



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
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Important Back-to-School Reminders

This message is also available in [Arabic, Chinese-Simplified, Chinese Traditional, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Tamil, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.](#)



As we finish the first few weeks of school, we want to share a few important reminders and updates.

Contact Information

We ask families to ensure the school office has the most up-to-date contact information. This is important in case of emergencies and to ensure you receive important school communications. If your contact information has changed, please contact the school office. This includes phone numbers, addresses and email addresses.

Family Portal

York Region District School Board is looking forward to launching a family portal later this year. The portal will make it easier for you to access information about your child's education in a secure and accessible way. To access the portal, it will be essential that the school has an updated email address for you. Please contact the school office if you need to update your email address. We look forward to sharing more information about this initiative with you soon.

School Start-Up Forms

Parents/guardians received an email from YRDSB Update with a link to school start-up forms. **These forms must be completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain information and permissions.**

The forms can be found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>. Translated versions are also available.

[Tips are available](#) on the Board website if you need additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPs account to complete the forms. Please note:

- You must sign in to your child's student GAPPs account to complete the form.
- You must complete a separate form for each child attending school. Please ensure you log out of one student account before logging into another. You will not be able to submit the form twice logged into the same student account.
- If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms,

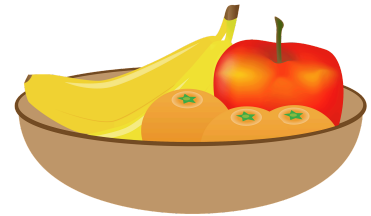
please contact the school office.

Board Website

Helpful information can be found on the YRDSB website at www.yrdsb.ca. A translation tool at the top of each page can translate content into over 80 languages. On the website, you can find information about board programs and student supports, as well as [online tools for students](#), [community supports](#) and [family resources](#) such as [translation information](#) and the [Guide to the School Year](#).

School Nutrition Program:

Elder's Mills PS. maintains a basket in the office filled with healthy, nut-free snacks such as fresh fruit. As this program begins, the choices will vary week by week depending on availability. We wish to thank Mme Consiglio and Mme Ditri for their respective roles in providing this program, including coordinating with our Community Resource Development Team for the grants which support this opportunity. organizing the delivery of snacks and ensuring we maintain Healthy Schools safety protocols. The snacks offered through this program are intended for students who don't have a snack or enough food to fuel their day. Please continue to send your children to school with healthy snacks and lunches and enough food to fuel their day.



If you wish to support the snack program, we accept snack items such as apples and tangerines. Monetary donations may also be made via the Donation Drive option in School Cash online or as gift cards from local supermarkets.

Hot Lunch Fundraiser

At this time we are offering Hot lunch options through the Lunch Box program. Our new Lunchbox program is live through: <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>.



Ordering is open! Please secure your order. The deadline for each week is Sunday, There will be **no cash sales**.

LUNCHBOX
by SchoolCashOnline

School Council

Support the Vaughan Food Bank!

The School Council has a bin set up in the main hall



Week 6- Friday, October 11, 2024

of the school to collect donations all year long. The theme for the month of October is Canned Fruit.



Healthy Fundraising
for Ontario Schools

A fresh take on school fundraising

Since Fresh from the Farm's launch in 2013, 2,600 schools have sold over \$5.5 million of Ontario grown fruits and vegetables, equating to over 4.6 million pounds of product. This has resulted in \$2 million raised by schools and \$3.2 million being returned to local farmers.

14lb Vegetable Bundle

\$22.00

LESS THAN
\$1.60/lb

Includes

- 5 lb bag White Potatoes
- 3 lb bag Sweet Potatoes
- 3 lb bag Yellow Onions
- 3 lb bag Orange Carrots



8lb Apple Bundle

\$24.00

ONLY
\$3.00/lb

NEW - 8 lb bag Ambrosia apples

Ambrosia apples are a beautiful bright pinkish red and light yellow coloured apple. They are crisp and juicy with a distinct sweet aroma and sweet low acid flavour. Excellent for eating fresh.



Thank you for supporting school based initiatives and Ontario farmers



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SOCKTOBER

Small socks.

Big socks.

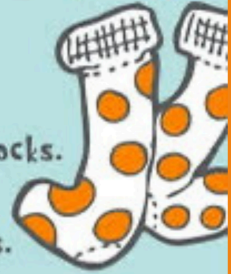
Even in between socks.

Orange socks.

Blue socks.

As long as they are

new socks.



Please consider contributing towards Socktober!

All donated socks will be delivered to the Vaughan
Public Library on
October 29th.

Socks will help support homeless and at risk teens.



