



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
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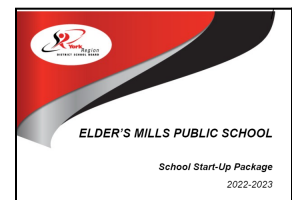
Dear Families and Students,

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

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.

Spirit Wear

Students, Families & Friends will now 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 between now and November 4th, 2022. Deliveries will be to Elder's Mills and sent home with students. All proceeds will fund school enhancements and programs. Shop online by following this link:

<https://stores.inksoft.com/eldersmills/shop/home>



YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

Wednesday October 26, 2022



Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!
- Please do not wear green to avoid blending into the background.

REMINDER

Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.

DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



FY23 Green Screen



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[Grade 8 Open House Information nights](#) - Please click on the link in this title to access YRDSBs webpages with information about the dates and times for the region's Secondary School information evenings.



Take Me Outside Day! On Wednesday, October 19th all classes will be spending time during the day, learning and playing. Our Healthy Schools and EcoSchools teams are challenging us to rethink how much time we are spending looking at screens and how much time we are spending outside, building our personal connection with nature. Dress for the weather!

Spirit Day - Thursday, October 20th, 2022

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 20 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. **We invite all students, staff and families of Elder's Mills to wear Purple on Thursday, October 20th!**





School Council:

Thank you to all parents/guardians and staff for your attendance at our first School Council meeting for this school year. It was a pleasure virtually meeting everyone and we are excited to be working with you this year.

This year's EMPS School Council members are:

Simmi Chhabra - Vice Chair
Nicole Huskovic - Chair
Sumbul Naqui - Treasurer
Laela Constantine - Secretary
Erica Jackman
Naila Mistry

Poonam Sehgal
Amie Rajan
Hermadeep Chhina
Sophia Ahmed
Sofia Calautti
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Melissa Andrews

All parents/guardians are invited to attend any of our School Council meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27th at 7:00 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 27th. Please join us!

School Council October Events! Please join in!

October Food Drive - October 6 - 28

Please bring non-perishable food items to the front of the school during the month of October. See the flyer on the next page for details.

Socktober!

Also for the month of October, students and families are invited to donate new pairs of socks to support families in need. Please see the flyer on the following page for more details.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



SOCKTOBER!
HELP US SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

In association with



**Vaughan
Public Libraries**



**360°
kids**

Surrounding kids
in crisis with care

**Elder's Mills P.S.
is collecting new
socks to assist kids
in crisis.
for the month of
October please
consider donating!**

PRESENTED BY:
ELDER'S MILLS PS SCHOOL
COUNCIL



ELDER'S MILLS P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL

October

FOOD DRIVE!

OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 28

Please help us fight hunger by donating
non-perishable food items to help benefit those in need!

DROP-OFF LOCATION :
School Front Office

**ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE
VAUGHAN FOODBANK**



Food Fundraising @ Elder's Mills PS!

We are pleased to be able to offer a third option for our Hot Lunch Program through the service provider Just Catering. Just Catering will deliver lunches to Elder's Mills on Wednesdays. .



About Just Catering:

Provides your children with healthy, well balanced, and nutritious lunches!

Prepared homemade, hot and delivered right to your child's/ren classroom.

Option to order lunches is for every Wednesday. For more information please visit their website www.justcateringforkids.com/booking

Resources for Families and Students:

There are a number of resources on the York Region District School Board website (www.yrdsb.ca) that families and students may find helpful.

Translation

- There is a built-in translation tool on the website that translates website content into over 100 languages.
- The [translation page](#) has tips on using translation options in other tools, such as Google, Edsby and YouTube. The page also includes videos in 13 languages about how to use the translation tool on the website.

Family Resources

The Family Resources page (www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources) offers families quick access to:

- Helpful resources, including tech support, privacy tips, translation information and more.
- Online tools and resources, including Edsby, School Cash Online, Google. You can also find tips and supports in using these tools. Click "need help" under each tool or link for more.
- Links to information about family engagement, student supports, elementary and secondary school programs and more.

Online Student Tools

Online Student Tools (www.yrdsb.ca/students) offers students quick access to:

- Online learning platforms and tools, such as Google and My Pathway Planner, as well as tips and supports in using these tools. Click "need help" under each tool or link for more.
- Learning resources and databases to help with homework .
- Quick links to information about student supports and tips.

Community Supports

There are community organizations who can provide support finding food, clothing, housing, financial assistance, mental health support, legal or employment support, and more. Identity-specific supports are also available. Learn more about the supports and resources available in your community at www.yrdsb.ca/communitysupports.

Student Information System:

To school administrators, please include the following message in your newsletters to families:



Over the course of the past two years many Ontario school boards have been working on the migration of their student information systems to a modernized system. The student information system is integral to school operations and is complex in nature. Over the summer, the board implemented this new student system and as is the case with any new project of this magnitude we experienced a small number of implementation challenges. Our Information Technology Services team is working diligently with the associated vendors to resolve the issues. We recognize that these issues may have caused some inconveniences for regular school procedures and will work to provide regular communications to families.

