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## Administrators' Message

Throughout the month of October, we have seen our students demonstrate their positive and welcoming Roadrunner Character! Students have welcomed new friends, they have encouraged each other at Cross Country, and they have shown leadership by helping with Mathletes, milk and in many other ways.

We welcomed many families to our Mathletes Night, where students and parents answered over 3000 math questions. Combined with our day total, Redstone students and their families answered over 15,000 questions over 2 days. That is Mathletes HIGHEST TOTAL to date!! We would like to thank School Council for helping to pay for this event through their fundraising efforts.

In November, families will be receiving the Progress Report Card. This Report Card will not include letter-grades. Instead, it will focus on the development of your child's learning skills, as well as his/her general progress in each of the subject areas. The Progress Report will be sent home on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, with student-led conferences following on the afternoon & evening of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, or the morning of November 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to help your child reflect on things they have enjoyed at school, but also talk about what they have found challenging. Why not set some realistic goals with your child on an area that they identify as wanting to improve upon? Some examples might be:

- Reading – I read by myself for \_\_\_\_ minutes, then we read together for \_\_\_\_ minutes. Remember to talk about what you have read to review comprehension.
- Responsibility – I will pack my bag from the night before so that I don't forget my belongings. **OR** I will pack my own lunch making sure to include something from each of the food groups.
- Self-Regulation – When I feel myself getting upset or angry, I will count to 10 and take at least 3-5 deep breaths.
- Math – Every night, I will explain to an adult how I solved a particular math problem.

We look forward to seeing you during student-led conferences.

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

## HAVING EMAIL ISSUES???

Please be advised that Yahoo and Hotmail email accounts MAY NOT receive our school's email messages. Typically, other emails such as GMAIL and ROGERS work best with our YRDSB interface.



Clocks go back 1 hour on  
Sunday, November 5 @ 2 am.

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**FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS** will be available as of November 13. Start your holiday shopping with us. Stay tuned for more info!!

## Redstone's Donation Drive

Our Donation Drive is underway and we would like to thank all of the families who have already participated. Please visit

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Home/SignIn> to make your donation today. For every donation, students will get a chance to win great prizes. The Donation Drive **ends November 10 at 10 am.**

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## Responsibility - Wisdom

I will be accountable for my actions, be reliable and keep my commitments.

- The time is always right to do what is right.

Martin Luther King Jr.

- If you mess up, fess up.
- Author unknown

### Eco Corner

Redstone's environmental club "The Greenies" has a new name! Our new name – The Earth Keepers – reflects the belief of Canada's Indigenous People that it is our responsibility to live in harmony with nature and care for the world around us. This year students will continue to learn about environmental stewardship as we work to become certified as an Eco School. Stay tuned for events throughout the year that will help us reach our goal of Gold Certification!



On November 2, Mrs. Dietrich will be attending The 'Ring of Peace' Unity Rally with a group of Grade 7 students. This is an opportunity for youth, families, and community members to address the impact of increased hate crimes in our region. It's an opportunity to inspire action by calling on our communities to embrace intentional inclusionary practices for all people of diverse identities.



### Recipients of the Character Award in October - Empathy

Mrs. Coetzee & Ms. Niaz – Burhanuddin & Ryan A.  
Mr. Janzen & Ms. Bidos – Ava, Brayden & Saba  
Mrs. Getzler - Zachary  
Mrs. Inglis – Ahana & Jessie  
Mr. Hynd – Ryan  
Ms. Kathir – Brooke & Deen  
Mr. Horowitz – Jueun & Lucy  
Mrs. Alvarez – Elvina  
Mrs. Richter – Ryan  
Mr. Grey – Phoebe T.  
Mr. Barwin – Lucas M.  
Mrs. Clark – Parsia & Arian

Mrs. Wong & Mrs. Mira – Evah & Monica  
Mrs. Gertzbein & Mrs. Jaffer – Abigail, Mia, Jonathon & Isabelle

Mrs. Blumenthal – Fayth & Natalie  
Mrs. Zonni – Manny  
Ms. Wainberg – Amy & Ophelia  
Mrs. Cookson – Orhan  
Mr. Inglis – Vincent L. & Tammy W.  
Mr. Stoddart – Oscar L.

Mrs. Ciani – Nathan & Sayna  
Mr. Mangaloglu – Michelle W.

### Redstone Spirit Wear

We are excited to offer Redstone Spirit Wear this school year. This line of clothing would be perfect for our Redstone Spirit Days, gym attire, field trips and athletic wear for sport teams. Orders are to be placed by November 3rd using your **School Cash Online** account. If you are uncertain about your child's size, students can ask their gym teachers to try on samples during their gym classes. All items are pre-ordered and cannot be exchanged or refunded. Please ensure proper sizing before ordering.

T-Shirts \$14  
Wick Away Shirts \$30 to  
Hoodies \$30  
Wick Away Shorts \$25



**WE REMEMBER**



### Remembrance Day Ceremony

We will be holding our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday, November 10 @ 11:15 am in our gym. Any students who are part of Scouts, Cubs or Guides are encouraged to wear their uniform to school on this day. We will also provide all students with a 'sticker' poppy and families who would like to make a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion are encouraged to send the donation to school with their child. Let's remember to take the time on this day and every day to remember the sacrifices made by all of our service people who keep our country a safe and wonderful place to live, grow and learn.

