

L'école Elder's Mills

La Voix des Aigles



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Administrators' Message



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Each year, Ontarians mark the first full week of May as Children's Mental Health Week. YRDSB Celebrates Children's Mental Health Awareness Week from May 6 -10, 2019. This important week is about:

- Increasing awareness of the signs of child and youth mental health problems
- Decreasing stigma
- Understanding that help is available and it works!

Children's mental health plays a key role in overall health and well-being. It impacts learning, social relationships, emotional growth, self-esteem and resilience. Family awareness and early identification are often the first steps to effective treatment for children and youth with mental health disorders. It's easy to recognize when a child has a fever, but a child's mental health is different. It can be difficult to distinguish between 'normal' problems that all children and adolescents experience from time to time, and behaviour that may be indicative of a mental health disorder.

While it is not possible to prevent all mental health problems, there are supports available and early intervention and treatment has been shown to be effective. This can have positive outcomes such as enhanced learning opportunities, social skills development, more positive interactions at home, at school and in the community.

Our staff can help you connect with our community partners - some are listed below:

- Crisis Response Services <https://www.yssn.ca/Crisis-Response-Services>
- Kids Help Phone <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>
- Family Services of York Region <http://www.fsyrc.ca/>
- Blue Hills Child and Family Centre <http://www.bluehillscentre.ca/>
- Kinark Child and Family Centre <https://www.kinark.on.ca/>
- The York Centre <http://www.theyorkcentre.ca/>

Mme Totino & Mme Stone

Upcoming Events

May 7:	Grade 7 & 8 VIP
May 9:	School Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Library
May 10:	Author Visit, Philippe Roy
May 14-15:	Track and Field at EMPS
May 17:	Grade 7 Vaccinations
May 21-June 3:	EQAO Assessments
June 3:	P.A. Day – No school

Hot Weather Action Plan (from YRDSB Guidelines for Heat Stress & Hot Weather)

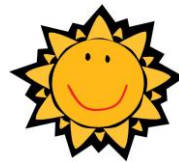


With the anticipation of warmer, even hot weather, the following steps will be taken to avoid heat related illness for students:

- Outdoor physical activities will be rescheduled to cooler times of the day or on another day. Shady areas in the school yard will be used, where available
- Blinds, curtains will be kept closed in classrooms; lights will be dimmed in the classrooms and hallways
- Board approved fans will be used to create air movement in the room; some classes may need to be relocated to cooler areas such as the gym or library to provide relief
- Students are advised to wear a hat outside and loose light clothing, which will help to reduce body heat through moisture evaporation
- Students are encouraged to drink water for re-hydration after fluid loss during physical activities or on hot, humid days.

-Parents are advised to apply sunscreen on their children prior to coming to school; please avoid sending aerosol sunscreen to school as it is unhealthy for those who are sensitive to these products and the overspray creates slippery floor surfaces for our students and staff.

Warm Weather is Around the Corner! Dress Code in Effect!



With the warm weather just around the corner, we ask for your help to ensure that students are dressed in an appropriate manner conducive to a proper learning environment. Please review the following with your children: Shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh length or longer. Tops must meet bottoms without the midriff showing. A top must not be low cut and the straps must be at least the width of two fingers. Undergarments must be covered. Beach wear type clothing, such as tank tops with spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops and muscle shirts is not permitted. We thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. Running shoes or sturdy sandals are required. Flip flops are considered inappropriate footwear for school due to the increased potential for slips and falls on stairs and during outdoor play.

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL FAMILY BARBECUE!

Thursday, June 13, 2019
(6:00-8:30 p.m.)



Celebrating Diversity

BAHA'I FAITH

May 24

Declaration of the Bab. On this day in 1844 C.E., a man known as the Bab, a title which means "the Gate," announced his mission as a manifestation of God whose purpose was to prepare the world for the coming of the promised manifestation of all religions, Baha'u'llah. The Baha'i calendar is dated from this day. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day.

May 29

Ascension of Baha'u'llah. This date marks the passing in 1892 C.E. of Baha'u'llah, the prophet-founder of the Baha'i Faith, near Haifa, in the Holy Lands. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day.

BUDDHISM

May 18

Wesak is celebrated on the full moon. It is considered the most auspicious day of the year, celebrating Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment, and Final Demise. In Canada, many Buddhist groups join together to celebrate the three festivals of Buddha's life as one event. They do this on the day of the fourth full moon after the lunar new year, or the Sunday closest to that day. This is usually around mid-May.

CHRISTIANITY

May 30

Ascension Day (Western) marks Jesus' ascension into heaven and is observed through prayers and music. It occurs forty days after Easter.

ISLAM

May 6

Ramadhan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. All Muslims who are physically able, fast during this month abstaining from food and drink each day from dawn to sunset. The beginning of Ramadhan depends on the sighting of the moon on the previous evening.

May 31

Lailat-ul-Qadr (literally the Night of Power) commemorates the night in 610 C.E. on which the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) received the first revelation of the Islamic Holy scriptures (the Qur'an) from God through the Angel Gabriel. For many Muslims, any odd nights in the last ten days can be observed as Lailat-ul-Qadr.

