

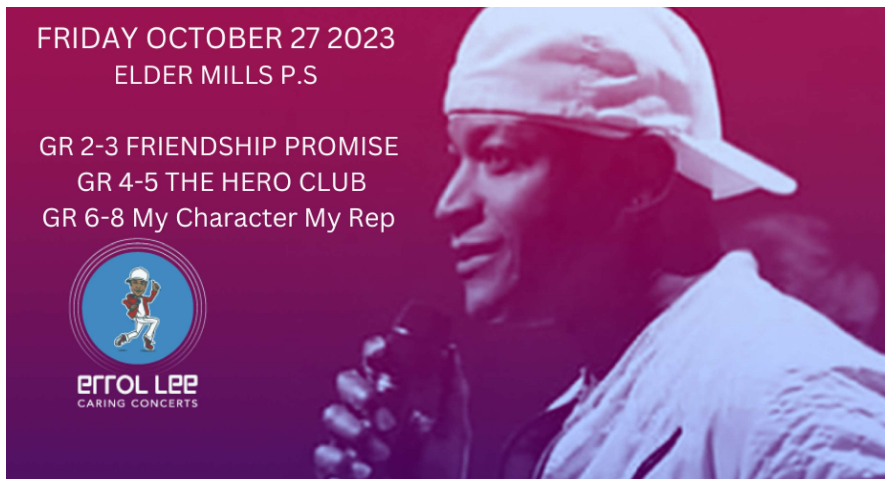
Week 7 - October 20, 2023



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**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!

**LAST CALL: 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.



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

All proceeds will go towards school initiatives. **PAYMENT DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 22.**

**Fall Fun and Halloween Costumes @ EMPS - Tuesday, October 31st, 2023:**

Students are invited to wear **Fall colours (black, orange, red, browns etc...)** or our **School Colours/clothing** on Tuesday, October 31st. For students who celebrate Halloween, if they wish to come to school on Tuesday, October 31st in costume, they are invited to do so.

When planning costumes, please keep the following in mind:



- that **no replica weapons** of any kind are allowed
- costumes should be respectful of others
  - symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume nor should costumes that caricature social identities through stereotyping
  - in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, it is important that costumes do not trivialize and devalue the lives of Indigenous peoples in Canada
- costumes should not should not overemphasize the scary aspects
- **No Halloween masks** are to be worn and students should only use single use make-up (no sharing of make-up).
- Costumes should be of simple design (to limit personal items being brought to school)
- **Please do not send your child to school with or in:**
  - A long or restrictive costume (these can lead to trips and falls)
  - An inflatable costume
  - A costume that requires adult assistance to take on/off
  - Any items to share with others (candy, treats, food, toys, gift items, etc.)

Students must be able to wear their running shoes and outdoor clothing as per usual

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**Resources for Families:**

Earlier this week, families would have received communication from YRDSBUpdate offering resources available in the community to support students and families in times of need or distress. Please see the list shared below. As always, please connect with the school if your child needs support.

- [Age-Related Reactions to a Traumatic Event National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)
- [Jewish Family and Child Services](#) is a multi-service agency that strengthens and supports individuals, children, families and communities within the context of Jewish values. Jewish Family and Child Services offers affordable, professional counselling that is confidential and convenient.
- [JVS Toronto](#) offers individual counselling for children, adolescents and adults addressing symptoms related to mental health such as anxiety, depression or anger. They also offer

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counselling to parents as they strive to provide the best for their children while dealing with their own stressors.

