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Administrators' Message

From our return to school after the December break, we have had more seasonably expected weather and winter conditions.

All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are expected to go outside for every recess unless we decide that weather conditions are so poor that it would be unfavorable for them to be outdoors. Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors up to 40 minutes after lunch. **We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions e.g. wind chill; we keep the students indoors or shorten the recess breaks.**

Here are a few tips for comfort and safety:

- 1) **Boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants will help make recess an enjoyable time.** It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please be sure to label all articles of clothing.
- 2) **If your child is well enough to attend school the expectation is they are to be outside at recess.** Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. Students with heavy colds, etc., which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of illness to others. .
- 3) **Please use the walkways that are cleared as your path to walk to the doors.** Parents and caregivers should ensure they are wearing proper footwear, along with the children. Slips and falls can occur very easily at this time of year and we want everyone to remain safe!
- 4) **If buses are cancelled in the morning due to weather conditions it means they will not run in the afternoon** so if you bring your child(ren) to school you will need to make arrangements for them to be picked up at 3:30 p.m.

Term One Report Cards will be sent home on **February 18th**. As always, teachers are available to discuss student progress. Our teachers communicate to parents in a variety of ways - student agendas, monthly calendars, class newsletters are some examples. We value this partnership with you.

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Principal

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Vice Principal

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Additional Elementary and Secondary P.A. Days

As a result of provincial labour negotiations, a P.A. Day has been added for all York Region District School Board elementary schools on Friday, **May 6, 2016** and secondary schools on Friday, **June 3, 2016**. You can see the full updated school year calendars on YRDSB's [website](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca).

These additional P.A. Days are mandated by the Ministry of Education. On these dates, teachers will be taking part in professional development on provincial education priorities identified by the Ministry of Education.

Redstone's Art Gallery



Primary Nature Scenes



Intermediate Wire Art



Exciting Events and Celebrations

Character Matters

10th Annual York Region Character Community Awards

Recognize an individual, school, group and/or business across York Region for demonstrating exemplary character attributes. Awards take place on April 27, 2016 at the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre.

Go to www.charactercommunity.com

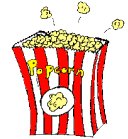
for more information. Nominations accepted before February 8th, 2016th.

Popcorn Sales to Support

Grade 8 Graduation

Popcorn is back at Redstone. The Grade 8 students will once again be selling popcorn to raise money for graduation. Popcorn will be sold on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on Tuesday, January 26th at **lunch for \$2.00 per bag**. Flavours are Butter and Salt, White Cheddar, Dill and Salt & Vinegar.

Thank you for your support.



Chinese New Year

We will have a Chinese New Year Performance on February 5th at 9:30 am in the gym. Parents and students are invited to wear their traditional Chinese outfits that day and all other students can wear the colour red, a symbol of good luck.

We will begin with a Chinese New Year song sung by students and then the lion dancers will come in from the foyer.



Richmond Hill Carnival at the Mill Pond

This year marks the 48th annual Richmond Hill Winter Carnival. The Carnival runs from the evening of Friday, February 5th, 2016 through Sunday, February 7th for the whole family. As always, our objective is to celebrate our community, our families and the fun we can all have in the winter. Children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 had colouring sheets sent home last week. Return all completed colouring sheets to your child's teacher BEFORE January 29th to enter the contest. Good luck! <http://www.wintercarnival.net/docs/RHWCColouringContest2016.pdf>

Optimism Award Recipients

Congratulations to the students recognized this past month for demonstrating optimism.

JK/SK— Clayton, Karina, Ahana, Arabella, Bonnie, Fayth, Mandana, Nathan, Kimia, Marcus, Raiden

Grade 1— Zhenyi, Victoria, Mila

Grade 2— Lucy, Jorden, Radman,

Grade 3— Nathan, Paniz, Ilakia, Nika, Reena

Grade 4— Jassa, Kamen, Samantha

Grade 5— Quincy, Ilina

Grade 6— Meher, Jibran

Grade 7— Jason, Khavin, Domenic, Ardhan, Alexes

Grade 8— Muhammadali, Alexandra, Isabelle

Junior Kindergarten Registration

Junior Kindergarten registration continues for new students born in 2012 who reside within the Redstone Public School [boundary](#). If your child is currently attending school at Redstone you do NOT need to re-register your child. Please visit the Board website to review the [registration documentation](#) required.

Senior Kindergarten Parents Interested in French Immersion for their child

FI registration continues for Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in September 2016, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the current school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school where your child attends Senior Kindergarten. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Michaëlle Jean Public School to register between January 15 and February 12, 2016. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

School Council News Starting February 22, 2016

Redstone Public School Council is initiating a Donation Drive (cash) to raise money for Grade 8 Graduation, the purchase of Welcome to Kindergarten Bags, Performances / Presentations, a canopy for outdoor events, 2 SMARTboards, and curriculum based initiatives (ie: math, literacy and / or science) to enhance the students' school experiences.

On February 18th, look in your child's report card envelope for a flyer outlining all details of the donation drive.



School Cash ONLINE
www.schoolcashonline.com



Redstone Public School is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- **A convenient fee payment option that saves time**
- **Reduces paper**
- **No more need to send cash or cheques to school**
- **A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.**

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!

