



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity
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Congratulations to the EMPS Regional Cross Country Team!

What a great day for a run! Nous sommes fiers de vous!

Getting Ready for Progress Report Conferences:

Dear Elder's Mills Families,

Progress Report Conferences will be held at the school on Thursday, November 14th and Friday, November 15th. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher in person, and learn more about the classroom. Edsby is the online tool supported for scheduling elementary interviews/conferences. Families will receive an invitation to sign up for a meeting time once the schedules are available.



[Edsby](#) is a cloud-based platform that lets families easily reserve times to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby have created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

Families that already have an Edsby account may use their previously created account. The username is the full email address that is on file at your child(ren)'s home school and the password is the one created at activation. If you have forgotten your password, you can find [resources on the Board website](#) to help, including how to reset your password.

Families who **do not have** an Edsby account will need to create one to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Progress Report Conferences. **An up-to-date and valid email address must be provided to your child's home school.** For help creating an Edsby account, [instructions can be found on the Board website](#). An email from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account will be sent to your email inbox. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

If you have any questions about this process please contact our main office for support. If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on the scheduled days, please contact your child's teacher.

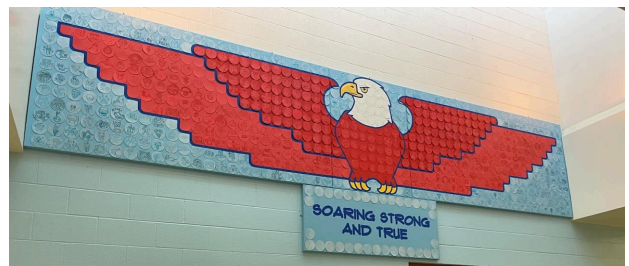
For help signing up for Progress Report Conferences, please visit [our board website](#).

Important Timelines

October 25- November 1	Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts if they don't already have one.
November 5 - 12	Schedule opens for booking. Log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found here .
November 12	Interview Scheduler closes at 4:00 p.m.
November 14 - 15	Progress Report Card Conferences

Fall Spirit Assembly:

On Tuesday, October 29, students will gather in the gym for a Fall School Spirit Assembly. The purpose of this assembly is to build school spirit and to share in some of the learning we have been doing since the start of the school year. Students and staff will share



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learning on themes from Orange Shirt Day and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and other insights from their classrooms, from school clubs and teams. We are looking forward to seeing our students come together in community to uplift one another. Our school band will showcase some of their talent as well. Thank you to Mr. Kouri and his team of students for coordinating the assembly and for all staff and students for their contributions. We look forward to having more opportunities to inspire and to celebrate as the year goes on. GoEaglesGo!

Fall Fun and Halloween Costumes @ EMPS - Thursday, October 31st, 2024:

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

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>

UPDATE! Hot Lunch Fundraiser

We are pleased to introduce Hero Burger as a lunch option through the LunchBox program. Hero Burger will be offered on Thursdays beginning this week. Please go to school cash online for details and to place your orders.

Pizza will continue to be an option for Monday lunches. We have sourced a **new vendor** through the Lunch Box program. Beginning November 4, pizza will be provided by Domino's at a cost of \$4.00 per slice. This change was made in consideration of feedback from families, and in our efforts to be eco-friendly.



Lunchbox program is live through: <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>. Ordering is open! Please secure your order. The deadline for each week is Sunday, There will be no cash sales.

EMPS IS A FRAGRANCE AND SCENT-FREE ZONE

Staff, students and all other persons who are invited to or who work on Board property are asked to be considerate of those who are sensitive to fragrant chemicals **by voluntarily refraining from chemical-based scented products** and replacing them with unscented alternatives. This will reduce the use of fragranced products in our environment.



We have staff and students at Elder's Mills who have respiratory issues such as asthma, allergies and bronchitis. Their reactions to chemicals from scents and fragrances can be more frequent, uncomfortable and intensified when exposed to strong fragrances. Your attention and consideration of this is appreciated.



If you wish to connect with School Council, please email elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Support the Vaughan Food Bank!

The School Council has a bin set up in the main hall of the school to collect donations all year long.

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The theme for the month of October is Canned Fruit.



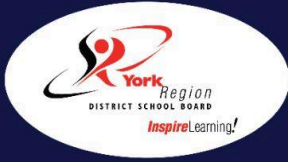
SOCKTOBER

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.



Exploring Family, Community & Love: YRDSB Family Day at Toronto Holocaust Museum (Grades 4+)



Right photo by Shay Markowitz for the Toronto Holocaust Museum

TORONTO HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Date: Sunday, November 17th

Time: 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Contact: education@thethm.org

Registration Form: bit.ly/YRDSBFamilyDayTHM

Address: 4588 Bathurst St., Sherman Campus, North York, ON M2R 1W6

This program is open to YRDSB families with children in grades 4-12. Please be aware that this is not a drop-off program and all students participating are to be attended with a parent or guardian.