Inclusive School and Community Services, Community and Partnership Developers (CPDs) - Information for School communities:

Through building and maintaining strong collaborative partnerships with school communities, community organizations and social service agencies, the CPDs respond to the emerging needs of your school community.

To ensure that the diverse needs of your school community are met, we deliver equitable and inclusive education practices by providing programs and resources along with direct support for students, parents and staff.

In collaboration with community organizations, we may support schools, students and families with:

- school community initiatives
- extracurricular programs
- community outreach and engagement
- nutrition programs
- parenting supports and education
- community resources and supports
- issues of equity and inclusivity
- student and parent engagement
- early years
- transition to high school and post-secondary
- opportunities for youth
- basic needs (food, clothing, medical, housing)
- professional development
- affirming identity



We support your school community, students and families of all needs and backgrounds in York Region through various community resources and supports. Additionally, we also support all YRDSB schools regionally with our areas of specializations.

We invite you to contact your **CPD Team** directly or through the [family and student referral form](#) . For a full list of contact details, please visit our [YRDSB contact page](#).

Fire Prevention Week:

A Message from Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service:



The Vaughan Fire & Rescue Service has developed a series of short videos that are informative, easy to show, and relevant to issues we see each and every day in our City. Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15. This year's overall message is, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape."

We have multiple videos with a variety of fire safety messaging.

Our efforts to reach as many young minds as possible must include you, and we cannot do this without your participation. If you could please pass the ... links to online accounts to be viewed from home.

- Escape plan video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYwDzDoP4bw>
 - Smoke alarm video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YojwsaD-x6E>
 - Kitchen fire video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=434Nr2UyOoc>
 - Carbon monoxide alarm video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCSjHETXd7A>
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Where Can I Find Resources to Support My Child's Math Learning?

On the YRDSB Math website, you will find activities, books, games, and websites for each division on the [Supporting Math Learning at Home](#) page.

TVOLearn: TVO's Ontario certified teachers have developed an overview of the curriculum for each grade and associated vocabulary for each subject area, as well as a curated list of engaging videos, articles, podcasts, games, and activities to support learning. Please feel free to explore the resources available to support math learning for each grade linked below:

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| • Kindergarten | • Grade 4 |
| • Grade 1 | • Grade 5 |
| • Grade 2 | • Grade 6 |
| • Grade 3 | • Grade 7 |
| | • Grade 8 |
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Outside Awaits!

WHEEL'N' WALKTOBER

October 1 - 31, 2022



GET ACTIVE THIS FALL

PLEDGE to walk or wheel to your destinations more often this October!

Your pledge might even help you win a PRIZE!



Check out our Campaigns page at sccy.ca for details

Reminder from the Office: Reporting Lates and Absences

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

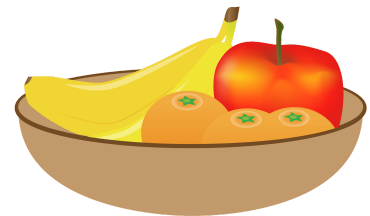
1. Absences and lates can be entered into **Edsby** which is available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time;
2. Send an email to the school attendance email address at: elders.mills.ps.attendance@yrdsb.ca or;
3. Parents may choose to contact the school office at 905-893-1631 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, Omari White) 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.

School Nutrition Program:

We are offering a **snack program** at Elder's Mills PS. Each class receives a bin 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 ensuring the success of this program, including coordinating with our Community Resource Development Team for the grants which support this opportunity. organizing the distribution and delivery of snacks and ensuring we maintain Healthy Schools and Covid- safety protocols. The snacks offered through this program are intended as a supplement and to support needs should they arise. Please continue to send your children to school with healthy snacks and lunches.



On the Horizon....

October:

17 - Cross-Country Area Meet

17 - Subway Sandwich Day

18 - Pizza Lunch

19 - Just Catering

19 - Take Me Outside Day

20 - Aussie X - Aussie Rules Football - Grades 5 - 8

20 - Spirit Day - Purple Shirt

21 - PA Day - School Closed to students

24 - Diwali *

26 - Photo Day

28- Fall Ball for students

31 - Halloween and Fall School Spirit!

Diwali (also known as Deepavali, meaning 'row of lamps'), is known as the Festival of Lights and is a Hindu, Sikh, and Jain festival celebrated throughout the diaspora. Diwali / Deepavali celebrates the triumph of good over evil. The festival has a different significance for different people. It is celebrated in different ways across the diaspora. In some communities, Diwali honours the Goddess Kali. In other communities, the festival of lights signifies illuminating the dark corners of our life and filling it with strength and the zeal to carry on with our goodwill toward others for the rest of the year. Diwali / Deepavali is celebrated around the world. Everywhere it is celebrated, Diwali signifies the renewal of life. To celebrate this joyous and important festival, people may get together with friends and family, exchange greetings and gifts of sweets, and devote time for prayer and introspection. Some set off fireworks and wear new clothes. Many light little clay lamps, or candles.



*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!

Eugenia Korinis
Principal

Omari White
Vice-Principal