



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity
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Kiss'n' Ride: MORNING DROP OFF

We experience a high-volume of traffic in the mornings as families arrive on school property to drop off their children and then make their way out of the school lot onto Rota Cres and Napa Valley. We ask for your support and cooperation.

Staff are on duty to supervise students from the time they are dropped off on the sidewalk area until they make their way to the back of the building and into the school. Staff should not need to be directing traffic; however, where they need to offer reminders, we ask for your patience and expect your cooperation.

This is how the Morning Drop off should work:

- Entry into the school lot and moving through the drop off zone is **one lane and one way only**. Vehicles may not pass other vehicles through this area.
- Drivers **stop at the designated drop off point along the curb/sidewalk** lining the area by the fenced in play yard.
- Students **disembark when the vehicle reaches the designated drop off point and not before**. They should exit the vehicle as quickly and independently as possible.
- Students disembark from the passenger side and onto the sidewalk area.
- Vehicles do not pull out and drive off until the vehicle in front of them moves forward.



Fall Spirit Assembly:

On Tuesday, October 29, we gathered in the gym for a Fall School Spirit Assembly. Students shared 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 also had songs performed by the school band. Thank you to Mr. Kouri and his team of students for coordinating the assembly and to 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!



Celebrating Student Success!

EMPS classes have the opportunity to participate in the Caribou Contests. Caribou Contests is an online learning platform that provides students with virtual math contests. "The contests reinforce math concepts that students have learned throughout their academic careers and spark their interest while astonishing them with the simplicity of the solutions and the many techniques they might use to get them." <https://www.cariboutests.com/> We are able to enhance our classroom math programs with this opportunity with the support of our school fundraising efforts. Merci!



In October, classes competed in one of the monthly contests. Several of our students ranked in the top 17% globally with one of our grade 4 students, Ela, ranking 1st at the school, provincial and national levels in the Grade 4 contest. Felicitations!

Lost and Found

The lost and found bins at the school are overflowing. These items will be gathered and donated on Monday, November 18th. Families will have the opportunity to collect lost items on the evening of November 14 and the morning of November 15 during Progress Report Conferences and the Book fair. Thank you.



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 now have a lunch option for every day of the week!

- Monday - Subway
- Tuesday - Domino's Pizza
- Wednesday - Negozio by Tavola
- Thursday - Hero Burger
- Friday - barBurrito

The Lunchbox program is live through: <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>. Orders can be placed by Sunday of each week. You may order one week at a time or several weeks all together; there are many options!

All funds raised support goals in the school's fundraising plan which include: supporting the purchase of Chromebooks, the Music program, class trips, school events, athletic programs, library and STEM programs and more!

Thank you for your support!



Our next School Council meeting is planned for **Thursday, December 5, 2024.** Details and a virtual meet link for families who wish to join virtually will be shared as the date approaches.

The School Council is organizing a monthly daytime social. All parents/guardians of EMPS are welcome to drop in and connect with members of the council, meet and get to know one another. Topics of discussion will include school goals, making connections in the community and more. Our first gathering for this year is planned for **November 20th.** Save the date and stay tuned for details!

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. The theme for the month of October is Canned Fruit.



A Career that works for you.

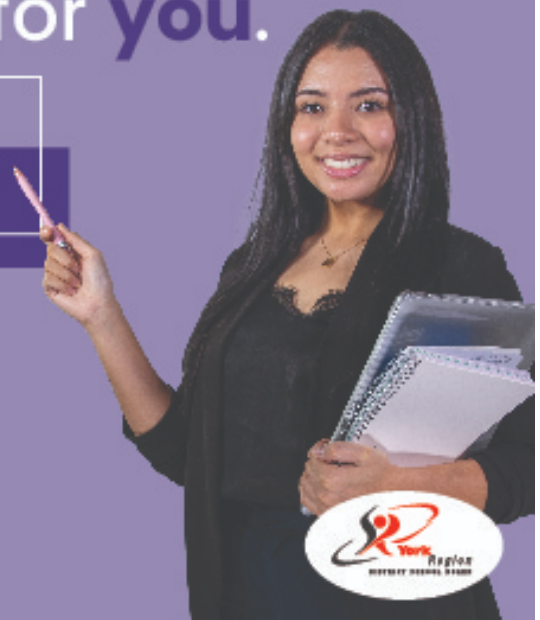
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We believe that every student can be successful. That drives our work.

