



**Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye**  
*Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity*  
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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.

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### **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>



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### **Progress Report Conferences:**

Progress Report Conferences will be held at the school on Thursday, November 17th and Friday, November 18th. 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. Please ensure you have an active Edsby account. The scheduling tool is now open and will close at 4:00 p.m. on November 9th. This scheduling tool is used to book a conference time with your child's homeroom teacher. If you would like to connect with any of your child's other teachers, please reach out to them directly.

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**Remembrance Day Ceremony:**

On Friday, November 11th, 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.



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**Treaties Recognition Week - November 6 - 12, 2022**

Did you know that the first week of November is officially Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario? During the week of November 6-12, 2022, 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.

*"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.

***Qu'est-ce qu'un traité? What is a Treaty?***

*Our responsibilities to uphold treaties lasts as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow. A Treaty is a living agreement, a promise. We made a promise in 1764. The promises mean that First Nations agreed to share the land and that they have rights as Nations. Our Treaty promise is woven into a treaty belt, a wampum belt. Treaty belts are made from wampum and they represent promises made to last. The colours also have meaning and the designs are used to tell the history of the belt's creation. The treaty is a living promise that means all people are Treaty People. Do you know what our treaty belt looks like?*



## **REMINDERS 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](mailto: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.

Communicating absences and lates using the above-mentioned options will support our school Safe Arrival process and minimize the need for automated call-outs. Thank you.

### **A note to families of students in portable classrooms:**

Please be reminded that you must follow the same procedures for arrival and departure as with families of students in the building.

- If you are bringing your child to school, please drop them off at the end of the tarmac
  - Do not walk them up the stairs to the portable
- Arriving after the bell?
  - You must bring your child to the front entrance so they may be signed in at the office and their attendance recorded
- Picking up early?
  - Inform the office and your child will be waiting to be picked up in the office
- End of day pick up?
  - Please wait at the edge of the tarmac for your child to come to you
  - If in the Kiss'n'Ride, do not exit your vehicle or leave it unattended
- Need to speak with the teacher?
  - We have had several instances of parents disrupting the beginning of the instructional day for our students in the portable, requesting an audience with the teacher
  - Please call the school or the teacher to arrange an appointment time

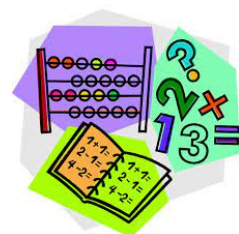
We appreciate your cooperation with the above so as to ensure the safety of all of our children.

**Looking for Online Math Supports?** Try out these sites:

**TVO Mathify:**

<https://www.tvomathify.com/students>

Offers free 1:1 on-line tutoring for students in grade 4 to 11 with Ontario



Certified Teachers. Hours of operation vary throughout the week, but are clearly posted on the website.

### Online Math Games for Primary

<https://www.learningtrajectories.org/documents/1585106327507.pdf>

These [interactive games](#) were created to support learning in both Number and Spatial Sense for young learners. Each game has three different levels that students can work through.

### [Mathigon](#)

The mathematical playground that offers free tools, virtual manipulatives that are interactive and engaging. Explore what Mathigon has to offer.

Be sure to check out the [Polypad](#) feature if you are looking for virtual math manipulatives.

### Grades 7 to 12

Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing, University of Waterloo:

<https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/resources/courseware/courseware.html>

The CEMC mathematics and computing courseware materials feature lessons, interactive activities, enrichment challenges, teach yourself to program, and unlimited opportunity for practice with feedback. The courseware is online, free to use, and does not require registration. Start learning from a world-class group of educators today!

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### YRDSB's Centre for Black Excellence Newsletter



Opportunities for supporting Black students, families and staff within the York Region District School Board, in partnership with community partners. See newsletter for further information. Click on this link: [The Centre for Black Student Excellence webpages](#)

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### NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

#### NACCA Presents T.E.A.C.H. A six week mental health foundational program for Black Youth

This six week mental health foundational program for Black youth offers a variety of topics centering Black youth, their experiences, identity, mental health and so much more.

Nov. 9th-Dec.14th. Registration information at this link:

[NACCA presents T.E.A.C.H.](#)



**Youth School Success Initiative:**

YSSI will deliver a wrap-around program that best meets the needs of identified Black youth in the York Region and Toronto District School Boards. Goal of the program is to support 100 Black youth from grades 6-8 toward high school preparedness. For more information and to register, click here:



<https://macca1987.com/YSSI/>

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**Triple P Parenting:**



**PARENTING SESSIONS**  
**Let's talk about it!**

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

**We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these virtual sessions!**

**November 9, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Our Family, Our Rules**

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on developing a collaborative approach to family rules, expectations, and problem solving/solution seeking skills to help guide your children.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

**November 16, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Promoting Resiliency in Children**

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on helping your child develop skills to help build resiliency that will help them deal with everyday challenges and the more serious challenges they may face. [REGISTER NOW](#)

**November 23, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Nurturing Healthy Self-Esteem**

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on how to create a supportive and engaging environment that helps your child develop and maintain confidence and healthy self-esteem. [REGISTER NOW](#)

