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[www.redstone.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.redstone.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

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[@RedstonePS](https://twitter.com/RedstonePS)

**October 2017**

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#### Administrators' Message

September has been a busy month at Redstone with both staff and students working hard to get into the swing of classroom routines. We have all settled into the new school year and students have become accustomed to the routines of school, homework and extra-curricular. New friendships have been formed and old friends have re-connected.

We welcomed both new families to the Redstone community and returning ones on our "Curriculum Night" on September 14. Thank you to all of the families that contributed their input to our survey. This information will be useful as we plan upcoming activities for students and families.

Our Junior and Intermediate students have been training on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Cross Country. They have shown perseverance and determination under the guidance and encouragement of Mrs. Cookson and Mr. Hynd.

The cool fall breezes have also brought thoughts of thankfulness to Redstone. It is often said that the happiest people are those who show appreciation for the many positive people or things in their lives. We can be appreciative by using words and actions to recognize all the great things that surround us: people and their actions, nature and its beauty, important events and simple pleasures. Why not start a new family tradition at dinner time: Each family member should take a turn to explain why he or she is thankful or appreciative. You may be surprised at what your children will share. Taking the time to verbalize what or who you appreciate can help us all to be more positive and resilient when things don't seem to be going the way we had hoped.

Let's all try to be more mindful of showing appreciation, every day. You never know how a small "thank you" or "I appreciate your kindness" could change someone's day.

Sincerely,

*W. Thompson*  
Principal

*L. Taglieri*  
Vice-Principal

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:

[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.

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Responsibility      Empathy      Initiative      Integrity      Optimism

## Inclusiveness

I will work to build a community where everyone feels included, empowered and valued for his or her unique contributions.

- When I see you through my eyes, I think that we are different.

When I see you through my heart, I know we are the same.

Doe Zantamata

### EQAO

Last June, students across the province in Grades 3 and 6 students wrote the EQAO assessments. York Region District School Board students continue to perform above the provincial average in all areas. Student achievement and well-being are key areas of focus for our Board, we have a number of strategies and resources in place to support students and staff, for example our partnerships with families.

The table on the top right shows the school results, when including all students who were registered in the grade. The table on the bottom right indicates our results when only students who participated in the assessment are scored. We do have students at Redstone who do not participate in EQAO for various reasons, developing English language skills being the most common.

EQAO results are one of the many ways we measure student success and provide a snapshot of results across our Board and the province. We use EQAO data, along with other data sources, inform school and board improvement strategies to continue to support the needs of our students. At Redstone, we use this information to guide our teaching and examine areas and strategies for student improvement. We are committed to our students' success and recognize that there are areas for continued learning.

Here are some websites that you can visit to support your child through the years, as they explore math:

- [Doing Math with Your Child](#) (Ministry of Education)
- [www.mathies.ca](http://www.mathies.ca) (JK-Grade 12 – activities, games, tools, etc.)
- [Homework Help](#) (Grades 7-10 free math tutoring)

## Redstone PS – School Council 2017-18

We are so appreciative of the parents on our Council who support our students and our learning community in so many ways. The School Council provides feedback and advice to administration about school improvement, organizes fundraising efforts, facilitates hot lunch opportunities for our students and assists with school events to encourage parental engagement. In September, this year's school council was established. Thank you to the following parents who will serve on the School Council this year:

**Co-Chairs:** Jeff Young & Maria Konstonpolous  
**Co-Secretaries:** Karren Lee & Kavitha Sachchi

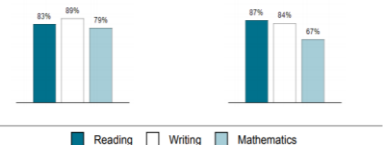
**Treasurer:** Vivian Murray-Black  
 Along with other voting members.

Our next School Council Meeting will be on **October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm**. We hope to see you there.

### **ALL STUDENTS**

(Including exempted students)

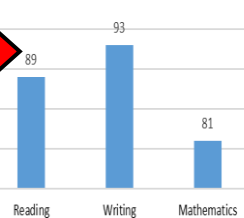
**Achievement Data**  
 Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)  
 Grade 3                      Grade 6



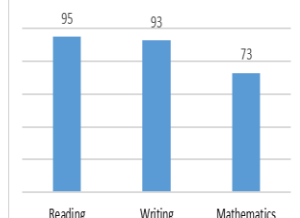
### **PARTICIPATING STUDENTS**

Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)

Grade 3



Grade 6



Redstone Results

### **Recipients of the Courage Award in September**

Mrs. Coetzee & Ms. Niaz – Bronwyn & Skylar  
 Mr. Janzen & Ms. Bidos – Arnav, Tawhid & Ronia  
 Mrs. Inglis – Josiah  
 Mr. Hynd – Vicky  
 Mrs. Cancelli – Arshia  
 Mr. Horowitz – Ryder  
 Mrs. Alvarez – Lakshman & Saathuria  
 Mrs. Richter – Tiger & Toby  
 Mr. Grey – Yiwen & Kamen  
 Mr. Barwin – Lily & William  
 Mrs. Clark – Natalie

Mrs. Wong & Mrs. Mira – Naya & Kevin  
 Mrs. Gertzbein & Mrs. Jaffer – Anna, Andrew & Brandon  
 Mrs. Blumental – Nafeesa  
 Mrs. Zonni – Poorvika & Michael  
 Ms. Wainberg – Daniel & Kaden  
 Mrs. Cookson – Lara, Alviin, Harshil  
 Mr. Inglis – Derek, Hamsa, Christopher, Oksana, Daniel  
 Mr. Stoddart – Insiyah  
 Ms. Vittorio – Mitchell  
 Mrs. Ciani – Asal & Cameron  
 Mr. Mangaloglu – Yaein

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Photo Day  
will be on  
October 25.



