



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
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APPRECIATIONS, FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our amazing community of teachers, office staff, custodians, lunch assistants, support staff, School Council, students and families at EMPS. It takes all of us to do the great things we do at Elder's Mills!



We wish to share some fond farewells to our Grade 8 Graduates, our students and families who are moving or changing schools and some of our staff members who are leaving us.

Today, we learned some exciting news that we received with mixed emotions. We would like to congratulate Mr. White on accepting a promotion as Principal with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board. We wish him well on his new adventure. He will be missed.

Mme Nursimulu has been at Elder's Mills since 2014. In her time here, he has taught several grades and led many initiatives. We wish her a heartfelt good-bye and hope to see her again in her new role as Outdoor Ed teacher at the Burlington Outdoor Education Centre (BORC).



We wish to share our appreciation to Mme Irogolino. Mme Irogolino joined us at Elder's Mills last year, teaching grade 4 and this year she taught our Grade 8s English and Math. Mme has accepted a full time position at King City Public School. We wish her all the best!

Mme Ghaly will also be taking a year leave from Elder's Mills next year. We hope to see her back for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Michelle Wong to Elder's Mills in September. Ms. Wong will be joining the Junior and Intermediate team. Welcome!



2023 - 2024 School Year Calendar:

Families may access the 2023 - 2024 School Year Calendar at the YRDSB webpages: [Upcoming School Year Calendar](#)

Some key dates to note are listed below:

- Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - First day of school for students
- Thursday, June 27, 2024 - Last day of school for students

The school holidays for all elementary and secondary schools will be as follows:

- Labour Day Monday, September 4, 2023
 - Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 9, 2023
 - Winter Break Monday, December 25, 2023 to Friday, January 5, 2024
 - Family Day Monday, February 19, 2024
 - Mid-Winter Break Monday, March 11, 2024 to Friday, March 15, 2024
 - Good Friday Friday, March 29, 2024
 - Easter Monday Monday, April 1, 2024
 - Victoria Day Monday, May 20, 2024
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END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND DIRECTOR:

This letter was emailed to all families by YRDSB Update. It is repeated here for your reference.

Dear families,

As we reach the end of the 2022-2023 school year, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done to make this year a successful one.

This was our first full school year without disruptions since the global pandemic started, and it has been such a pleasure to welcome families back into our schools and to watch students re-engage with the activities they have missed and try new ones. The students in our schools continue to inspire us with their creativity, curiosity and achievements. We look forward to welcoming many of them into our [summer learning programs](#) in the coming months.

As a school board, we will continue to strive to create learning and working environments that support student learning, well-being and achievement and where everyone who walks through our doors feel safe, valued, respected and a strong sense of belonging and community.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank our professional, dedicated and caring staff members who work every day to help to create these environments, and to help students reach their full potential through excellent instruction and ongoing support.

We offer our sincere congratulations to all of our graduating students and wish you all the very best for the next stage in your journey. For those returning in 2023-2024, you can find the [calendars](#) for all our schools on our website.

As we look forward to the 2023-2024 school year, we look forward to welcoming incoming Director of Education Bill Cober, who begins in the role August 1, 2023. Please take the time to [watch this message](#) from Director of Education (Interim) Scott Yake and incoming Director of Education Bill Cober.

We hope this summer brings opportunities to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. Have a safe and happy summer break.

Sincerely,

Ron Lynn, Chair

Scott Yake, Director of Education (Interim)



A very big thank you to all the families that supported this year's School Council. We look forward to seeing you all and to seeing new faces in September! We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. The days are long, but the time is short. Enjoy every moment!

Thank you! Have a wonderful summer. Look forward to seeing you in September!

Messages from the Office:

School Bus Transportation:

School bus information for the 2023-2024 school year will be available the last week of August. Please visit schoolbuscity.com for eligibility and route information. If your child is eligible for school bus transportation, as per YRDSB's Transportation Policy, it is recommended that students take the school bus.



Is your child still eligible for school bus transportation? Families of **students entering grade 4** are asked to please note the policy for transportation eligibility below. Please visit the schoolbuscity.com website for further details. Students may be eligible for transportation if their primary address is located within their home school attendance area and is further than the following distances:

Grades JK-3	1.2 km
Grades 4-8	1.6 km
Grades 9-12	Students living in an area serviced by public transit are not eligible for transportation.

Details regarding school bus transportation will be available by Friday September 2, 2023.

School Lunch Assistant or Volunteering: If you are interested in volunteering or working as a School Lunch Assistant next year, please contact the office at elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca, we truly welcome all your support.

School organization and Class Placements: Details in regards to class placements for September 2023 will be shared on the first day of school.

The school start-up will be shared in the first week of September.

Summer Hours: Our school office will be closed from Monday, July 3rd, July 1st until Friday, August 26th. We will reopen on Monday, August 28th. Please continue to check YRDSB's website site www.yrdsb.ca, Twitter [@YRDSB](https://twitter.com/YRDSB) and Instagram [@yrdsb.schools](https://www.instagram.com/yrdsb.schools) for ongoing communication.

Wishing all of our students, families and staff a restful summer. We look forward to our ongoing partnership next school year!

Stay safe. Be well.

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

Omari White
Vice-Principal