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## Regional Cross Country Meet

2017 was a very successful year for our Redstone Roadrunners. A record number of 10 students qualified to continue on and compete at the Regional Cross Country Meet held at a new location this year in the Georgina, ON at the Recreational Outdoor Campus (ROC) on Tuesday, October 17th. The following students participated:

Gr. 4 - Vivian, Jueun

Gr. 5 - Samantha, Christopher

Gr. 6 - Mitchell

Gr. 8 - Boys Team: Sina, Jeanue, Joshua, Jibraan, Cameron

Once again our runners didn't disappoint! Highlights included a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish by Sina A. in the grade eight race. Congratulations and well done to our entire Cross Country Team! We are very proud! We would also like to thank Mr. Hynd and Mrs. Cookson for training the Team. And remember, when you run, run like a Roadrunner!!!



### Student-Led Conferences

This year, we will be using *Edsby*, an on-line application to book Student-Involved Conferences. The office must have a valid e-mail address for you to book an interview time. If you have recently changed e-mail addresses, please notify the school office immediately. More info about booking your sessions will be coming shortly.

### Terry Fox School Walk

This year, Redstone students and staff participated in our school's Walk for the Terry Fox Foundation. Together we raised over \$1273 for the Foundation. We would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations.

### High School Information Night for Grade 8 Families

Richmond Green S.S.  
Grade 8 parent  
information night will be  
on Monday November  
20th at 6:30pm at  
Richmond Green S.S. We  
hope you can attend.

### Gifted Testing for Grade 3 Students

All grade 3 students in the York Region DSB participate in the Gifted Screening Process. This year, the testing will take place during the week of November 27-December 1. Please do not schedule appointments on these days. More information will be available closer to the administration date.

### 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 for your cooperation.

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York Region Public Health  
Health Connections – Sibling Rivalry

Sibling rivalry is normal and happens more often if children are less than three years apart in age. Parents should allow normal bickering between siblings. Eventually they will learn to get along and will protect each other.

The Good News About Sibling Rivalry

Sibling rivalry helps children learn how to:

- Handle arguments
- Talk out problems instead of fighting
- Handle frustration and anger
- Understand how others feel

Help a Child Accept Their New Sibling

Children may be jealous when a new baby is brought home. This is normal. Parents can help their older child by making sure that they know they are still important.

Parents can help their older child accept their new baby by:

- Trying not to change the older child's routine right before or after the birth of a sibling
- Telling the older child how much the new baby loves them
- Asking the older child to help care for the new baby
- Continuing to set up play dates for the older child
- Spending time alone with the older child each day
- Not using the new baby as a reason to change plans with the older child

Parents can use positive discipline and loving discipline to help their children get along by:

- Praising their children when they play nicely and work out their disagreements peacefully
- Not taking sides in disagreements
- Not asking who started the argument or placing blame
- Encouraging their children to talk to each other about their feelings
- Encouraging their children to work together to solve problems
- Setting a good example by problem solving with their partner
- Not showing favouritism

For other topics, please visit the [York Region Public Health – Parenting Page](#).

**Staying Healthy**

Flu season will be upon us shortly so here are a few tips for keeping everyone healthy:

- Remind children to wash their hands with soap frequently (i.e., after blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing, before eating, after playing outside, etc.)
- Remind children to refrain from putting objects (i.e., toys, fingers, clothing, etc.) in their mouth.
- Remind children that drinking water is the best solution when they aren't feeling well.

**Keep your child at home, if:**

- He/she has a fever or has had a fever in the past 24 hours;
- Is vomiting or has vomited in the past 24 hours.



If children have a common cold, they are encouraged to come to school, but are reminded of important hygiene practices (washing hands, using a tissue, coughing/sneezing in their elbow).

**Please remember: If your child is healthy enough to come to school, he/she will be expected to go outside for recess.**

Please visit York Region Public Health for more information in preventing the spread of illness.

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## It's time to remind our children about being safe in the community.

It's a good time for us to remind children about personal safety. Here's what children need to know:

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city, and province. This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is important because children are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- To always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.
- It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy whenever possible.

### EXTENDED HOLIDAYS

Sometimes parents plan extended holidays during the school year. Parents who choose to remove a student from school to travel are responsible for providing the learning experiences the student has missed while away. This means that you might need to review or revisit the concepts missed with your son/daughter.

Teachers are often asked to provide work for the time the student will be absent. The challenge is that the child will need instruction prior to being able to do the work. While not a requirement, teachers can sometimes assemble the work they think the child can do independently. Past experience has shown that the children rarely do the work while on vacation.

If you want your child to do some school-related activity while on vacation, a daily journal written in and reading are great ideas. You could also give your child a 'budget' to spend while away to help them understand exchange rates, currency and the value of money.

When the child returns to school, she/he will need to "catch-up" on the missed concepts taught. Parents will need to support this learning, as well.

**Please remember that for each week of absence, a child will miss approximately 25 hours of instructional time.**



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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.

## **BUSES**

If buses have been cancelled in the morning, there **will not** be afternoon bussing. Please see below for bussing information.

## **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.

## **STS SCHOOL VEHICLE CANCELLATION PROCEDURE**

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

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. 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 is not 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.
- 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 6:00a.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 FM
99.1 FM	99.9 FM	101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM	

### **TELEVISION**

CITY TV      CTV BARRIE      CFTO TV      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 the YRDSB on twitter.

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

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# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Donation Drive continues →		1	2	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends (clocks go back 1 hour)	6 Donation Drive continues School Council Meeting at 7pm	7	8 Pizza Day	9	10 Remembrance Day Assembly Donation Drive ends at 10 am →	11 Remembrance Day
12	13 Fundscrip Gift Cards available for purchase →	14	15 Pizza Day	16	17	18
19 Bullying Prevention & Awareness Week	20	21 Int. Girls Volleyball Area Tournament	22 Pizza Day Progress Report Cards are sent home	23 Afterschool & evening conferences	24 P.A. Day Morning conferences →	25
26	27	28	29 Pizza Day	30		

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