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Administrators' Message

January seems to bring with it a time for new beginnings, renewed hope and a determination to be a better person. It makes sense, therefore, that our Character focus for the month is that of optimism. It is important for children to understand and believe that although situations may not always have the outcome they would like, we can learn and become better people because of our willingness to work through them.

As adults, we need to encourage students to be open to new or unknown situations. We have all been faced with such challenges, and can recognize the empowerment and pride that comes from overcoming a fear, a change or an unknown possibility.

These are ways that we can help our children to become more resilient and optimistic. They need to be confident that when they are faced with a challenge, they can overcome it or find the positive. Will they be happy with the outcome of every situation? Probably not; however, these are important experiences that children must have in order to be prepared for difficult decisions in adolescence and even more complicated scenarios as adults. Learning how to compromise, work together and look for positive solutions are ways that we are trying to help Redstone students grow as learners.

Sincerely,

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

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PIZZA DAYS

JANUARY TO MARCH

January 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14, 21, 28

March 7, 21, 28

Wellness Tip

4-7-8 Breathing

Practice this conscious breathing technique:

- Breathe in through the nose for **4 seconds**
- Hold for **7 seconds**
- Breath out through the mouth for **8 seconds**

If you practice twice a day, repeating 4 times, this strategy can help you when something upsetting happens, if you're feeling nervous, or even to help you fall asleep. Watch the [video](#) to see it in action and for more information.

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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I will maintain a positive attitude,
look on the brighter side of
situations and seek opportunities in
the face of adversity.

*If you can dream it, you can
do it! -- Walt Disney*



} 1/2 air
} 1/2 water

technically, the glass is
always full.

Recipients of the Character Award in December - Respect

Mrs. Coetzee & Ms. Niaz – Donovan, Cameron,
Marina
Mrs. Wong & Mrs. Mira – Aidan, Moses, Rowan
Mr. Janzen & Ms. Bidos – Christopher, Kira,
David
Mrs. Gertzbein & Mrs. Jaffer – Sophie, Max
Mrs. Inglis – Helena, Hanbi, Vanessa
Mrs. Blumenthal – Benjamin A., Alex
Mr. Hynd – Katelyn, Acenzio
Ms. Tarapore – Poorvika, Brendan
Ms. Kathir – Brianna, Kabhilar
Ms. Wainberg – Evangeline, Grace
Mr. Horowitz – Shawn L., Edward S.
Mrs. Cookson – Samantha
Mrs. Alvarez – Robert, Jacquelyn
Mr. Inglis – Samantha, Philip
Mrs. Richter – Michaela, Stanley
Mr. Stoddart – Elizabeth
Mr. Grey – Selena, Varden
Mr. Barwin – Tony
Mrs. Ciani – Yasaman, Chloe, Samantha
Mrs. Clark – Kalen
Mr. Mangaloglu – Johnathan, Olivia

Over the years, Redstone students, families, and staff have supported many of our local community partners, including the **Richmond Hill Community Foodbank**. The foodbank serves over 1000 families and individuals every month who are struggling to afford their food essentials. During the holiday season, these needs become even greater.

Our Healthy School student club gathered and organized our donations, and thanks to the generous, giving spirit of our school community, we have delivered over 18 full recycling bins of canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, rice and pasta to the foodbank. We also made a cash donation of over \$100 in funds raised at our holiday staff luncheon by our social committee.

Thank you for supporting our holiday food drive; Redstone has once again demonstrated the true spirit of the season by helping others in need.

Winter Electives @ Redstone

On Thursday, February 1 & Thursday, March 1,
Gr. 4-8 students will be given the opportunity to
participate in one of the following activities:
Skiing/Boarding @ Snow Valley; Tubing @ Snow
Valley; Trampolines @ Skyzone; or Rock
Climbing @ The Hub.

Wellness Presentations for Students

JK-Grade 3: JiggiJump Healthy Earth -- January 11

JiggiJump Healthy Earth will take children on a journey of learning how we can all help keep the earth healthy, while keeping physically active and healthy ourselves. It is the most entertaining, high-octane, physically active 55-minutes you can imagine. Visit <http://jiggijump.org/about-2/> for more info.

