1 YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY

*batteries not covered by warranty

We have Desktop Packages from \$75.00 to \$160.00.
Plus \$50.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse

We have Laptop Packages from \$140.00 to \$275.00.
Plus \$40.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

Application Check-List



You can begin to apply for a computer on: September 21st, 2023
Application deadline: November 23rd, 2023

Group Name: YRDSB | **Group Code:** G-YRDSB23

1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A

Group Name: YRDSB

Group Code: G-YRDSB23

Name of School: *Please enter the name of the student's school*

Section B

This section does not apply to you.

Section C

I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 Shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$40.00 shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$50.00 shipping fee)

OR

I am part of the York Region District School Board Group order (\$20.00)

Section D

Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career

Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology

The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

With funding from



Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca



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On the Horizon....

October

9 - Thanksgiving Day - School Closed

12 - Meet the Teacher

18 - Cross Country Areas

16 - 23 - Grade 2 & 4 to Burlington Outdoor Recreation Centre

16, 17, 23, 24 - Grade 7 & 8 to Cold Creek

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis and *Ayesha Mondal*

Principal

Vice-Principal