**November 29, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Managing Negative Self-Talk**

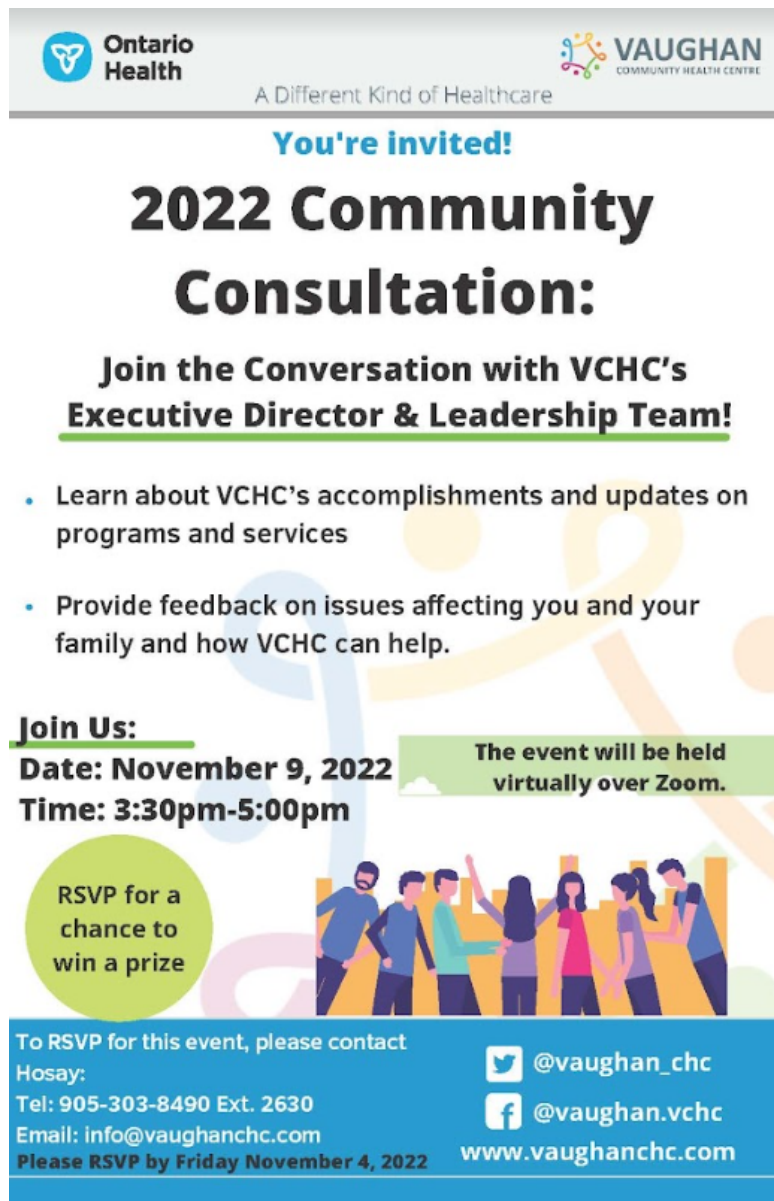
For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on different strategies to help your child

manage and reduce negative self-talk and realize their self-worth. [REGISTER NOW](#)

**Facilitator: Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families**

These free virtual parent presentations are brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families. For more information contact: Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer [Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca)

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The poster is for a 2022 Community Consultation event. At the top, it features the Ontario Health logo and the Vaughan Community Health Centre logo with the tagline 'A Different Kind of Healthcare'. The main heading is 'You're invited! 2022 Community Consultation: Join the Conversation with VCHC's Executive Director & Leadership Team!'. Below this, a bulleted list states: 'Learn about VCHC's accomplishments and updates on programs and services' and 'Provide feedback on issues affecting you and your family and how VCHC can help.' The event details are: 'Join Us: Date: November 9, 2022 Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm'. A green box notes 'The event will be held virtually over Zoom.' A green circle says 'RSVP for a chance to win a prize'. An illustration shows a diverse group of people standing together. The bottom blue section provides contact information: 'To RSVP for this event, please contact Hosay: Tel: 905-303-8490 Ext. 2630 Email: info@vaughanchc.com Please RSVP by Friday November 4, 2022'. Social media handles @vaughan\_chc and @vaughan.vchc are listed, along with the website www.vaughanchc.com.

**Ontario Health**  
A Different Kind of Healthcare

**VAUGHAN**  
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

**You're invited!**

# 2022 Community Consultation:

**Join the Conversation with VCHC's Executive Director & Leadership Team!**

- Learn about VCHC's accomplishments and updates on programs and services
- Provide feedback on issues affecting you and your family and how VCHC can help.

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**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](#). 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. There are many Hindus who 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.

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**FALL BACK! Sunday, November 6th, 2022**

On Sunday November 6, 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.

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**On the Horizon....**

**November**

- 6 - 12 Treaties Recognition Week
- 9 - Edsby Scheduler closes at 4:00 p.m.
- 9 - Earth Rangers presentation
- 11 - Remembrance Day
- 17 - 18 - Progress Report Conferences
- 18 - P.A. Day - school closed to students
- 23 - 25 - Report Cards sent home electronically
- 30 - Photo Retake Day

Pics of the Week: Grade 7s @ Cold Creek:



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Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

*Eugenia Korinis*  
Principal

*Omari White*  
Vice-Principal