

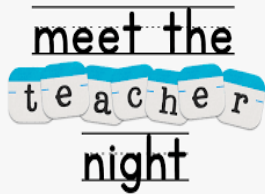


Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
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October 12th is Meet the Teacher Night!



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!

IB Information Night at Maple High School:

We are aware that there is a conflict between EMPS' Meet the Teacher Night, and the IB Information Session at Maple High School. Unfortunately, we are unable to change the date of either event, however, whichever event you choose, the information will be shared with you. For example, if you choose to come to EMPS, we are looking forward to meeting you, and you will also be able to access the information shared at Maple High School via their school website, and Mrs. Wright will post it on our [Destination Graduation website](#), and on the Grade 8 Google Classroom. If you choose to go to Maple, the Grade 8 teachers will share the information they will be sharing at our Meet the Teacher Night with you.

We appreciate your patience and support.

Online Safety and Appropriate Use of Technology

We are reaching out to seek your support with reinforcing school and YRDSB policy on technology use regarding Cyberbullying and SmartPhone safety. We are also sharing important reminders to support these conversations at home with your children.

In the second week of September 14 students attended our school's Caring and Safe Schools Assemblies (one for each division). At these assemblies, one of the topics presented by the administration was about the acceptable use of technology and the behaviour expected of students in contributing to and creating a Caring and Safe School environment.

Students and families are reminded of the following:

- Students in our Grades 5 - 8 classes may bring personal electronic devices such as a tablet or a laptop into the classroom for instructional purposes only.
 - The school and the Board are not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen personal items. You can reduce the risk by leaving valuable items at home. Always secure items.
- Personal computers and tablets are used when instructed by and under the supervision of the teacher - no personal gaming etc...
- Mobile phones are discouraged and are not allowed to be used during the instructional day, unless directed by the teacher.
- Mobile phones and other personal communication devices must be turned off and kept out of sight during the instructional day (including recess and lunch). Should students need to phone home, they may come to the office to use the phone.
- At no time may electronic devices be used in washrooms or changerooms.
- It's important to use respectful language and make positive choices when using electronic communications and social media tools.
- Threats and hateful comments made online are reported to York Regional Police, and may have serious consequences, including potential criminal charges.
- The school has the responsibility to look into any behaviour that takes place off school property and after school hours if it impacts the wellbeing of other students and the school climate.

Students are reminded that they enter into this agreement as users of YRDSB applications, hardware and internet access. Please refer to the [Appropriate Use of Technology agreement](#). This agreement is shared with students and families in the Start Up Package and Start Up forms.

When students are seen with their devices out during the school day and they are not using them at the instruction of, or under the supervision of, their teacher, they can expect to be asked to turn in their device to the requesting staff member or to school administration. The device will be kept in a secure location in the principal's office, to be returned only at end-of-day dismissal.



Week 5- Friday, October 6th, 2023

Please be advised that ongoing, continued misuse of technology by any student will be responded to with consequences in keeping with YRDSB's [Caring and Safe Schools](#) guidelines. For information on related topics, please refer to the resources available on YRDSB's web pages:

- [Cyberbullying](#)
- [Resources for Parents](#)

We appreciate your support and cooperation as we continue to hold students to standards where they interact with technology safely and appropriately.

Communicating with the School:

Elder's Mills is a vibrant, busy, school. School staff are actively engaged in the day-to-day operations of the school and of student learning. Families are actively engaged in their child's education. Communication is the cornerstone to building connections between school and home. The school will communicate with families in a variety of ways, including Edsby, email, newsletters, Twitter. Classroom teachers have by now established and shared with families how they plan to communicate with the home and how home can connect with them.

The school office receives a high volume of calls throughout the day. When you have a question or a concern, our office team will support you by responding to your inquiry or by redirecting your inquiry as soon as possible. We ask for your patience as we prioritize student needs and do our best to answer calls and attend to visitors. It is expected that interactions are mutually respectful and solution-focused. Thank you.



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: [Fundraising Support | Mabel's Labels | Raise Funds With Kids Labels](#)

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)

IN THE COMMUNITY


Our School Council highlights activities available to families in our community

I am... Poetry for Children (ages 5-8)

Scholars of Vaughan West


 **SAT, OCT 7, 2:30pm - 3:30pm**

 **Vellore Villiage Library, 1 Villa Royale Ave**


 Write a poem about you: celebrate your essence through culture. In this activity, children will complete an I AM poems, celebrating their heritage.

Origami Workshop

Origami Canada

 **SAT, OCT 14, 2:30pm - 4:30pm**

 **Civic Centre Resource Library, 2191 Major MacKenzie Drive**

 Join Jackie Han, founder of Origami Canada, and his squad to learn how to fold amazing butterflies, maple leaves, boats, jumping frogs, and more. There is an amazing world of fun and creativity to be found in one uncut piece of paper!




Garba/Dandiya Raas Folk Dance

Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women

 **SAT, OCT 14, 7pm - 11pm**

 **Vellore Village Community Centre, 1 Villa Royale Avenue**

 Join this festive occasion and engage in music and folk dancing. Over 300 family members of all ages, come together to perform folk dance of Gujarat called Garba and Dandiya Raas (stick dance).

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
AOliver@rcto.ca

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.

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October 20th is a PA Day

School is closed to students on this day and staff is engaging in Professional activities as outlined below:

**Elementary Teachers
Morning (150 minutes)**

Topic: Student Mental Health and Well Being (Pre-recorded video - Facilitated by Administrators)

Time: 45 min

Details: "Miss, Dismiss, Avoid: Psychological Barriers to Disrupting Racism, Racial Trauma and How to Counteract It."

Topic: Curriculum Implementation - Required Ministry Learning (Self-Directed)

Time: 45 min

Topic: Kindergarten Literacy: Cultivating Rich Communication

Topic: Revised Grade 1-3 Social Studies Curriculum

Topic: STEM and Skilled Trades

Topic: Revised Grade 6 Social Studies Curriculum

Topic: PREP Time: 60 min

Afternoon (150 minutes)

Teacher-Directed Half Day - as per LG.1.0 of the ETFO-YR CA, 150 minutes of instructional time, on or off-site to provide additional time for planning, assessing, preparation of report cards, etc.

Permanent Educational Assistants (EAs) and School Office Support Staff

Morning (150 minutes)

Topic: Student Mental Health and Well Being (Pre-recorded video - Facilitated by Administrators)

Time: 45 min

Details: "Miss, Dismiss, Avoid: Psychological Barriers to Disrupting Racism, Racial Trauma and How to Counteract It."

Afternoon (150 minutes)

Topic: Principal-Directed Activities or Board Supported Professional Learning (see below).

Time: 105 min

On the Horizon....

October

9 - Thanksgiving Day - School Closed

12 - Meet the Teacher

18 - Cross Country Areas

Week 5- Friday, October 6th, 2023

16 - 23 - Grade 2 & 4 to Burlington Outdoor Recreation Centre
16, 17, 23, 24 - Grade 7 & 8 to Cold Creek

To our families who celebrate Thanksgiving, we wish you a joyous holiday!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis and *Ayesha Mondal*
Principal Vice-Principal



Happy Thanksgiving!
Bonne Action de Grace!

Enjoy the long weekend!
Bon fin de semaine!

See you Tuesday!
A mardi!