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Hi German Mills Families!

We had a fantastic, fun-filled Spirit Week this week. It was wonderful to see so many staff and students participate in the different themes of the day!

In this communication, you will find highlights of our week, opportunities for families and students, reminders and upcoming dates to remember.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL-BASED TESTING FOR COVID-19

Please see the attached letter for information about drop-in testing sites in York Region.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

All families are invited to join our virtual School Council meeting on Wednesday, March 24th at 8:00 p.m. We will have the opportunity to discuss and share on topics such as our February Student Survey Results and next steps, updates on Graduation, and other highlights. If you would like to attend, please click on the link below. Only 'Yes' responses need reply. Thank you.

[RSVP - School Council](#)

END OF DAY DISMISSAL AND PICK UP AFTERSCHOOL

With the warmer weather, we are finding that students, parents/guardians are congregating on school property after dismissal. As per School Reopening and Covid protocols, **students, and parents/guardians are required to wear masks, and to leave school property as soon as possible after dismissal.** We also ask that our families and students be mindful that the tarmac and field area after school is used by the German Mills Children's Academy. Thank you for your cooperation and for keeping GMPS a safe space for everyone.

STUDENT PICK UP DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Please pre-arrange pickup of your child with the office. Upon arrival, ring the front door buzzer and let the office staff know you have arrived to pick up your child. A staff member will walk your child to the door. Due to Covid-19 safety protocols, parents/guardians are not to enter the building.

LUNCH DROP-OFFS



Due to regulations, we are not permitted to allow visitors into GMPS during the school day. This means that parents/guardians are not permitted to bring items to GMPS once the day has begun. **Items will not be accepted by office staff at the door.** Please ensure that your child is prepared to be at school both indoors and outdoors with shoes, extra clothing (where necessary), lunch, and snack.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Please be reminded of the following protocols if you are dropping off and picking up your child:

- Maintain physical distance from other adults and children
- Wear face coverings
- Remain at the perimeter of the tarmac and leave immediately after you have dropped off or picked up your child.
- When a student arrives late, parents/guardians are asked to escort their child to the front door of the school and ring the buzzer when they arrive. School staff will receive your child at the door.

Arrival by parent vehicle - using the loop

This area is also used by our school busses and is an emergency route. **There is no parking in this area.** Parents/guardians who use this area for drop off in the morning or pick-up in afternoon are asked to pull up, have their child exit from the right-hand side of the vehicle onto the walkway and make their way to the school yard.

If you arrive late to drop-off or pick up your child (i.e. after 9:00 a.m. or after 3:45 p.m.) you will need to park your vehicle in the parking lot, come to the front doors of the school, ring the doorbell and a staff member will receive or bring your child. Thank you for your cooperation, and for keeping GMPS safe for everyone.

BFCN Parent Workshop: Foundations Of Financial Literacy

A workshop for Black parents present by Mutiat Bello, of MBRE, and featuring Ivor Christopher. Online event on Friday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m. Click on this link for registration information: [BFCN Friday Focus Parent Workshop #5: Foundations Of Financial Literacy](#)

YOUR VOICE MATTERS – ANTI-BLACK RACISM SURVEY

Your voice matters! Share your lived experiences relating to Anti-Black Racism through this survey. The overall duration of the survey is approximately 10-15 minutes. The survey is open to EVERYONE. Please share it with others in our community. PLEASE CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATE <https://bit.ly/3t6920n>.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

The information below has previously been shared with families by YRDSB Update and is included here as a reminder.

- Screening Guidance
 - All students are required to complete the screening guide daily before coming to school.
- Preparing for potential school staff shortages during in-person learning
 - We continue to work with York Region Public Health to ensure our schools are safe for students and staff. In doing so, there are occasions, where students and staff members are required to self-isolate. These measures require the board to rely on ensuring adequate student supervision for safety. In previous years, where no occasional teacher or other staff member was available, schools combined classes for short periods of time. During the global pandemic, student contacts must be minimized and classes cannot be combined. As such, we may face specific situations where schools are required to close to in-person learning due to self-isolation requirements, even if COVID-19 case counts do not appear significant.

We will continue to take all necessary planning and precautions to keep schools open, but may also need to make difficult decisions to close to ensure safety.

In the event of a school closure to in-person learning, all learning will move to virtual according to provincial [requirements for live \(synchronous\) learning](#)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for September 2021 continues.

There are several ways you can register for Kindergarten:

- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address: german.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca
- **By phone** - Families can request support from the school Principal/Vice-Principal to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation.
- **By mail or appointment.** You can mail completed applications to the school, or request an appointment to drop-off your completed paper application form. Families are asked to follow all school COVID-19 protocols while on site. All permitted visitors must wear a mask.

Please note, at this time, under our [health and safety protocols](#), we cannot accept walk-in registrations.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.

LUNCH ASSISTANT NEEDED

We are seeking a School Assistant to provide supervisory support during the lunch period in the school and on yard duty. The time commitment is Monday -Friday from 12:50 - 1:50. Please contact the school office for details if you are interested.

UPCOMING DATES

- Monday, March 29th - Passover
- Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday - no classes
- Monday, April 5th - Easter Monday - no classes
- Monday, April 12th to Friday, April 16th - Spring Break - no classes

Please continue to check YRDSB's website www.yrdsb.ca, Twitter <https://twitter.com/YRDSB> and Instagram [yrdsb.schools](https://www.instagram.com/yrdsb.schools) for ongoing communication. Our school EDSBY site will continue to post community updates and opportunities.

Wishing you a good weekend and to our families celebrating NowRuz, a joyous celebration!

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