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Administrators' Message

Each and every day we learn something new and wonderful about Redstone Public School. It is clear that it is an inclusive, engaging and active school. Students participate in a wide variety of learning across the curriculum, and are able to take part in many school and community based activities including...

- Volleyball, Cross-Country Team
- Door Monitors
- ECO-Greenies Team
- Office helpers
- PA Announcers

All of these things and more contribute to our understanding that all students are leaders in our building. We continually thank them for their support and encourage them to continue to demonstrate their leadership and dedication to their school and community.

We also are so appreciative of the time and energy of our parent volunteers. The weekly Pizza lunch program and milk program would not be possible without their support.

Wendy Thompson
Principal

Jean Rudman
Vice-Principal

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Office Hours: 8:30-4:30

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: redstone.ps@yrdsb.ca

APPRECIATION GOES TO.....

Ms. Nasser and Ms. Muench for their positivity and caring for *everyone* who comes to Redstone's office.

They both make it a wonderfully welcoming place.



Safety Is Our First Priority

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Expectations

We continue to encourage students to walk or bicycle to school.

Student drop off and pick up zone.



You may stop and drop your child off here and then proceed to exit the school lot. You may not park and walk your child here.

Parking Zone for Parents/Guardians



Zone to park and escort your child to school.

Parking or stopping is **NOT** permitted here.



This is Redstone's Bus Loop and Emergency Route. This is NOT a student drop off or pick up zone for vehicles.

It is for Emergency Vehicles ONLY.

Health and Well-being

Student Medications

Any student who requires medication during the school hours must have a York Region District School Board Medication Form completed and signed by a parent/guardian. It is extremely important that parents inform the school of a life-threatening allergy as soon as they are aware of it. Please notify the office staff so that protocol and procedures can be followed.

All medication must be stored in the office (with the exception of EpiPens®: one stored in the office, one with student at all times). Students are to come to the office to receive the required medication.



Packing lunches....Safety first!

Keep these food safety tips in mind when packing your child's school lunches and snacks:

Wash your hands before you start preparing the food.

Work on a clean surface using clean utensils.

Use an insulated lunch bag with a small ice pack.

Pack hot lunches in a thermos. Fill with the boiling hot food just before your child leaves.

Use clean, reusable plastic containers. Don't reuse plastic bags - they can harbour bacteria.

Wash lunch containers and water bottles in hot, soapy water every night.

Wash all vegetables and fruit thoroughly, even those in packages labeled 'pre-washed' or 'triple-washed.'

For health-related information call York Region
Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or visit www.york.ca



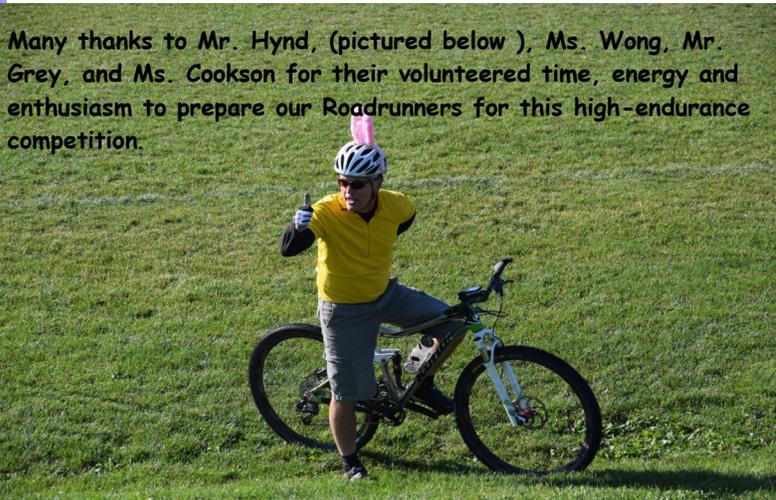


Office Helpers

Our names are Angela and Anne. We are two of many office helpers at Redstone Public School! Today we will be telling you the duties of an office helper! It's a very important job in Redstone. Being an office helper requires patience, responsibility, and cooperation. We help out by sorting out paper work, dealing with minor injuries, putting the attendance away in time, and notifying the teachers about new announcements. We have only been office helpers for one year, but it has helped us develop our leadership skills and other character traits. It also allowed us to meet and interact with many different people. We really enjoy being office helpers at Redstone. This was a very enjoyable experience for the two of us and we will continue to do our best to help!

Regional Cross Country Meet

Many thanks to Mr. Hynd, (pictured below), Ms. Wong, Mr. Grey, and Ms. Cookson for their volunteered time, energy and enthusiasm to prepare our Roadrunners for this high-endurance competition.



