



**Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye**  
*Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity*  
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**Take Me Outside Week @ EMPS!**

The week of October 16 is Take Me Outside Week. This week, teachers will facilitate opportunities for students to learn about indigenous knowledge and perspectives, environmental and climate change and health and well-being.

On Wednesday Oct 18, we will host Take Me Outside Day at EMPS. Classes will spend time outside and create ephemeral artwork. The class with the most creative piece will be awarded recognition!

	<b>Monday Oct 16</b>	<b>Tuesday Oct 17</b>	<b>Wednesday Oct 18</b>	<b>Thursday Oct 19</b>	<b>Friday Oct 20</b>
<b>Theme</b>	Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives	Environmental and Climate Change Education	TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY!	Health and Well-being	Celebration & Day of Reflection

**NEW Hot lunch offered!**

For a limited time, we are offering Hero Certified Burgers for lunch on Thursdays in November.

For the month of November only EMPS will provide HERO Burgers on Thursdays starting November 2 through to November 30. This is a five week pilot project and continuing this lunch item during the school year will depend on our families' responses.



## Week 6 - Friday, October 13, 2023

Please visit <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/> for more details and to place your order

All proceeds will go towards school initiatives.

**PAYMENT DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 22.**

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### **LAST CALL for Cookie and Milk Day!**

EMPS is pleased to provide Cookie and Milk Day!

Parents have the option to purchase a specialty vanilla cookie and a chocolate or white milk combo. This program will run for three days only during the month of October.



The dates are as follows: October 25, 26 and 27

You may choose to purchase on any of the noted dates or you may purchase on all three days.

**DEADLINE for payment on School Cash Online is October 15th.**

We appreciate your support!

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### **Spirit Day - Thursday, October 19th, 2023**

Each year, students, educators and allies bring attention to the need for safer and more inclusive learning and working environments for Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and individuals with related identities (2SLGBTQI+).

October 19 is **Spirit Day**, a day started in 2010 by Brittany McMillan, a Canadian teenager. Brittany created the event after learning about youth who lost their lives to suicide after experiencing bullying related to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity and expression identities. It has become an annual event in October when millions of North Americans wear purple to show their support for 2SLGBTQI+ youth and take a stand against bullying. Students, schools, organizations, corporations, media professionals, celebrities, and parents wear purple to convey that 2SLGBTQI+ youth are to be celebrated and respected for who they are. The purple stripe on the pride flag represents spirit, giving this day its name. **At EMPS we will show our support and invite all students, staff and families to wear Purple on Thursday, October 19th!**





FRIDAY OCTOBER 27 2023  
ELDER MILLS P.S

GR 2-3 FRIENDSHIP PROMISE  
GR 4-5 THE HERO CLUB  
GR 6-8 My Character My Rep



**ERROL LEE**  
CARING CONCERTS

**Errol Lee is coming to Elder's Mills ! See the attached flyer for details!**

Thank you to our School Council, our office team and our school community for your support! Our fundraising initiatives make events like this possible. Merci beaucoup!

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**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](#)

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**School Council:**

Gratitude to all supporters of our slime extravaganza at curriculum night! Your overwhelming response led to a swift sell-out, making it a fantastic success.



A generous 20% of the proceeds has been designated for the school's benefit. Your contribution directly impacts our educational initiatives.

Missed the slime sale? No worries! Brace yourselves for the grand return! Our much-awaited slime sale is back for the last two weeks of November, with deliveries scheduled for December 14th, just in time for the festive spirit. Join us in adding a touch of vibrant fun to your holiday season.

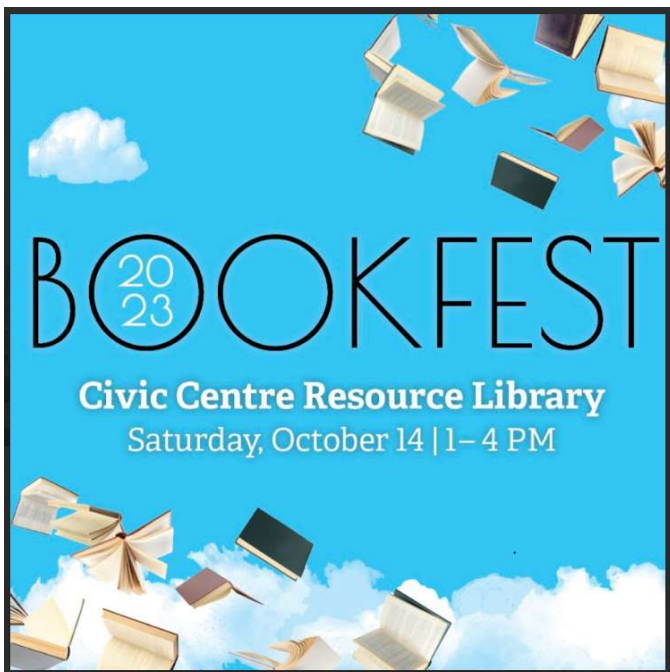
Note: Please do not send slime to school 😊