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.



Information Session for Tamil Families

Support your child's success!



Looking to better support your child academically, emotionally, and socially?

Join us for an information session discussing:

- Ways to support your children's academic achievements and emotional well-being
- Student services, including Tamil-specific supports available at YRDSB
- Getting connected and accessing community resources

Date: November 12, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Milliken Mills High School



This information session will be delivered in Tamil and English, featuring speakers from:

- Speech-Language Pathology Services
- Psychological Services
- Community Navigation
- Social Work Services for the Tamil Diaspora
- Tamil Community and Partnership Development Services



To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **November 8, 2024**.

For questions or accommodation requests,
please contact nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca
or iscs@yrdsb.ca



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.

Treaties Recognition Week - November 3 -9

"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)



During the week of November 3 - 9, 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 treaties in Ontario and we all have a responsibility to honour the treaties.

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 4 - 10 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. Holocaust Education re-humanizes those who experienced and continue to experience the impact of the Holocaust.

**Jewish and Israel Education Conferences with UJA Israel Engagement
November 24 and December 1**

Join UJA Israel Engagement for a meaningful and educational 1 day conference for students, parents/caregivers, and teachers to explore Israel education and learn how to combat antisemitism in the public school system. Hear and learn from UJA agencies including UJA's Israel Engagement, CIJA, CJPAC, PJ Library, and more.

Please visit the [UJA Federation of Greater Toronto website](#) for more information and registration.

Please view the [agenda link](#) for both the Nov 24 and Dec 1 events.



THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Subscribe to our mailing list.

The Centre for Black Student Excellence is a space committed to the implementation of goals set out in our Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy, and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

Establishing this mailing list is one of the key commitments outlined in our strategy.

Subscribe to our mailing list to stay up to date on:

- information about school board and community events and programs that would benefit Black students and families with Black children
- updates on Board efforts to dismantle anti-Black racism

Learn more about the ongoing work to dismantle anti-Black racism and support Black student excellence by visiting www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence



If you require further information, please contact
BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

FALL BACK! Sunday, November 3, 2024

On Sunday November 3, 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

Character Trait: La Justice

- 1 Diwali
- 1 All Saint's Day
- 3 Daylight Savings Time - Fall back!
- 3 - 9 Treaties Recognition Week
- 4 - 10 Holocaust Education Week
- 5 Edsby Scheduler open for Progress Report Conferences
- 5 and 6 Scientists in the School Grade 3
- 6 Take our Kids to High School - Grade 8s
- 7 Photo Retake Day
- 7 Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tournament
- 8 Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament
- 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 11 - 15 Scholastic Book Fair
- 14 Progress Report Conferences p.m.
- 15 P.A. Day - Progress Report Conferences a.m.
- 25 Gifted Screening begins - details to follow
- 25 Grade 5 and 6 to Kortright Centre
- 26 Wali Shah - Motivational Guest Speaker presents to Grades 5 - 8
- 27 and 28 Grade 7s to Scanlon

November 1 - Christianity

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallow's Day, is celebrated by many Christian groups on November 1st, each year. In Christianity, saints include those who lead a heroic or virtuous life, dedicated their lives in service of others, or were martyred for their beliefs. They also include all those who have been welcomed into eternal life in Heaven with God. While some Saints are specifically named and are especially honoured on the anniversary of their death, every Saint, known or unknown is remembered each year on All Saints' Day. In commemoration of this day, many Christians attend special church services on November 1st.

To our families celebrating Diwali, we wish you joyous festivities.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

Eugenia Korinis and *Ayesha Mondal*

Principal

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