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**February 2018**

**Superintendent: Rita Russo**  
 905-884-4477

**Trustee: Carol Chan**

**Administrators' Message**

Although the month ahead is one of our shorter months, February is always an exciting time at school. Families can come to the school on February 1<sup>st</sup> for our Community dance and all students will have the opportunity to partake in our Valentine's Day Dance on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Our Grade 3 students will be participating in the 'Swim to Survive' Program and members of our local Fire Department will be coming to the school to talk to students about Fire Safety and Prevention.

Our Term One Report Cards will also be distributed to students on February 13. Take the time to review the report with your child to celebrate successes and set some goals for next term. There is always room for improvement.

This month, we focus on the character trait of **perseverance**. With the Winter Olympics taking centre stage, this is a great opportunity to provide your child with real-life examples of people that have demonstrated this trait, along with a "growth mind-set". They have all faced many challenges and obstacles, yet through all of them, they kept on training. The athletes from around the world, and especially our Canadian Team, can show us what it means to show good sports-like behaviour, dedication, perseverance, team work, and the list could go on and on! Make some family time to watch some classics – hockey or figure skating – or create some new favourite sports like curling, speed skating, or ski cross. There really is something for everyone!

Your partners in education,

*W. Thompson*  
 Principal

*L. Taglieri*  
 Vice Principal

Office Hours: 8:30 am -4:30 pm

If your child will be absent or late please use our 24-hour voicemail system.

CALL THE SCHOOL  
 AT 905-508-1073

AND PRESS 2 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ATTENDANCE LINE. If the voicemail is full, send an email to:

[www.redstone.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:www.redstone.ps@yrdsb.ca)

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**PIZZA DAYS**

**JANUARY TO MARCH**



**February 7, 14, 21, 28**

**March 7, 21, 28**

**Wellness Tip – Water**

Drink more water! Students are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles to school and use our water-bottle filling stations to get fresh water throughout the school day. Water is a healthier option to sugary juice and soda.



**Mabel's Labels**

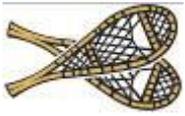
Have you seen our Lost & Found?? Why not buy some Redstone Labels from Mabel's Labels for your child's belongings!! Many different styles are available and a portion of your order will be donated to the school. **See page 3 for more information.**

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- Fairness
- Perseverance
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- Optimism

## Perseverance

**I will not give up when things get tough. I will stick to my goals and work hard to achieve them, despite obstacles and challenges.**

- *Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.*  
- *Newt Gingrich*
- *Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other.*  
- *Walter Elliot*



## **Recipients of the Character Award in January - Optimism**

Mrs. Coetzee & Ms. Niaz – Anika, Lukas, Arjunan  
Mrs. Wong & Mrs. Mira – Kingsley, Karrar  
Mr. Janzen & Ms. Bidos – Alina, Keira, Aaron  
Mrs. Gertzbein & Mrs. Jaffer–Yousef, Hasith, Roen, Aaden  
Mrs. Inglis – Zachary, Mandana  
Mrs. Blumenthal – Luyah, Maryam  
Mr. Hynd – Nora, Ivan  
Ms. Tarapore – Kingsley, Irene  
Ms. Kathir – Isabella, Alizeh  
Ms. Wainberg – Kathleen  
Mr. Horowitz – Shawn, Victoria, Sami  
Mrs. Cookson – TBD  
Mrs. Alvarez – Sisy  
Mr. Inglis – Reena, Aaron  
Mrs. Richter – Hanna, Oscar  
Mr. Stoddart – Mikail  
Mr. Grey – Harish  
Mr. Barwin – Lucas, Shervin  
Mrs. Ciani – Annette, Kyle  
Mrs. Clark – Jeffery  
Mr. Mangaloglu – Evelyn

## Winter Electives @ Redstone

On Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup>, our Grade 4-8 students participated in the Winter Elective of their choice. Students chose from the following activities: Skiing/Boarding @ Snow Valley; Tubing @ Snow Valley; Trampolines @ Skyzone; or Rock Climbing @ The Hub. Both students and staff had a great time and they will get the chance to do it all again on March 1<sup>st</sup>!