## Volunteers in the School

All volunteers in the school must sign in at the office and wear a "Visitor's" badge. This is to ensure the safety of all our students.

### Terry Fox Walk

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, Redstone's staff and students participated in our school's Walk for the Terry Fox Foundation. So many lives have been touched by cancer and so, we all benefit from the research made possible through the Terry Fox Foundation. Students collected "Toonies for Terry" or "Fivers for Fox". Thank you to all families who made a donation for this worthy cause.



### Lunch Tips

Here are some tips for getting your kids to eat more fruits and veggies:

- Cut veggies and fruit in bite sizes pieces so kids can easily eat them.
- If it looks good, kids are more likely to eat it. Give them bright, colourful veggies & fruits.
- Let your child help prepare his/her fruits and veggies for school.

**Fruit Ideas:** melon balls, orange slices, berries, grapes, etc.

**Veggie ideas:** sliced peppers, carrot sticks, snap peas, cucumber slices, cherry tomatoes, etc.



### **Hallowe'en @ Redstone**

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> (parade from 9:15-9:45am)**

**Costumes:** At Redstone, if students chose to wear a costume, they should **wear their costume to school**. It is recommended that students bring a change of clothes. A reminder that:

- Costumes should not interfere with mobility and learning;
- No masks are allowed;
- No weapon replicas are allowed.

### **Candy & Hallowe'en Treats:**

- Remember that **HEALTHY SNACKS** are always preferred at school.
- Students should refrain from sharing Hallowe'en treats with friends / classmates at school.
- Please **do not** send your child with treats to share with his/her class due to the different allergies students have.
- **Be NUT-AWARE:** Read and double-check **ALL LABELS** and **AVOID** sending treats as snacks that contain nut products.

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**JOIN IN THE FUN!**

**AT REDSTONE P.S.**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

GRADES 2 to 6 will be participating in

# MATHLETES

**A DAY of MATH FUN & GAMES**

In the evening **YOUR FAMILY** is invited to

## THE FAMILY EDITION



**5:30 Registration**

**5:45 - 7:15 Math Games**



### Transportation

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 1.6 km.** 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 one sibling may qualify and the other may not. Please check the website at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)




## Learning Disabilities Awareness Month

In recognition of Learning Disabilities month, Trillium Woods PS School Council presents,


### DJ Cunningham

As a renowned guest speaker on the topic of Learning Disabilities, we are pleased to welcome DJ Cunningham into our community. DJ co-founded and is the CEO of LEARNstyle Ltd. He was diagnosed with a learning disability at a young age himself. In his own words:

*"I have come to embrace challenge. Challenge is what makes me feel alive. Being diagnosed with a learning disability and ADHD in grade 4, I have experienced challenges all of my life. Dealing with this life of challenges has resulted in me becoming a master of resiliency."*



WHEN:	Thursday Oct. 19, 2017
TIME:	6:30 PM
WHERE:	Trillium Woods PS 18 Alamo Heights Dr. Richmond Hill, ON



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## IB INFORMATION NIGHT October 17, 2017

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The program emphasizes critical and compassionate thinking, community involvement, and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the Programme earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

Current Grade 8 students and families interested in the Programme are invited to attend an information session at the school which will be offering the IB Programme in their area. During each session, information about the Programme and the application process will be shared. To determine your area please visit the YRDSB [school locator](#).

Alexander Mackenzie High School  
Bayview Secondary School  
Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School  
Maple High School  
Milliken Mills High School

@ 7:00 p.m.  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
@ 6:30 p.m.  
@ 6:30 p.m.  
@ 7:00 p.m.



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# BUILD A BETTER FUTURE!



## FREE CLASSES

- English as a Second Language/LINC
- Academic Upgrading and Computer Skills
- Citizenship and IELTS Preparation

Call 905-731-9557  
to book an appointment

[www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca)

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From the list below, select what you need help with in order to find or secure sustainable employment:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finding and using information          | <input type="checkbox"/> Using digital technology (computer skills)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating ideas and information    | <input type="checkbox"/> Managing your learning (goal setting and action plans)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding and using numbers (math) | <input type="checkbox"/> Engaging with others ("soft skills" such as customer-service) |

The iWIN Program is offered at no cost to eligible learners by the York Region District School Board, with support from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.



## DESIGN YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS



### Book your assessment today!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

This program is right for you if you are a resident of Ontario (19+) and need to:

- Enhance your employability skills
- Gain or upgrade computer skills for the workplace
- Prepare for college, university or apprenticeship programs
- Prepare for a High School Credit program or GED
- Gain confidence in life, work and studies

Our iWIN Program will help you reach your goals faster! Get individualized support from a highly qualified and experienced instructor and create a class schedule that works for you.



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# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 School Council Meeting @ 7 pm	3	4 Area Cross Country Meet @ Richmond Green SS Pizza Day	5	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Day	10	11 Pizza Day	12	13	14
15	16	17 Cross Country – Regionals (for qualifying students)	18 Pizza Day  Diwali	19	20 P.A. Day No School	21
22	23	24	25 Pizza Day Photo Day @ Redstone	26	27	28
29	30	31 Hallowe'en	Please remember – If busses are cancelled due to inclement weather, pizza lunch is also cancelled.			

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