Grades 4-8: The Secret Life of Riley K -- January 31

The Secret Life of Riley K focuses on anxiety. 12-year-old Riley K is a clever, ambitious girl who strives for a perfect life. But the prospect of giving a big speech leads to a perfect mess! She is surprised to learn that her sick stomach was not the flu, but anxiety. Riley discovers she isn't alone with these challenges and that help is nearby.

Payment will be through School Cash Online.

Kids See Free

Kids aged 4 – 10 can get a
completely FREE pair of eyeglasses
when you bring them in to any
Loblaw Optical location with their
prescription that's less than 90 days
old! (and a free pair of eyeglasses
have not been provided to the child
in the last 365 days.)

Some restrictions apply, see store for
details. Visit loblawstores.ca to find
your nearest store with an optical
department.

EQAO for 2017-18

At Redstone, our Grade 3 & 6 students will be writing the EQAO assessment later this year. Please do not book appointments or vacations during the period of May 22-June 4, 2018. More information for families will be provided as we approach these dates. Thank you.

School Council News

School Council will be holding a **Community Dance on Thursday February 1st**. Everyone is welcome to the school for this fun-filled evening of dancing, food and friends. If you need to contact School Council, you can do so by sending an email to: Redstone.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

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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 and search "Redstone" to place your order.



Redstone Public School

is fundraising with Mabel's Labels!

Please visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for our organization name to place your order and support our fundraiser.

Labels for the Stuff Kids Lose!®

Mabel's Labels are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe personalized labels.





Kindergarten Registration Commences on January 19, 2018

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 19, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information, please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2018 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location. FI registration will begin January 19, 2018. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register between January 19 and February 9, 2018. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108

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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.

Get out and Enjoy York Region!!



Powerful Connections

As winter approaches, try to find time to connect with the winter wonderland. The York Regional Forest is open 365 days a year with something for everyone.

When exploring the forest, think about its amazing powers. Forests and trees:

- Filter rainwater making it cleaner to drink
- Block UV rays to protect our skin
- Produce oxygen and filter the air, making it easier to breathe
- Provide habitat for birds and wildlife

Find your local forest by visiting york.ca/yrf

PA Day Outdoor Adventure Camps

Adventure Day with Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority

January 26 and February 2

Scanlon Creek Nature Centre, Bradford

Your kids will enjoy a full day of exploration and adventure including treasure hunts, fire making, snowshoeing and arts and crafts.

Children ages 6 to 12. \$45 registration fee per day. [Register today](#)

The Nature School at Kortright Centre with Toronto Region Conservation

January 19, February 2 and June 4

Kortright Centre, City of Vaughan

Children will explore nature through shelter building, whittling wood, cooking over open fire, woodland crafts and creative play.

Children ages four to 10. \$45 to \$55 registration fee per day. [Register today](#)

2018 Forests of York Region Calendar

Get your copy of the 2018 York Regional Forest calendar (while supplies last, limit two calendars per person). Visit york.ca/forestphoto to find pick up locations.

See the York Regional Forest on your computer desktop

Enjoy previous forest photo contest images right from your own computer. Download desktop wallpapers directly from the [York Region Flickr](#) page by using the hyperlink below the image you like.

Once you have selected the image within Flickr follow these steps:

- Use the download button (bottom right) to choose your screen resolution OR
- Choose view all sizes, pick the size you need and right-click to find set as desktop background

Tell Us About Your Adventure and Win!

If you've spent time in the York Regional Forest this fall, then take a few minutes to complete a survey about your visit for a chance to win a \$50 Canadian Tire gift card.

Tell us about your adventure today.

york.ca/YRForestFuture

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Health Connections – Car Seat Safety for Children

Using the right child car seat can save a child's life if involved in a collision. The following information is taken from the [Ontario Ministry of Transportation website](#).

Car seats for infants: Ontario's *Highway Traffic Act* requires children to use a **rear-facing car seat until the child weighs at least 9 kg (20 lb.)**. It's best to keep your child in a rear-facing child car seat until they reach the manufacturer's recommended maximum weight and height limits. Some rear-facing car seats are made for children that weigh up to 20 kg (45 lb.)

Car seats for toddlers: Ontario's *Highway Traffic Act* allows children weighing **9 kg to 18 kg (20 to 40 lb.) to use a forward-facing child car seat** or a rear-facing car seat as long as the car seat manufacturer recommends its use. A forward-facing car seat uses a tether strap to prevent the child car seat from moving forward and causing injury in a collision. It is important to use the tether strap exactly as the manufacturer recommends.