Join Toronto Holocaust Museum (THM) and York Region District School Board (YRDSB) for a Family Sunday at the Museum. This afternoon at the museum will focus on meaningful learning about the history of the Holocaust and explore themes related to Family and Love. Age-appropriate activities will be featured for families with children in fourth grade and older throughout the Museum and Learning Lab. Activities include, reflective artmaking projects such as creating custom buttons reflecting on love and journal making that explore the themes of family history. Additionally, families can look forward to a special museum tour, with family members of Holocaust survivors who have contributed artifacts featured in the exhibition who will share the importance of these objects to their families. There will also be an opportunity to hear the age-appropriate story of Holocaust survivors' survival and immigration to Canada, with an opportunity to ask questions.

November is Hindu Heritage Month:

On December 8, 2016, the province of Ontario designated November as Hindu Heritage Month as outlined in the Hindu Heritage Month Act. November 2022 marked Canada's first official Hindu Heritage month.

Hindus first arrived in Canada at the beginning of the 20th century. During various waves of immigration, Hindus from all parts of the world continued to make Canada their home from the 1960s to present day. Canada is the proud home to nearly 830,000 Canadians of Hindu heritage, and many have settled in the Greater Toronto Area, including York Region.



"By proclaiming the month of November as Hindu Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario." - Hindu Heritage Month Act, 2016

Hinduism is considered by some as one of the world's oldest religions, dating back over 10,000 years. With over 900 million followers worldwide, Hinduism is the third-largest religion. Hinduism is a henotheistic religion that worships one God without denying the existence of other gods. Some of these deities include Brahma, Shiva, Paarvathi, Lakshmi, Ganesha, Muruga, Kaali, and Vishnu, along with others. Hinduism consists of many traditions and festivities that are celebrated throughout the year. Diwali, Navaratri, and Ganesh Chaturthi are some celebrations in which Hindus participate in Ontario, Canada, and around the world.

November is Albanian Heritage Month:

November is Albanian Heritage Month as proclaimed by the Ontario government in 2015. Albania is situated in eastern Europe, and the main language spoken is Albanian. The majority of Albanians identify as Muslim followed by Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic. There are approximately 29000 Canadians with Albanian ethnicities. The month of November is significant to people of Albanian origin as it commemorates the Albanian Declaration of Independence which took place on November 28, 1912. Albania also recognizes Liberation Day, a day that Albania was liberated from Nazi Germany forces after the Albanian resistance on November 29, 1944.



The proclamation of November as Albanian Heritage Month recognizes the diverse ways in which Albanian Canadians have contributed to the intricate social and cultural makeup of Ontario. It is a month to celebrate Albanian identity and acknowledge the histories and lived experiences of Albanian Canadians.



G.I.V.E!

Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

2024 Fall Session Cohort 2

Join our workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. Empower yourself to support our school community and enrich your child's learning experience!

You will learn more about:

- The role of a volunteer
- Transferable skills
- Equity and inclusive education
- Human rights
- Employment readiness
- School information and community resources

We will help you:

- Expand your network
- Effectively communicate with school staff
- Contribute to student learning and parent engagement
- Gain volunteer experience in schools
- Build healthy communities
- Boost professionalism

Location: Main Floor, 50 High Tech Road, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 4N7

Dates: November 11 to 15, 2024 (Monday to Friday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All parents/guardians/caregivers are welcome to join this free training program!
Space is limited, please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3WWRsxz to register now!



This free information session is organized by York Region District School Board in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region. For more information, please contact:

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ART CONTEST

Young artists, show us your creativity and help us mark the Supreme Court of Canada's 150th anniversary! We're looking for drawings, paintings or other graphic artwork illustrating the history and future of the Court as we commemorate its 150th year.

The contest is open to all young artists residing in Canada who will be between the age of 5 and 17 at the time of the artwork submission.

DEADLINE

Your artwork has to be received no later than January 31, 2025.

For more information and contest rules, visit:

scc-csc.ca/150



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



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.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

For more information, please contact:

Alexander Oliver
aoliver@rcto.ca

All systems include our
STANDARD 1 YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY

*batteries not covered by warranty

We have Desktop Packages from \$85.00 to \$300.00.
Plus \$35.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse

We have Laptop Packages from \$160.00 to \$300.00.
Plus \$25.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

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Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca

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Application Check-List

You can begin to apply for a computer on: SEPTEMBER 2024
Application deadline: NOVEMBER 22nd, 2024



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

Group Name: YRDSB **Group Code:** G-YRDSB

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A

Group Name: YRDSB

Group Code: G-YRDSB

Name of School: *Please enter the name of your student's school*

Section B

This section does not apply to you.

Section C

I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$25.00 shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$35.00 shipping fee)

OR

I am part of the York Region District School Board Group order (\$20.00)

OR

I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 Shipping fee)

Section D

Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career/Better Jobs

Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology

The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

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A Career that works for you.

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We believe that every student can be successful. That drives our work.”

We are looking for individuals who share this commitment to student learning well-being, and achievement.

We have ongoing job postings in a variety of positions. Learn more about why YRDSB may be the right place for you.

Meet some of our staff and explore career opportunities. www.yrdsb.ca/careers or scan the QR code.



On the Horizon:

October - Integrity

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

*Diwali (Hinduism- Hindu, Jain and Sikh celebration)
A very popular festival known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali (Deepavali) is dedicated to the Goddesses Kali in Bengal and Lakshmi (the Goddess of Wealth) in the rest of India. Diwali is associated with a story about the destruction of evil by Lord Vishnu in one of his many manifestations.*

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis and *Ayesha Mondal*
Principal Vice-Principal