## Exploring Art @ the McMichael Gallery

Redstone's Junior Division students will attend an art studio workshop at the McMichael Canadian Art Gallery in February. The studio covers the narrative and aesthetic function of the traditional Northwest Coast formline in combination with popular Manga cartooning techniques. The trip includes a half-hour winter hike and a visit to the McMichael Art Gallery. To accommodate all students, classes are scheduled as follows:

- Mr. Inglis and Ms. Richter's classes on Feb. 7
- Ms. Alvarez and Mr. Stoddart's classes on Feb. 8
- Mr. Grey and Ms. Vittorio's classes on Feb. 9
- Ms. Cookson's class and Mr. Horowitz's grade 4s on Feb. 15.

Please visit School Cash Online to complete permission forms and submit payment.

## Milk Bag Mats

On Wednesday, January 24, our students participating in weaving milk bag mats. These mats will be donated and used as a waterproof barrier to protect from the outdoor elements. In half a day, our students and parent volunteers weaved 9 mats. On Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, these mats were delivered to Liberia, Africa, one of the poorest countries in the world. Thanks to everyone for your help.

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## Have you seen our Lost & Found lately??

In an effort to reduce the number of items in our Lost & Found, we encourage families to think about labeling their child's clothes and school items. At Mabel's Labels, you can even **get personalized Redstone labels for your child.**

Visit [www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and search "Redstone" to place your order.

## Junior Co-Ed Volleyball

A big CONGRATULATIONS goes out to the Junior Co-Ed volleyball team who were thrilled to be representing their school at this year's area tournament at Adrienne Clarkson P.S on January 25. The team worked extremely hard to advance to the semifinals which took place at Bayview Hill P.S. After two very close games the team ended up placing 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 12 teams. As coaches, we watched our players with pride develop over the season. The team has demonstrated amazing skill development and fantastic team spirit and were able to learn integral life skills including communication, respect, teamwork and of course, sportsmanship. It has been an absolute fantastic season. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Your school, coaches, and parents are all very proud.

Mrs. Cheung and Mrs. Cancelli



## Kindergarten and French Immersion Registration continue

If you have a child entering Kindergarten in September (born in 2014), please go to your local elementary school to register your child.

French Immersion Registration continues. Please note that only complete registration packages that are submitted prior to February 9<sup>th</sup> will be guaranteed a spot at our school (transfer requests not included). After February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will continue to accept registrations but students may be accommodated in a French Immersion program at another school for Grade 1.

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## ARE YOU MOVING??

If you will be moving by September 2018, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently projecting our student enrolment for September 2018. These numbers help us hire sufficient staff and support personnel. It is important that we know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending Redstone P.S. in September. Thanks for your assistance in preparing for the next school year. Please call our office with any information: 905-508-1073.



## Drop-Off & Pick-Up Safety

If you are picking up or dropping off your children, please remember that, **for student safety, this must happen in our loop at the side of the school.** Please do not drop students off in the driveway in front of the school as this area is reserved for busses.

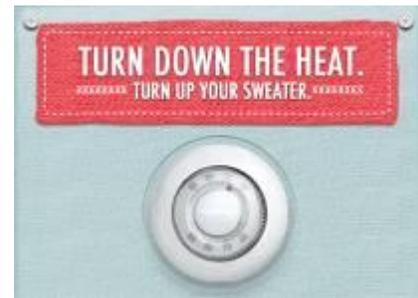
If you choose to drop students off from the road, please use the sidewalk and crosswalk to safely cross the driveway. Remind your child to look both ways prior to crossing the driveway.

As drivers, we need to be watching for children.