FREE



The Sankofa Mentoring Program offers an African-centered curriculum focused on activities and weekly workshops for Black Students to explore their racial and cultural identity, self-esteem, critical thinking, self-reflection, teamwork, and community building.

Our after school programs cater to registered students from grades 4 to 12 online and in person. We are currently offering tutoring homework help Sunday to Friday.

Additionally, we offer workshops for parents to encourage their engagement. Embark on a life-changing adventure by becoming a part of our community. By volunteering your time and efforts, you can make a difference in your community.

"A person without culture is
like a ZEBRA without stripes"



Scan Barcode
for Registration



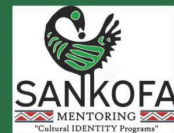
<https://yorkregionaacc.ca/>



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Storytelling Program
Grades 4-6

Identity Program
Grades 6-8

Mentoring Program
Grades 7-12

Tutoring Program
Grades 4-12

Parents Engagement
& Workshops

Workshops for African Canadians, evoking
healthy and cohesive families.





Get Together Celebrating Islamic Heritage Month

Join York Region District School Board in celebrating Islamic Heritage Month this October! Together, we'll honor the rich cultural, historical, and religious contributions of Muslims to society. This celebration is all about fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement while building a deeper understanding of our diverse society.

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Emily Carr Secondary School

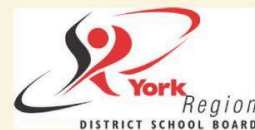
Address: 4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

Open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff

Please register by Sunday, Oct 27, 2024

For more information, please email Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS): iscs@yrdsb.ca

Please register





SEVA

**Sikh Educators Voice Alliance invitation to the
Sikh Student Alliance (SSA)**

Sikh students from Grade 6 to 12 are invited to be part of the

YRDSB Sikh Student Association

When: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Where: Virtual

(a link will be shared to your email once you have registered)

The Sikh Student Alliance provides YRDSB students with a platform to connect, collaborate, and explore strategies to foster inclusive environments for Sikh students. This space will provide opportunities to build leadership skills to support peers and the community.

To register please complete this [Registration form](#).



IGNITE TECHNOLOGY GRANT

For students with SEA Technology

The Ignite Technology Grant is designed to create **leadership opportunities**, hone **communication skills**, and increase **self-esteem** for students with SEA equipment within their school community.

The goal is to bring **awareness** to the effective and successful use of technology for modern learning.

Applications Open: **October 15, 2024**

Applications Close: **December 6, 2024**

IGNITE your school and community now!
Go to www.yrdsb.ca/ignite now to learn how!

PA Day – October 21, 2024 – Elementary Schools

Length	Topic	Entity Hosting	Presenter/ Facilitator	Description
Full Day- AM & PM	Student Mental Health and Well Being	All Elementary Schools	Online modules developed by Board staff, facilitated by school administration, and self- directed	School teams will engage in learning focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• an overview of important mental health literacy resources and practices to support student mental health through identity affirming approaches;• available resources and supportive classroom and school-wide strategies for appropriate technology use at school;• available resources to prevent and mitigate vaping in schools; and• available supportive classroom and school-wide strategies to prevent bullying in schools; and• curriculum implementation with an emphasis on literacy and STEM

Nominate a Teacher:

[Nominations Open for Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM.](#) These awards honour outstanding and innovative elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines for their remarkable educational achievements. Please share with staff, students and families.



On the Horizon:

October - Integrity

12 Yom Kippur
14 Thanksgiving - School closed
15, 16, 17 Grade 2s to BORC
17 - 23 Sukkot
21 PA Day - No classes for students
25 Regional Cross Country
30 Grade 7 to Cold Creek
31 Hallowe'en
31 Diwali

Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
Held on the second Monday of October, the Canadian Thanksgiving Day, like similar celebrations elsewhere, is rooted in earlier harvest festivals and other expressions of gratitude.



Judaism:

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) is the year's holiest day and a day of fasting. To re-establish oneness with God and fellow human beings, Jewish people ask for forgiveness from, and grant forgiveness to, each other. They then confess their shortcomings, promise to do better in the year ahead, and seek forgiveness from God. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by the observant.

Sukkot is a weeklong Jewish holiday that comes five days after Yom Kippur. Sukkot celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the miraculous protection G-d provided for the children of Israel when they left Egypt. This year Sukkot is October 17-23, 2024.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

To all those commemorating Yom Kippur, we wish you a meaningful fast.

To all those celebrating Thanksgiving, we wish you a happy celebration!

Eugenia Korinis and *Ayesha Mondal*
Principal Vice-Principal