WICCA

May 1

Beltane meaning "May", the greening of the Earth, blossom time, when Goddess and God are reunited. Beltane has long been celebrated with feasts and rituals.

Grade 8 Graduation



The Grade 8 graduation event will take place this year on Monday, June 24 at 6 p.m. at Emily Carr High School. Further information will follow.

EMPS Chess Champions participate in Provincial Chess Tournament

On April 14, four of our chess champions participated in the Provincial Chess Tournament. Congratulations to Jeziah and Stephen in grade 5, and Nicola and Francesco in grade 8, who participated in this tournament. Bravo les Aigles!

Scholastic Book Fair -- Thank you!

Thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair from May 1 to 8. Purchases made from this fair will support receiving more books and resources for our library. Thank you!

Have you ordered your yearbook yet?

Yearbooks are available to order from School CashOnline for \$30 until May 15. Don't delay! Order your yearbook today. You must order a yearbook on School CashOnline to secure receiving one at the end of June. Extra yearbooks will not be available to purchase at the end of the year. Don't miss out on this special keepsake of our 2018-2019 school year.

Skills Ontario Competition at the Toronto Congress Centre

On May 6, our Junior Character Animation Team participated in the Skills Ontario Competition at the Toronto Congress Centre. They represented York Region District School Board in this provincial competition against all other school boards in Ontario. Bravo, les Aigles! Once again this year, grade 7 and 8 girls were given the opportunity to participate in the Young Women's Conferences at the Skills Ontario Competition. Twenty-two of our young women took part on May 6. All the grade 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to attend and tour the Skills Ontario Competition, to learn about skilled trades and participate in various demonstrations and workshops.

Celebration of Environmental Learning at Earth Day Assembly

On April 26, we had a whole-school assembly for Earth Day to celebrate the work we have done to help the environment. We were fortunate to have a special guest speaker, Mme Trumble, at our assembly. Mme Trumble came from the First Nations community of the Chippewas of Georgina Island and she spoke of the importance of water as an essential part of life. The First Nations community of the Chippewas of Georgina Island has been under a Boil Water Advisory for more than two years. We hope to build understanding of the challenges being faced and promote awareness of the fact that some people in the world still do not have access to clean drinking water.



Music Alive -- Monday, April 8th

What an unbelievable performance by the Elder's Mills Public School Concert Band at Music Alive on Monday April 8th, 2019. Comprised of 33 students from Grads 6-8, the majority of whom began using their instruments only in October 2018, the Band demonstrated perseverance, determination, discipline and incredible focus that led them to securing the *Gold Medal* for a Beginner Band!

Music Alive is a Region-wide festival that allows School Bands to perform for one another and be adjudicated by some of the foremost music educators on the Continent. Medals are awarded based on specific success criteria such as Balance, Tuning, Accuracy and Overall Musicianship. With only 3 months of practice, the Elder's Mills Public School Concert Band performed 2 songs at the festival, "Crusade" by Canadian Composer Vince Gassi and "African Spirit Dance" arranged by John O'Reilly. Led by Director, Chris Mellor, the Band considers this award not only as a well-earned accomplishment, but more importantly, as a spark to ignite the future musicians of EMPS.



EMPS Music Night - May 2nd

On Thursday, May 2nd parents, staff, and community members had the pleasure of enjoying an evening of music. Students shared their musical talents and skills as seen through the rock band, metal band, jazz band, the EMPS concert band and the choir. This evening was a celebration of the hard work and perseverance demonstrated by our students. A big thank you to the many staff members in attendance and our support staff who helped with the evening's performances! A warm thank you as well to Mr. Mellor and Mme Esposito for their creative direction. All proceeds from this evening will go to support purchasing more instruments for the Music program at EMPS.



June 27th, 2019 Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools

Please note that on **Thursday, June 27th, 2019** an early release day will take place to allow staff to participate in activities in the afternoon of that day in support of school planning.

Students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 27th, 2019 only. More details will follow closer to the date. Dismissal will be at 11:45 a.m. with busses scheduled to pick students up at that time to deliver students to their usual after school drop-off location.



Annual YRDSB Information Session and Career Fair

JOIN US on Saturday, May 25, 2019

Drop-in: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Richmond Green S.S.

Come and meet with us to learn more about our current job opportunities. The York Region District School Board is currently seeking...

Educational Assistants (including various classifications, CYCW, DSW, etc.)	French Teachers (Elementary and Secondary)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We require staff with a desire to provide quality service and programs to support our exceptional students and their ever-changing personal and educational needs.• We require employees who are willing to take on a multitude of challenges and who are prepared to attend to the physical needs of our students which include toileting, lifting, feeding and physical intervention.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French as a Second Language continues to be a high area of growth and we are constantly seeking passionate French teachers to work at our Board in both our elementary and secondary schools.• We inspire learning and create safe, healthy, inclusive and engaging learning and working environments to support student achievement and well-being.

At the York Region District School Board, we can offer you a challenging and rewarding career in public education. We support our passionate employees in their commitment to ensuring student success.

Take the first step towards a fulfilling career with the York Region District School Board!

TO REGISTER, complete this form: [Information Session & Career Fair](#)

(Space is limited, please register as soon as possible).