

May 2014



Redstone Review

May has come quickly this year! We have had many exciting events planned for our students over the last few months and will continue to keep them engaged with more to come. The Cultural Diversity Day is just around the corner and will be a memorable day for all students. Read more about it in the newsletter!

May is also a very busy month at Redstone (as you will see in the "Take Note..." section of the newsletter). We are particularly looking forward to having lunch on the roof on Friday May 23rd. Congratulations to the Aaron in Mrs. Zonni's class who has been invited to join us for lunch on the roof with three of his friends. His name was drawn from all the families that participated in the Donation Drive back in the winter to help us raise money for our students. Let's hope it is not a cold or rainy day! The students will also enjoy an extended recess on Tuesday May 6. Thanks to all who donated and made these incentives for students come true.

The York Region District School Board likes to get your input! Between May 20 and June 2, we will be inviting parents/guardians to participate in a school climate survey. The surveys provide the Board and our school with valuable information about how you feel about the school environment and your child's education. The results will be used to identify areas that need to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. We value parent input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information parents provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Information about how to access the survey will be sent home with students later in May. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

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News from the School Council



Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Movie Night featuring “Frozen”. We had a great turn out with many of our Redstone families enjoying some pizza and popcorn. Join us for our final School Council meeting on Monday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm in the library.



REACH AS HIGH AS YOU CAN, AND THEN REACH A LITTLE HIGHER. THERE YOU WILL FIND MAGIC AND POSSIBILITY. AND MAYBE EVEN COOKIES ~ MARC JOHNS

Students Demonstrating “Initiative” in April

JK/SK— Nicholas Z., Azad S., Fiona X., Iliya S., Yaanik B., Curtis L., Mila M., Mehrshad H., Jayden Q., Mary R., Carter C., Daniel H.

Gr. 1 – Stella L., Andrew M.

Gr. 2 - Areeb R., Selena A., Isa D., Isabella P., Jasmine M.

Gr. 3 - Aaron L., Shervin M., Elvis H.

Gr. 4—Abijah T., Jeanue C., Ava B., Atash A.

Gr. 5 - Elsie Z., Domenic T., Anne Z., Jinal R.

Gr. 6 - Muhammadali J., Missy K.

Gr. 7 - Ioana M., Keith Z.

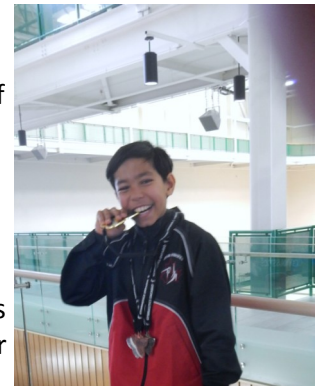
Gr. 8 - Kobe G., Vishakan C., Rain L.

Stars at Redstone

We have had a couple of students who have performed extremely well in Sporting competitions. We are proud of their accomplishments outside of school!

Tomas Tamang

Tomas competed in Ontario Men’s Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Windsor. He did an exceptional job competing, placing 1st overall. He holds the title of Men’s Gymnastics 2014 Ontario Provincial Champion, 10-12 year olds! Way to go, Tomas!



Vanessa Dibb

On April 25- 27, 2014, Vanessa competed in the Challenge de Nations competition. This tournament was held in Laval, Quebec. It is an International tournament, and there were around 400 fencers that competed. Around fifteen different countries attended this fencing competition; such as, Canada, U.S.A., France, Switzerland, Russia, Spain, and many more. In the under 15 event, Vanessa got first place in the event after an intense bout against an American fencer. Vanessa says it was a great experience for her to compete in this international competition. Vanessa is at the centre of the photo below. Way to go, Vanessa!





Music In Mind

Wow! What a performance! Thanks to all staff and students who worked so hard to practice singing songs, some originally written by the students and performing so beautifully. We hope you enjoyed the show!



