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March 2018

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### Administrators' Message

February was an exciting month filled with presentations for students from the Fire Department to Skilled Trades. Our students had a fun-filled day at the Valentine's Day Dance and our primary students spent time outdoors learning to snowshoe. We also celebrated with our Canadian Olympic athletes as they strode for Gold at the Olympic Games.

Students continue to work on talking about their math learning in class. They are using words, pictures and numbers to express their thinking and are being encouraged to use different strategies to show their thinking. At home, ask your child everyday math questions and talk to them about how they know their answer is right. Remember, math is not always about the answer, the process is often much more important because this is what students will draw on when solving more difficult problems.

We also continue to help children be resilient and learn about their mental well-being. Plans are underway for our Wellness Week. We continue to encourage students to be kind – towards themselves and towards others. One small act of kindness can turn someone's day around.

*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:

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### PIZZA DAYS

March 7, 21, 28

To order for the new session visit School  
Cash Online from March 1 - 23



### PITA THURSDAYS

Beginning on Thursdays in April  
Order forms will be sent home soon.

### Wellness



### SAVE THE DATE!

On **Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**, we will be hosting a Family Wellness night. We hope to have guest speakers and activities to support you and your family towards a balanced and healthy lifestyle. The event will run 6:00p.m-8:00p.m. Stay tuned for more details.

### Wellness Tip – Gratitude

It is not happy people  
that are thankful.  
It is thankful people  
that are happy.

Respect  
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## Winter Carnival @ Redstone

We will be hosting our annual Winter Carnival on Friday, March 8 for students in Gr. 4-8. If you are able to volunteer for some/all of the morning (9:00-12:50), please contact Mlle Armeland @ [jenna.armeland@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jenna.armeland@yrdsb.ca).

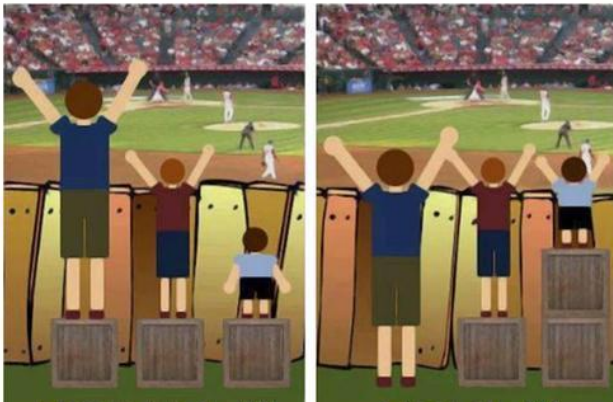


### Fairness

**I will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.**

- **Be kind, be fair, be honest, be true, And all of these things will come back to you.**

## Equal vs. Fair



### **Recipients of the Character Award in February Perseverance**

Mrs. Coetzee & Ms. Niaz – Nadia G., Hannah M., Zayn Q.  
Mrs. Wong & Mrs. Mira – Melika, Renee  
Mr. Janzen & Ms. Bidos – Corine, Zeo  
Mrs. Gertzbein & Mrs. Jaffer – Elijah, Samantha, Austin, Hafsah  
Mrs. Inglis / Ms. Thayanithi – Jeffrey, Caitlin  
Mrs. Blumenthal – Viana, Hooyar  
Mr. Hynd – Chloe C., Colin C.  
Ms. Tarapore – Nikita G., Michael L.  
Ms. Kathir – Hishrha, Laith  
Ms. Wainberg – Zhenyi, Hishran  
Mr. Horowitz – Nareen, Anoushka  
Mrs. Cookson – Joshua L. (Jan.), Keira (Feb.)  
Mrs. Alvarez – Isabella  
Mr. Inglis – Salina H., Khalil M.  
Mrs. Richter – Amber L., Rayhan F.  
Mr. Stoddart – Tamana K.  
Mr. Grey – Carson, Arina  
Mr. Barwin – Anish  
Mrs. Ciani – Dina, Peter  
Mrs. Clark – Arman  
Mr. Mangaloglu – Sina