Step 1: Register

Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <http://redstone.ps.yrdsb.ca/> and select the **"Get Started Today"** button.

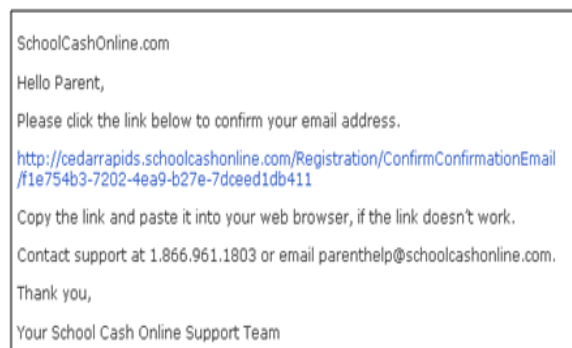
Complete each of the three Registration Steps

***For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED

This step will connect your children to your account.

Enter the School Board Name

Enter the School Name

Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name

Select **Continue**

On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**

Your child has been added to your account

A screenshot of the "Find Student" form. It has three steps. Step 1: "Type in the School Board name and select one from the list". It shows "York Region District School Board" selected, with a checkbox for "Change school board name". Step 2: "Select a school". It shows a dropdown menu with "Select school..." and a blue location pin icon. Step 3: "Enter student information". It has fields for "Student Number" and "Last Name", both with red asterisks. At the bottom, there is a "Continue" button and a link "(No students? Click here)".

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

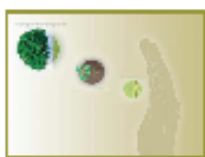
If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.

Performance Standards: The Achievement Chart

Assessment & Evaluation Practices Today



In May 2010, the Ontario Ministry of Education released the 1st Edition of *Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools (Grades 1–12)*.

The purpose of this new policy document is to:

- update, clarify, consolidate, and coordinate policy; and
- achieve fairness, transparency, equity, and consistency across the province in the assessment, evaluation and reporting of student learning.

Many of us were educated in systems that compared students to each other. One of the greatest changes in education in Ontario over the past 15 years has been the change to assessment and evaluation of students. In schools today, the measurement of how well students are achieving the learning goals is done with reference to a standard set of criteria.

Teachers now use content and performance standards, rather than comparing students to others in their class, course, or grade, or using the teacher's own criteria and standards.



Consistent Standards

Content standards are the Ontario Ministry of Education's curriculum expectations for every grade and course.

Performance standards are outlined in the achievement chart, which is a standard province-wide guide used by all teachers as a framework to assess and evaluate student achievement. It supports teachers in making consistent judgements about the quality of student learning based on clear performance standards.

The Achievement Chart

The achievement chart provides a way to organize the knowledge and skills students need to demonstrate into four broad categories of knowledge and skills.

Achievement Chart Categories

Knowledge & Understanding—subject specific content acquired in each grade/course and the comprehension of its meaning

Thinking—use of critical and creative thinking skills and processes

Communication—conveying of meaning through various forms

Application—use of knowledge and skills to make connections within and between various contexts

The Achievement Chart

CATEGORIES	KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING	THINKING	COMMUNICATION	APPLICATION
LEVEL 1	Demonstrates limited knowledge and understanding of content	Uses planning, processing and critical/creative thinking skills with limited effectiveness	Expresses and organizes ideas and information for different audiences and purposes with limited effectiveness	Applies knowledge and skills in familiar and new contexts with limited effectiveness
LEVEL 2	Demonstrates some knowledge and understanding of content	Uses planning, processing and critical/creative thinking skills with some effectiveness	Expresses and organizes ideas and information for different audiences and purposes with some effectiveness	Applies knowledge and skills in familiar and new contexts with some effectiveness
LEVEL 3	Demonstrates considerable knowledge and understanding of content	Uses planning, processing and critical/creative thinking skills with considerable effectiveness	Expresses and organizes ideas and information for different audiences and purposes with considerable effectiveness	Applies knowledge and skills in familiar and new contexts with considerable effectiveness
LEVEL 4	Demonstrates thorough knowledge and understanding of content	Uses planning, processing and critical/creative thinking skills with a high degree of effectiveness	Expresses and organizes ideas and information for different audiences and purposes with a high degree of effectiveness	Applies knowledge and skills in familiar and new contexts with a high degree of effectiveness



February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 PA Day	2 Int. Boys Basketball Tourney (after school)	3 	4 Junior Ski Trip to Snow Valley *National Sweater Day	5 Chinese New Year Celebration	6
7	8	9 Int. Girls Basketball Tourney (after school)	10 	11	12 YRP Drug Presentation to Grade 8's	13
14 	15 Family Day	16	17  Area Int. Girls Basketball	18 Area Int. Boys Basketball Tourney	19	20
21	22	23 Grade 1-8 FitSpirit Assembly	24 	25	26	27
28	29 Perseverance Character Assembly (11:10 am)					

Our Redstone Touchstone

At Redstone Public School,

We respect ourselves, others and our environment.

We are responsible for what we say and what we do.

We speak up for ourselves and for others,

And we include everyone in all activities.

We treat all people equally,

And we help others without being asked.

We never give up, no matter how difficult the task;

At Redstone, everything is possible !