- [Naseeha](#) provides an anonymous, non-judgmental, confidential and toll-free peer support helpline for any youth experiencing personal challenges, including Muslim youth. Naseeha's services are open to all regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, family makeup, social status, income, ability, physical and mental health, and religion.
- [Khalil Center](#) is a psychological and spiritual community wellness center advancing the professional practice of psychology rooted in Islamic principles. Khalil Center utilizes faith-based approaches rooted in Islamic theological concepts while integrating the science of psychology towards addressing psychological, spiritual and communal health
- [Victim Services of York Region](#) provides crisis counselling and referrals for longer-term support. Advice and support for families and educators on best practices for providing support can be found here.
- [Kids Help Phone](#) provides support for children and youth. Professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- [310-COPE](#) provides crisis counselling for all. Professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-4:00 pm for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit [www.yorkhills.ca](http://www.yorkhills.ca) for more information.
- Trans Lifeline: <https://translifeline.org/>
- Black Youth Helpline: <https://blackyouth.ca/>
- 2SLGBTQ+ Youthline: <https://www.youthline.ca/>

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School  
Council

*Join us for "Mugs & Mornings" on Tuesday, October 24 at 9:30 am for a chance to meet, mingle and connect with other parents. Let's get to know each other better! You bring your coffee, we'll bring the treats. Please RSVP to [elders.mills.ps@sc.YRDSB.ca](mailto:elders.mills.ps@sc.YRDSB.ca)*



**Next School Council Meeting:**

Our next School Council Meeting is on Thursday, October 26th from 6:30 to 7:30 and will have more than just child minding! Don't miss out on the fun activities including pool noodle games, secret agents, pizza tag, and more! We will meet in the school library. A remote option will also be available; look for the link in your email on the 26th!

***More Slime!!!***

*Mark your calendars for our next round of slime sales (online) during the last two weeks of November.*

*Delivery will be on Thursday, December 14th. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more details. Note: Please do not send slime to school 😊*

**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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**Tune In YRDSB Podcast! This month....**

As we recognize Islamic Heritage Month, the latest episode of Tune In YRDSB explores the importance of creating identity-affirming spaces in schools and workplaces. Hear more about the experiences of Muslim students, staff and families in the York Region District School Board.

[Podcast: Islamic Heritage Month](#)



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**Reminders from the Office**

**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. 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-focussed.

Please read below for some support with our most common office inquiries:



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### School Bus Transportation:

- When concerns or questions arise about school bus transportation such as late pick up times, questions about bus routes, and others, you may email them to the school at [elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca). The school office team will forward the email to Student Transportation Services. We recognize the concern families have, particularly around late pick up and drop off times and transportation services are doing the best they can with the resources available to respond to needs.
- Please note that when a school bus arrives at school past 8:45 a.m., students disembarking from the bus are not marked late on the attendance. We appreciate your inquiries and your patience and will continue to share them with Transportation Services as they come forward. Thank you.

### End of day dismissal:

- Please keep this routine as consistent as possible. If you need to make different arrangements for your child, please inform the office by 2:30 p.m. If your child is going home with a relative, caregiver, friend's parent, someone not listed in the emergency contact information for your child, please advise the office by email, or send a note with your child to provide to the teacher.

### School Spirit Wear

Shop online by following this link: <https://stores.inksoft.com/eldersmills/shop/home>

### On the Horizon....

October

23 - Grade 4 to Burlington Outdoor Recreation Centre

23, 24 - Grade 7 & 8 to Cold Creek

24 - Cross Country Regional Meet

24 - Mugs and Mornings @ EMPS

26 - School Council Meeting

27 - Errol Lee Concerts for Students

31 - Hallowe'en

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

*Eugenia Korinis* and *Ayesha Mondal*

Principal

Vice-Principal

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

To the EMPS Cross Country Team for their strong performance at this week's Area Cross Country Meet.

Here are our standings in each race, out of the top 15 runners:

Grade 4 Girls - 1st and 10th place!

Grade 4 Boys - 2nd and 8th place!

Grade 5 Girls - 4th, 5th and 13th place!

Grade 5 Boys - 7th and 10th place!

Grade 6 Girls - 2nd place!

Grade 6 Boys - 1st place!

Grade 7 Girls - 1st and 10th place!

Grade 8 Girls - 8th place!

Grade 8 Boys - 7th place!

We wish our team all the best at the upcoming Regional Meet on October 24th!

