



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity
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FALL FUN @ EMPS! TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY, PUMPKIN STORIES IN MME. SINGH'S CLASS, SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY AND ASSEMBLY!

Remembrance Day Ceremony:

On Friday, November 10, staff and students at EMPS will be observing Remembrance day with an assembly. The presentation is for staff and students only. We invite students to wear black, red and/or white on this day if they choose. The focus of our assembly will include messages about peace and hope and reflect the diversity of our communities.



Treaties Recognition Week - November 5- 11, 2023

Did you know that the first week of November is officially Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario? During the week of November 5 - 11, we recognize the importance of treaties and bring awareness to the treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the province. There are 46 [We are All Treaty People](#) treaties in Ontario and we all have a responsibility to honour the treaties.

“Today, some Canadians see treaties as artifacts of another era in their history, with no current relevance. First Nations people view treaties as “living” agreements that respect their status as nations, as recognized in the Royal Proclamation of 1763. They see this as their “inherent right” referred to in Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution.” (Maurice Switzer, “We are all...Treaty People” p.34)

At Elder’s Mills, some of the understandings we will be exploring next week include the definition of a Treaty. We invite you to engage with your child about their learning.



November 1 - November 9, 2023 marks the annual Holocaust Education Week (HEW).

Learning about the Holocaust in classrooms, schools, and workplaces across the YRDSB is critical to countering antisemitism and other forms of hate.

The Holocaust was the systemic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jewish people by the Nazi regime and its allies, and it’s critical that we not allow this cruel chapter of modern history to fade from memory. During Holocaust Education Week, it is important to also acknowledge that other racialized people, the Romas, people with physical disabilities, and those who identify as 2SLGBTQI+, among others, were also targeted and murdered by the Nazis.

Please check out the recent YRDSB podcast on [Holocaust Education: Holocaust Education with Yad Vashem ; So They Remember: A conversation with author Maksim Goldenshteyn.](#)

November is Hindu Heritage Month:

What is Hindu Heritage Month?

- Namaste, and welcome to Hindu Heritage Month! Celebrated every November, we recognize 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 they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.

Education and Community Partnership Programs:

The ECPPs are educational programs established through partnerships between school boards and government-approved facilities, such as hospitals and children mental health agencies. These programs are designed to support children and youth who cannot attend regular school because they need to access care, treatment and/or rehabilitation services. The school board provides an educational program so students can continue learning while accessing the care they need. In York Region, programs are provided for students aged 6 - 18 years. The health facility provides the required care and/or treatment support.

Follow this link for more information:

<https://staffweb-yrdsb.msapproxy.net/services/student/SSIDT/Documents/ECPP-Brochure.pdf>



We'd like to hear from you!

Please take a moment to complete the survey at this link.

Ideas and input will be shared with the various school council committees: [School Council Family interest survey](#)

If you'd like to join any of the committees please email us at our school council email: elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Volunteers! The School Council is already planning for **Winterfest!** Anyone interested in assisting with planning or volunteering please email us at elders.mills.ps@sc.YRDSB.ca.



IN THE COMMUNITY

School Council highlights activities available to families in our community

Need Homework help?

Go to the Vaughan public Library website: [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

- Click on "Articles & Research"
- Find "Brainfuse"
- Enter your library card number and password
- Click on live tutor!

That's it! You will be connected with a live tutor! Happy studying!



e-Resources' Login

Please enter your Library Card Number:

Please enter your 4 Digit PIN:

Login

A promotional graphic for McMichael Family Sundays. It features a green background with three small images: a family walking in a forest, a woman pushing a stroller, and a woman performing on a stage. The text "McMichael Family Sundays" is prominently displayed in white. A yellow banner in the top right corner says "FREE ADMISSION ON FAMILY SUNDAYS". Below the main title, it lists "Art activities. Performances. And more!" and states "Every 3rd Sunday of the month Starting: November 19th". The McMichael logo is written vertically on the left side.

McMichael

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YRDSB Community Partners

Sikh Educators Voice Alliance (SEVA)
Group Launch Invitation



Sikh staff and community members are invited to the SEVA Affinity Group Launch. All are welcome to come learn, celebrate, and grow with us.

Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023
Time: 4:30 – 6:30 PM
Location: Blue Willow Public School
250 Blue Willow Drive, Woodbridge ON

This event is an opportunity for parents, families and YRDSB staff members to network, share, and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of Sikh identity. Light refreshments will be served.

To Register
Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **November, 23rd 2023**
If you have any further questions, please reach out to SEVA.YRDSB@gmail.com



Chinese Heritage Student Support Group

The YRDSB Community Care Social Work series will provide a language specific Chinese students virtual group to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The first session in the series is offered for YRDSB students of Chinese Heritage . Students are invited to join this cultural specific students support group and engage meaningful conversations that help to-construct more inclusive, student-centered school environments. This will be a free virtual students group.

- **“SKY LANTERN”** ,
Grade 6-8, Deliver in English, Mandarin and Cantonese, 4-8 sessions in total
First round: Jan 15th, 2024, Every Monday, at 4:00pm; 45 mins each
Second round: March 1th, 2024, Every Monday at 4:00pm; 45 mins each

VIRTUAL EVENT. (link will be provided upon registration)

RSVP by emailing the Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage) at charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca

FUNDRAISING AT EMPS!

School Spirit Wear:

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](#)

NEW! Donation Drive: Donations will be accepted through **School Cash Online only**, no cash or cheques. You can [register for School Cash Online](#) at any time by visiting the website.

Money raised from fundraising efforts like the ones listed above and the lunch programs, for example, will be used to support enhancements in technology, music and library resources and other opportunities such as Stem/Robotics, Graduation, Guest speakers and presentations, field trips and more! . We thank you for your support!



• The great gulp •

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November 6th is The Great Gulp!

On this day two grade 8 students will come around to each class taking photos of the class drinking water.
Make sure to bring your **reusable** water bottles!



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Getting Ready for Progress Report Conferences

Progress Report Conferences will be held at the school on Thursday, November 16th and Friday, November 17th. Parents/guardians will have an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher in person, and learn more about the classroom.

Edsby is the online tool supported for scheduling elementary interviews/conferences. Parents' Night schedule opens for booking at 4:00 p.m. on November 7 and closes on November 14 at 4:00 p.m. 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](#).

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 Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit [our board website](#).



FALL BACK! Sunday, November 5th, 2023

On Sunday November 5, all families are reminded to “Fall Back” by setting their clocks back 1 hour as Daylight Savings Time is over. This means that we gain an hour as we sleep on Saturday night.



On the Horizon....

November

- 5 - Daylight Savings Time - Fall back!
 - 5 - 11 Treaties Recognition Week
 - 7 - Grade 7 & 8 Vaccine Clinic
 - 7 - Zoo to You - Grade 6s
 - 7 - Photo Retake Day
 - 8- Intermediate Boys Volleyball Area Tournament
 - 9 - 14 Progress Reports emailed home
 - 10 - Remembrance Day Ceremony @ EMPS
 - 11 - Remembrance Day
 - 12 - Diwali
 - 15 - 17 Scholastic Book Fair @ EMPS
 - 16 - Progress Report Card Conferences p.m.
 - 17 - PA Day; Progress Report Card Conferences a.m.
 - 27 - 30 Grade 3 Gifted
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Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis and *Ayesha Mondal*

Principal

Vice-Principal