### Indigenous Storyteller @ Redstone

In February, Redstone students and staff had the honour of hosting Isaac Murdoch, an indigenous storyteller. We all appreciated Mr. Murdoch's engaging storytelling and teaching. Here is a student reflection on the experience:

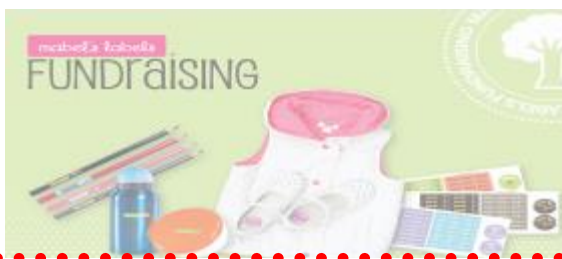
#### **First Nations Story Teller - Issac Murdoch and Kate**

**By: Samantha C.**

Two weeks ago, Isaac Murdoch and his partner Kate, two First Nations peoples from different tribes, came to our school and shared a First Nations story with us. The story was told the same way in both tribes. The First Nations tribes passed on stories from generation to generation using oral communication. To this day, they still use this tradition.

The story that they shared with us, described the ice age, as well as the beginning of winter and summer. The moral of this story is about the value of sharing and kindness. It also talks about the consequences of greed. I think it is very important for all Canadians to learn more about First Nations culture and history, and I hope we will have more opportunities like this in the future.

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## Order your Mabel's Labels to keep camp gear from getting lost!

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 support our fundraiser and place your order.

## Holiday Heroes Campaign

With the help of the Redstone Community, the Holiday Heroes Campaign raised more than \$250,000 in monetary donations, toys, clothing and food. Visit [www.yrp.ca/holidayheroes](http://www.yrp.ca/holidayheroes) to view a photo gallery highlighting some of the 2017 events. From the York Region Police, we would like to thank everyone who made a donation to this worthwhile campaign.



## GRADE 8 GRADUATION

### Grad Photos

Wednesday, April 18

### Graduation

Monday, June 25

(more info to follow closer to the date)

## Transportation Requirements

- Students in **Grades JK-3** must live more than 1.2 km from the school to qualify for bussing.
- Students in **Grades 4-8** must live more than 1.6km from the school to qualify for bussing.
- This means that a student may have qualified in Grade 3, but no longer qualifies in Grade 4. It also means that a younger sibling may qualify while an older sibling may not.

**Congratulations** to our Intermediate Boys Basketball Team and Coaches Stoddart & Kolesinski, who won the Area Tournament. We wish them luck at Regionals on March 7.

**A big shout-out** to all the members of the Intermediate girls' basketball team who competed at their Area tournament February 27th at Red Maple. After losing one game, then winning our next, the girls faced a must-win game in order to advance. With outstanding hustle and a smothering team defense, the Roadrunners came away with a convincing victory and earned their way into the quarter-finals! The bounces didn't go our way in the quarter-finals, but everyone should be proud of a great showing. Mr. Fleming would like to thank the team members for their hard work all year and representing Redstone with tremendous character and attitude. Go Roadrunners!"



## Summer Institute

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the Summer Institute page on [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Registration opens March 7. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.



## Summer Camp for Special Needs Students

Here is an awesome link for summer camp information for students with special needs. <http://www.ourkids.net/disability-camps.php>

## Kindergarten Registration continues

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

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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.



### **Health Connections**

#### **Eye Exams**

Have your children had their eyes checked this year? All children are entitled to annual OHIP-covered eye exams until they turn 20.

With so much visual information presented in the classroom, children need clear vision to see, to process, to learn.

Did you know ...