This year, Redstone fielded one of its strongest Cross Country teams ever. 60+ runners from grades 4-8 trained Tuesday and Thursday mornings in preparation for the Area Meet at Richmond Green on Thursday, October 8. The grade fours ran a distance of 1500m with the distances increasing incrementally up to 2600m for the grade eights. All of our runners gave their best and eleven managed to qualify for the Regional Meet, held at Bruce's Mill on Thursday, October 15. Regional qualifiers included Evan K, Sina A, Jibraan D, Arian Saedi, Jeanue C, Cameron W, Ethan L, Riona R, Tara T, Grace T, and Jackson L. The Roadrunners gave their best at Regionals in much bigger and more competitive races and are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Empathy Award Recipients

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

JK/SK—Amberlynn, Ayanna, Mahdi J., Lucy L., Alana, Jasmine, Jesse
Grade 1—Phoenix Brooke, Zoe
Grade 2—Grace, Sierra
Grade 3—Philip D., Eshani, Austen, Rojan, Ryan, Martin N
Grade 4—Lucas, Sara B., Aryamaan S
Grade 5—Meriyam J., Dina T., Aparna
Grade 6—Ethan L., Abtin N
Grade 7—Edward, Jacky, Adissa
Grade 8—Kevin K., Ryan D., Neha, Washaun



ECO GREENIES CLUB



Over the last week, the Greenies were out in the garden.

Firstly, we took out all the weeds from the planters and loosened the soil. Next, we used tools to dig holes. Then, we planted four different bulbs. Bulbs are like giant seeds. The bulbs we used were: tulips, crocuses, hyacinths, and daffodils. Once the bulbs were in the holes, we covered them with soil. The next day, we filled the planters with an extra layer of soil to keep the bulbs warm in the winter so the bulbs will bloom in the spring.

The Greenies had an incredible time and we are looking forward to seeing them bloom in the spring.

By: Abigail W, Olivia T, and Samantha L

Thank you to Ms. Wainberg and Ms. Evans for organizing and supervising this great event.

Our Kindergarten Students Explore and Investigate With Natural Materials

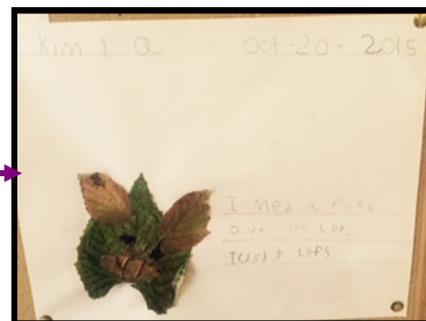
An environment which is rich in open-ended loose materials such as in our kindergarten classrooms invokes children to experiment, explore, engage, construct and invent; invites them to tinker, to manipulate and to play. Loose materials leave room for the child to invent, to re-invent, to deconstruct; and to be creative.



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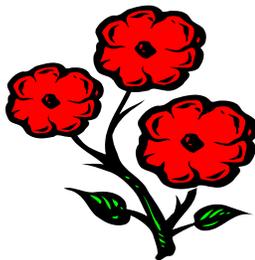
Enriching Math Literacy Math Tips for Parents and Students

Sound math skills are essential to the academic and personal success of every child. Following are some tips advised by educational experts that parents can use to tune up, rev up and accelerate their children's math skills.

1. Discuss with your child the types of jobs that use math skills
How often do we hear, "Why do I have to learn algebra?" It is important to make your child realize how important math is in our everyday lives and especially in our careers. Who do you know who deals with spreadsheets or budgets filled with numbers and formulas? Who reads diagnostic reports that include numbers and graphs? Who calculated the slant of the roof on your house?
2. Talk math!
Wherever you go, whatever you are doing, talk math. For example, at the grocery store, ask your child, "How many ___ do you see? How much more does this one cost? How much change should I get back? What's the sale price if it is 30% off the regular price?"
3. Bake a cake
Baking incorporates several different math concepts - measurement, volume, and time just to name a few. You measure the ingredients using the proper measurement tool, determine the size of the baking dish, decide which bowl will hold all of the ingredients, and set the timer for the baking time.
4. Explore the Internet
There are many educational as well as entertaining sites on the Web related to math.
5. Traveling by car
For years, children have called out the different license plates they see on other cars. Why not have them keep a written tally of how many they see, or how many red, blue, black or purple cars they see? Then they could analyze the result by calculating the percentages, creating bar graphs or drawing pie charts.

Lest We Forget

A Remembrance Day Ceremony will occur on the morning of November 11th, to recognize and remember those who have fought to maintain our freedom. This is a wonderful way to show your children the respect that we have for those who have made sacrifices on our behalf. Due to space restrictions, unfortunately parents and families are not able to attend our ceremony.



Purple Spirit Day



On October 15th, many of our Redstone staff and students acknowledged the awareness of the importance of inclusion of all and the ratification of bullying. Thanks to all who participated and showed such positive spirit.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>School Council Mtg 7 pm in the library</i>	3 <i>Grade 3 Forces Presentation</i>	4 <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Remembrance Day Ceremony Pizza Lunch</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Richmond Green High School Open House for grade 8 students and par- ents (6:30-8:30pm)</i>	18 <i>Scientist in the School (Intermediate Grades) Pizza Lunch</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Photo Retakes and gr. 6 Photo day Pizza Lunch</i>	26 <i>Scientist in the School (Intermediate Grades)</i>	27 <i>PA Day</i>	28
29	30 <i>Scientist in the School (Intermediate Grades)</i>					

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!