## Earth Keepers National Sweater Day

On January 30, the Earth Keepers hosted our 3rd annual National Sweater Day. National Sweater Day is World Wildlife Fund (WWF) event to raise awareness of climate change and of taking small actions, such as wearing a sweater rather than turning up the heat, to reduce our environmental impact. Intermediate students were invited to a Hot Chocolate Lounge, and all money raised was donated to the WWF.



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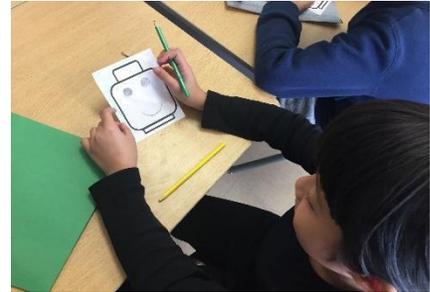
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# Green means GO, and We are Ready to Learn!



We are continuing our work with the Zones of Regulation and students are engaging in many activities to learn to express their emotions through four colored zones. Mrs. Dawn has been working with various classes to discuss different perspectives, expected and unexpected behaviours, reading facial and body clues which relate to our emotions and examining the size of the problem.

<b>5</b>	<b>Emergency, Tragedy, Danger</b>	<b>Crying uncontrollably, Very Upset, Scared</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>People talking about you, someone hits you</b>	<b>Crying, Very Sad, Mad, Frustrated</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Having to work with someone you don't like, receiving consequences for unexpected behavior</b>	<b>Nervous, Sad, Irritated, Disappointed</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Not being first in line, having to wait or take turns</b>	<b>Uncomfortable, Disappointed</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>No Real Problem</b>	<b>Happy, Calm, Relaxed</b>	

**The size of my REACTION should match the size of the PROBLEM!**

If you find your child needs help solving problems that they encounter within their day, try asking them "What is the size of the problem?"

Examples of these problems may be feeling tired, working on homework or experiencing a conflict with friends or siblings.

By sizing the problem, your child can frame the situation on a scale of 1-5 and focus on how the reaction should match the size of the problem. This can also help to identify the possible ways to solve the problem whether it requires a quick fix, talking about it or may involve other people to help.

Graphic Created by A. Harris – Adapted from "The Incredible 5-Point Scale" by Dunn/Curtis.

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## Health Connections Social-Emotional Learning for Children

What we choose to say, how we say it and even how we play with words and language — create the kind of pleasant and welcoming environment that makes family dinner worthwhile. Here are some tips for choosing and using words for fun and conversation that will make everyone want seconds.

**1. Food Poetry** – take a bite of food and have your child give the most descriptive words that comes to mind – think about texture, taste, smell, etc.

**2. Story by Sentence** -- One family member begins a story and talks for no more than a minute. The story then moves on to the next family member, who continues the story. Some ground rules: Story themes must be about the choices people make, everyone participates, no one goes on for too long.

Click [here](#) for more Dinner Games.

Adapted from: [www.smores.com](http://www.smores.com)

### *Message From Our Trustee Carol Chan*

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.



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# **BUS CANCELLATIONS** **DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

YOU MUST **NOTIFY THE SCHOOL** IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE **ABSENT DUE TO BUS CANCELLATIONS.**

PLEASE EMAIL [www.redstone.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:www.redstone.ps@yrdsb.ca) to notify the school.

## **SCHOOLS REMAIN OPEN**

During an Inclement Weather Day, the school is open and alternate programming may be provided depending on the number of students in attendance on this day.

## **PIZZA LUNCH & LUNCH LADY**

If Pizza Lunches are scheduled on an Inclement Weather Day they will be **cancelled and rescheduled.**

All Lunch Lady orders will be delivered, unless cancelled by phone or email **before 8:00AM** on the day of delivery.

## **DROP OFF/PICK UP**

Students who come to school on a Snow Day may be dropped off and picked up through the parking lot loop. Please pick up students by 3:45 pm.

