



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

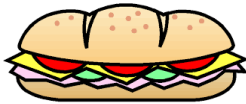
Please take the time to read through the information shared here about upcoming events, updates and reminders.

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!

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).
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS to Families who use School Bus Transportation:



- **Bus Delays:** We have reached out to Transportation Services for support with the ongoing bus delays with both morning and afternoon routes. We have been advised that these delays are being experienced across the region with all carriers. The operators are doing their best to cover the routes. We ask for your patience as things are expected to improve.
 - **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.
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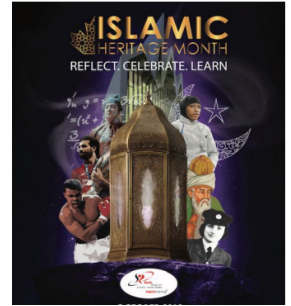
IMPORTANT REMINDERS for Families who pick up their child from the KISS'N'RIDE:

- **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
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October is Islamic Heritage Month:

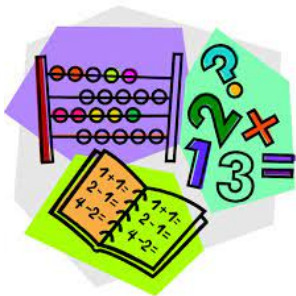
In 2007, the Government of Canada declared the month of October as [Canadian Islamic History Month](#). The province of Ontario passed the [Islamic Heritage Month Act \(2016\)](#) to recognize and affirm the important contributions that Muslims make in Ontario as part of the vibrant social, economic, 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 Jama'at, 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/>

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.



We Are All Mathematicians

If we want children to see themselves as mathematicians, we need to disrupt stereotypes and help children to understand that we are all mathematicians.

Mathematicians are people who:

Use math to solve everyday problems and puzzles

- Understand the importance of and appreciate the beauty of mathematics
- Recognize and appreciate all contributions to mathematics
- Make informed decisions and contributing fully to their own lives and to today's competitive global community
- Adapt to changes and synthesizing new ideas
- Work both independently and collaboratively to creatively approach challenges
- Communicate effectively

- Think critically and creatively and see connections to other disciplines beyond mathematics ([Mathematics Curriculum Context](#))

There are many picture books and stories that we can read to learn more about who we see as mathematicians, including:

- Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo by Helaine Becker
- The Girl with a Mind for Math: The Story of Raye Montague by Julia Finley Mosca
- Maryam's Magic: The Story of Mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani by Megan Reid
- Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton
- The World Is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid by Jeanette Winter

For information about how to read these books and many more online, please visit the [Sora eBooks](#) page on the YRDSB website.

TVO Resources for Students and Families:

In support of Ontario's families this school year, TVO has assembled free K-12 learning resources and tools to complement in-class learning or to be used on their own by students and families that are curriculum based, free digital learning resources.



[TVO Kids](#) is specific to preschool and school age from Kindergarten to Grade 5 with programming and games to get them ready for school and learning.

[TVO Learn](#) has expanded to include new adult-guided Learning Activities for Grades 1 through 12 mathematics, language, science and technology and social studies.

[TVO Learn mPower](#) offers 65+ free games to support students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 to develop fundamental Math skills through math and STEM games.

[TVO Learn Mathify](#) offers free, 1:1 math tutoring with Ontario Certified Teachers for Grades 4 to 12. Now available 7 days a week, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm ET, and Saturday and Sunday, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm ET.

[TVO Today](#) has articles, videos of stories, current affairs, documentaries and podcasts.

TVO ILC

High school students in Ontario can access 144 courses developed by Ontario Certified Teachers. These not-for-credit courses are designed for independent study or study support.

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](#).



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](#)

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
Education & Awareness

ENGAGING
Collaborative Workshops

EMPOWERING
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



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



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Child & Family Services

BILL CROTHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING



DATES: THURSDAY OCTOBER 13 OR TUESDAY OCTOBER 18

Please note that the same information will be delivered on both evenings.

TIME: OPEN HOUSE DROP-IN: 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Tour the school at your leisure, visit various departments and spaces throughout our building and meet staff and students.

PRESENTATION: 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM

This presentation will provide information to assist you in making the decision if Bill Crothers is the right fit for your child and family.

More information about:

Programming

Facilities

Application Process

Uniform

+ More!

Visit www.billcrothers.com under the tab
"Prospective Colts" for more information

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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. Please see attached flier for more information.

Pics of the Week!





We wish to thank our families and our community for helping to make our Meet the Teacher Night this past Thursday, October 6th such a success! We look forward to a wonderful year of partnership!

On the Horizon....

October:

- 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!

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

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

Omar White
Vice-Principal