**Next School Council Meeting:**

All parents/guardians are invited to attend any of our School Council meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m. We will host the meeting in the school library. There will be an option to join remotely as well. The link will be shared on the afternoon of the 26th. Please join us!

**IN THE COMMUNITY**

School Council highlights activities available to families in our community





**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!



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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.

Desktop: a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse. Desktop Packages from \$75.00 to \$160.00. Plus \$50.00 to ship the computer to your home.

Laptop: a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software. Laptop Packages from \$140.00 to \$275.00. Plus \$40.00 to ship the computer to your home.

Working with the York Region District School Board we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages. Refer to the attachment for further details.



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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### 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)



## Week 6 - Friday, October 13, 2023

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



**HAVE YOUR CHILD'S EYES CHECKED**

Detect and correct problems early and prevent issues which can result in permanent vision loss.

Eye exams are free with an OHIP card for children 19 years of age and under.

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For more information please visit [york.ca/HealthyEyes](http://york.ca/HealthyEyes) or [findaneyedoctor.ca](http://findaneyedoctor.ca) #HealthyEyes

**York Region**

## Reminders from the Office

### Emergency Contact information

Please ensure the emergency contact information for your child is up-to-date. This information is important to the school as it is used when parent/guardian contact cannot be made for attendance, when confirming pick up and the end of the day, or should your child not feel well during the school day and you cannot be reached. Please call the school to update this information if needed. Thank you.



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### Reporting Lates and Absences

Parents may inform the school office of their child's absence or late arrival in three different ways:

1. Absences and lates can be entered into **Edsby** which is available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time;
2. Send an email to the school attendance email address at: [elders.mills.ps.attendance@yrdsb.ca](mailto:elders.mills.ps.attendance@yrdsb.ca) or;
3. Parents may choose to contact the school office at 905-893-1631 between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on the day of absence.

When your child is absent or late, please do not email office staff (Cathy Consiglio, Stella Ditri) or administration (Eugenia Korinis, Ayesha Mondal) directly. In the event of one of their absences, this important information can be missed. Communicating absences and lates using the above-mentioned options will ensure a member of the office team receives the message. Thank you.

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### School Nutrition Program:

Elder's Mills PS. maintains a basket in the office filled with healthy, nut-free snacks such as fresh fruit, crackers, granola bars etc... 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.



**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)
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**School Start up Package - Start-Up Forms:**

At the start of each school year, schools share with families a package of information about the school\*. Families will also receive a copy of the [Guide to the School Year](#) booklet in the coming weeks. **We also ask families to complete some important forms.** These forms are available online.

If you have not already done so, [Please complete and submit these online School Start-Up Forms](#) through your child's YRDSB Google account.

- You can access your child's YRDSB Google account via a web browser. For best results, use a computer rather than a mobile phone.
- The username is your child's YRDSB Student Number. Your child will receive their login information from the school at the start of the year. If you or your child do not know the password to log in to their Google account, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.
- Frequently asked questions and additional information on [how to complete the forms](#) are available on the Board website under [Family Resources](#) (click on the "Need Help" link for Family Start-Up Forms).

**It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible.** There are both mandatory and optional forms. The forms are to be completed for all students, whether they are attending school in person or participating in remote, online learning. Your child's school will access the information.

Please complete a separate form for each child attending our schools. If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact your school office.



**On the Horizon....**

October

16 - [World Food Day 2023](#) will highlight how water is essential to life on Earth and the foundation of our food.

17 - The United Nations (UN) [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) has been observed on October 17 each year since 1993. It is an event to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution worldwide.

18 - Cross Country Areas

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

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

20 - PA Day - School Closed to students

24 - Daytime Social @ EMPS

26 - School Council Meeting

27 - Errol Lee Concerts for Students

31 - Hallowe'en

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Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

*Eugenia Korinis* and *Ayesha Mondal*

Principal

Vice-Principal