## **School Bus Cancellation Notice**

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore, students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

**RADIO** Please register [online](#) by Friday, January 12, 2018.

590 AM

88.5 FM

FM99.1

If you have any questions, please contact Freyja Phillips [freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca](mailto:freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca).

1580 AM

98.1

107.1 FM

## **TELEVISION**

CITY TV

CTV Barrie

CTV Toronto

CP24

GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

**Please note that school bus charters (trips) will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.**

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# 2018 COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS



## SNAP® BACK

### “ADAPTING THE SNAP® PROGRAM FOR BLACK AND AFRICAN CANADIAN KIDS,,

#### WHAT IS THE SNAP® PROGRAM?

The SNAP® Program is a gender-sensitive, evidence-based early intervention program that teaches children with disruptive behaviour problems, and their parents, how to stop and think before they act and make better choices “in the moment”. Developed by the Child Development Institute (CDI), the Program helps children between the ages of 6 and 11 to learn self-regulation, self-control and problem-solving skills. Children who enter the program may have engaged in aggressive, anti-social behaviour, and / or have come into contact with authority figures at school or in the community. SNAP® is a multi-faceted program designed to assist middle years children and their families, including working with their school and community to help keep kids in school and out of trouble. SNAP® is not recommended for children on the Autism Spectrum or with significant developmental delays.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Service providers, advocates, educators, social workers, parents and anyone else who has had experience with Black children aged 6 to 11 who have demonstrated or experienced challenges with self-regulation and/or disruptive behaviour.

#### WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

We will share an overview of the SNAP® Program. You will share your experience and knowledge about Black children age 6 to 11 and provide your input into how the program materials could be adapted from a cultural identity and anti-Black racism lens. Dinner will be provided

### ATTEND A SESSION NEAR YOU:

- DURHAM REGION** Monday January 29, 2018  
 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
 Ajax High School, 105 Bayly Street East, Ajax
- PEEL REGION** Friday, February 2, 2018  
 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
 Fletchers Meadow Secondary School, 10750 Chinguacousy Road, Brampton
- North York (Toronto)** Tuesday, February 6, 2018  
 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
 Jamaican Canadian Association, 995 Arrow Road
- WINDSOR** Saturday, February 10, 2018  
 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
 Mackenzie Hall, 3277 Sandwich Street West
- Scarborough (Toronto)** Monday, February 12, 2018  
 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
 Tropicana Community Services, 1385 Huntingwood Drive
- HAMILTON** Saturday, February 17, 2018  
 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
 Afro-Caribbean Canadian Association, 423 King Street East
- YORK REGION** Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
 Markham Public Library, Milliken Mills Branch  
 7600 Kennedy Road, Unionville
- Ottawa - French & English** Friday, February 23, 2018  
 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. French & English  
 Catholic Centre for Immigrants, 219 Argyle Avenue

**FOLLOW THE CONSULTATIONS ONLINE:** @snap\_backkids #SNAPBack  
**FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER VISIT:** [www.snapbackkids.weebly.com](http://www.snapbackkids.weebly.com)

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# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Gr. 4-8 Winter Electives Day  Family Dance 6pm-8pm	2 P.A. Day (No school for students)	3
4	5	6	7 <b>Pizza Day</b>	8	9	10
11	12	13 Gr. 3 Swim Term 1 Report Cards go home	14 <b>Pizza Day</b> Valentine Dance Ash Wednesday Mahashivaratri	15	16 Lunar New Year	17
18	19 Family Day (No School)  First Day of Lent	20 Gr 3 Swim	21 <b>Pizza Day</b>	22	23 Gr.8 Course Selection Due	24
25	26 Intercalary Days	27	28 <b>Pizza Day</b>	March 1 Gr. 4-8 Winter Electives Day	March 2	March 3
Please note: March Break March 12-16						