Booster Seats: Booster seats raise children so adult seat belts protect them better. Booster seats protect children from serious injury 3-½ times better than seat belts alone. Ontario's *Highway Traffic Act* requires children weighing **18 kg to 36 kg (40 to 80 lb.), standing less than 145 cm (4 ft. 9 in.) tall and who are under the age of 8 to use a booster seat** or allows the continued use of a forward-facing seat as long as the car seat manufacturer recommends its use. It's best to keep your child in a booster seat until they reach the manufacturer's recommended maximum weight and height limits.

Seatbelts: Seatbelts are designed for adults and older children. Children may be ready to move from a booster seat to a vehicle's seatbelt once:

- they can sit all the way against the back of the vehicle seat with legs bent comfortably over the edge and maintain this position for the entire trip;
- they can have the shoulder belt flat across the shoulder and chest;
- the lap belt crosses over the hips, not the stomach.

Ontario's *Highway Traffic Act* allows a child to use a seatbelt alone when any one of the following occurs:

- Child turns 8 years old, or
- Child weighs 36 kg (80 lb.), or
- Child is 145 cm (4 ft. 9 in.) tall or more

Research has shown that children under age 13 are safest in the back seat of motor vehicles away from active airbags.

OHIP+

Beginning January 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income.

Under OHIP+, over four million Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. This will help many families access medications their children need to stay healthy at no cost – no co-payment or annual deductible.

Enrollment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs for eligible medications. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist.

Visit Ontario.ca/OHIPplus for more information.

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**EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CLASSISM SUB-COMMITTEE**

Community Conversations

**Are you an advocate for those marginalized by low
income and class-based discrimination?**

We are seeking passionate youth, families and community members to provide feedback regarding equity and inclusion for students in York Region public schools.

Please attend one of the five community conversations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee.

- January 15 Maple Leaf PS, 155 Longford Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7**
- January 22 Sutton District HS, 20798 Dalton Rd, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0**
- January 29 Bayview SS, 10077 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2L4**
- February 5 Maple HS, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON L6A 2W5**
- February 12 Milliken Mills HS, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5**

All Community Conversations run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Child-minding will be provided at all locations. *If you require child minding, please email Kristine with the number of children and their ages.*

For more information or transportation support needs, please contact:

Sub-Committee Chair – Kristine Carbis
905-895-3126
k_carbis@hotmail.com



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANTI-BLACK RACISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Consultations

You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:

Actions Taken by YRDSB following Ministry Review to Support the Learning of Students of African Descent and their Families

Agenda

- An overview of the Ministry of Education's Review of YRDSB
- YRDSB Current Work and Response to the Ministry's Review on all levels (board, school and community engagement)
- Community Feedback Sessions in small group carousel format - *What is going well? What are you worried about? What needs to happen next?*
 - Board
 - School
 - Community Engagement
- Report Back and Next Steps

Dates, times and locations

Thursday January 18, 2018

6:00pm – 9:30pm

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

(Refreshments will be provided)

Saturday January 27, 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm

Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4

(Lunch will be provided)

Registration

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

If you have any questions, please contact Freya Phillips freya.phillips@yrdsb.ca.

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 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

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM	1540 AM	1580 AM
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1
FM99.1 FM	99.9 FM	101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV	CTV Barrie	CTV Toronto	CP24	GLOBAL NEWS
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A bus cancellation message will also be available at 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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January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Temple Day	2	3	4	5 Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji	6 Epiphany (Western)
Winter Holidays						
7 Christmas (Eastern)	8 Welcome Back!	9	10 Pizza Day	11 JiggiJump Presentation for JK-Gr. 3	12	13 Maghi
14 Makar Sankranti	15	16	17 Pizza Day Gr. 1 Scientists-in-the-School	18	19 P.A. Day Kindergarten & French Immersion Registration begin today. Epiphany (Eastern)	20
21	22 Vasant Panchami	23	24 Pizza Day	25 Jr. Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament	26	27
28	29	30	31 Pizza Day The Secret Life of Riley K Presentation for Grades 4-8	February 1 Winter Electives for Gr. 4-8 Family Dance @ time	Feb. 2 P.A. Day	Feb. 3

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