- up to 80% of classroom learning is visual
- according to the Ontario Association of Optometrists, 25% of children have a form of vision problem
- only 19% of students under the age of six have had a comprehensive eye exam.



**Book your child's eye appointment today!**

### **Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls**

York Region District School Board is revisioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall meeting.

<b>DATES AND TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATIONS</b>	<b>DATES AND TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATIONS</b>
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick	Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham	Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket		

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# Newrouz

At Redstone Public School, we are proud to celebrate all cultures around the world, and this year we will be having an assembly to celebrate Newrouz with our students and community. We recognize that there are families in our community that celebrate the rebirth of spring, also known as Newrouz. Newrouz is celebrated by 300 million people around the world and it is a day that marks the New Year across parts of the Middle East, the Balkans, the Caucasus and Asia.

Newrouz begins at the stroke of the vernal equinox, when the sun crosses the equator. The exact moment of Newrouz is on the 20th of March varies depending on the exact calculation of when the length of the day and the night are equal. For 2018 the new Iranian year 1397 starts on Tuesday, March 20th at 12:28:40 pm (EST). Newruz can be spelled, Nowrouz, Nooruz, Navruz, Nauroz or Nevruz depending on the region. In the Persian language, Nowruz means No (new) and rouz (day). It means new day, symbolising new life, new beginnings. Every year, Nowruz coincides with the start of spring and traditionally celebrates the rebirth of nature. It also coincides with the spring equinox. When the equinox comes, millions of families of Iranian descent gather around a ceremonial table known as the Haftseen. Young and old hold hands and count down to the New Year together and cheer by wishing each other all the best or simply just mentioning Happy New Year! In every home, the Haftseen table is decorated with seven items since seven is considered a lucky number. Each item begins with the letter (S) in Persian, and each item is a symbol of spring and renewal, including:



*Seeb* - (apple), representing beauty  
*Seer* - (garlic), representing good health  
*Serkeh* - (vinegar), representing patience  
*Sonbol* - (hyacinth), representing spring  
*Samanu* - (sweet pudding), representing fertility  
*Sabzeh* - (sprouts), representing rebirth  
*Sekeh* - (coins), representing prosperity

Throughout the morning of March 22, 2018 the kindergarten classes will be participating in egg painting. Decorating eggs is a great way for children to be involved in the Newrouz preparation, where a coloured egg symbolizes fertility within the Persian culture. For more information, you may click on the following links.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OI5LYCYPaT4>

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As well, there will be a school-wide assembly in the afternoon so that all students can learn about and celebrate the New Year.

To all of our staff and families who celebrate Newrouz, we wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

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# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Winter Elective Day #2 for Gr. 4-8 students Purim	2 Secret Life of Riley K. Presentation The 19-Day Fast (March 2-20) Holi	3
4	5	6 Character Assembly @ 2:00 pm	7 Pizza Day Junior Concert @ 6:30pm	8 Am – Carnival for Jr/Int Students Primary Concert @ 6:30pm	9	10
11	12	13	14 Sikh New Year's Day	15	16	17 Ghambar Hamaspath-maedem
<div>← March Break →</div>						
18 Navaratri (Spring) March 18-26	19 Pita Orders will be distributed (due back)	20 Spring Ohigon	21 Pizza Day McMichael Trip 5-Richter & 5-Inglis (students need lunch – pizza will be distributed at the end of the day) Newrouz	22 Newrouz presentation for all students (2:00pm)	23 French Presentation –Bill Russell for Gr. 4-8	24
25 Palm Sunday	26 Ramanavami	27	28 Pizza Day Birthday of Prophet Zarathustra	29 Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) Mahavir Jayanti	30 Good Friday	31 Pesach (Passover) March 31-April 7

**Pizza Orders due by March 23 – School Cash Online**  
**Pita order due by \_\_\_\_\_ - forms to be distributed after March Break**

**Save the date: Family Wellness Night @ Redstone**

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**Wednesday May 3, 2018**

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