Intermediate Badminton

“Badminton is like **ballet**, it requires a lot of **control, strength, mind play** and **measured** movement.” *Sporty*
Redstone’s 2014 Intermediate Badminton team will be starting their journey towards the area meet at Langstaff on May 14, 2014. Coaches met late April to decide on the game draws for our area meet in which 10 schools will be participating. We will be having fun, non-competitive games against Doncrest Public School and Richmond Rose Public School in the upcoming weeks. The team is excited and looking forward to having a great time playing a sport they love and enjoy. We wish our three teams all the best at the area tournament on May 14, 2014.

Junior Girls Basketball

On April 29th, the Junior Girls basketball team participated in the area tournament. The girls played extremely well and showed a lot of poise while competing. During the tournament, the girls finished in fourth place out of ten teams. Congratulations girls! Special thanks to Mr. Sherlock and Ms. Cancelli for their efforts with the team.

Junior Boys Basketball

On April 30th, the Junior Boys basketball team participated in the area tournament. The boys prepared in advance by attending many practices and showing commitment to the team. They did a good job representing Redstone at the areas. Way to go, boys! Special thanks to Mr. Rosenfield, Mr. Inglis and Mr. Grey who stepped up and coached the boys in the area tournament. Thank you all!

Take Note...

"Frozen" Movie Night

May 1

Extended Recess

May 6

Hep B & Meningitis Immunization (Gr 7 &8)

May 7

Denim Day

May 13

Intermediate Badminton Areas

May 14

Cultural Diversity Day

May 16

Victoria Day—No School

May 19

Monday Schedule

May 20

Track & Field for Special Education students

May 21

IPRCs

May 21

Lunch on the Roof

May 23

EQAO begins

May 25

Character Assembly

2:10

May 27

AIR Project

May 28, 29, 30



Our Cultural Diversity Awareness Day is Just Around the Corner!

On **Friday, May 16th**, we will have a full day of cultural performances and workshops to raise awareness of the diverse cultural groups that make up our school community. Students are encouraged to wear their cultural clothing that day.

Many parents have volunteered to present workshops about their cultural celebrations which will include fun activities for the students. We will also have special guests and performers to kick-off our event and do workshops throughout the day.

Samosas will also be on sale for 50 cents at morning recess. A cultural lunch will be delivered to student's homerooms for those who have pre-ordered. We are looking forward to this fun and exciting day!

From your Cultural Committee

Earth Friendly Tips for the Family

Are you and your family eco-friendly?

There are lots of easy things you can do in your own homes and neighborhoods every day to help save our earth, air and water. So, protect our Earth Day by learning new ways to protect the environment together.

- Don't keep the water running while you're brushing your teeth.
- Take shorter showers. Make it a game. Keep an egg timer in the bathroom and see who can get their showers down to three minutes. (And still get clean!)
- Help mom or dad install a water-saving shower head. In addition to the water it saves, it also saves the fuel that would have been used to heat up the extra hot water. And that reduces pollution.
- Fill a gallon plastic bottle with water and place it in your toilet tank. (The part in the back!) It will take up the same space as the water usually does, but in a year, it will keep 5,000 gallons of water from going down the drain.
- Stop throwing away so many batteries. The mercury in old batteries will eventually leak out and poison the water it runs into. What can you do?
- Buy rechargeable alkaline batteries. They can be charged 25 times. That means 25 batteries you didn't have to buy and throw away.

Finding a Cure for Cancer

Every May, the Cure Foundation, on the **Tuesday following Mother's Day promotes a National Denim Day**. In showing support for the Cure, Redstone will be participating in Denim Day on Tuesday May 13th. Our girls' club, S.W.A.G, will be sending home a donation form which can be coloured and brought back to school with a \$1.00 or \$2.00 donation attached. Students who donate and wear denim on May 13th will receive a small thank you token to commemorate their support for the Cure. Donation forms will be given out the first week of May. Thank you for your support!

April was Autism Awareness Month

Thanks to all the families who supported the Autism Awareness Campaign. We raised \$ 685! The money raised is going to Autism Speaks which is an organization that focuses on awareness, research, advocacy and family services. We hope your children will use their “Autism Speaks, Redstone is Listening” bookmarks with pride knowing that they helped a good cause.

Facts About Autism—Did You Know?

- Autism now affects 1 in 68 children
- Boys were almost 5 times more likely to be identified with ASD than girls
- Most children identified with ASD were not diagnosed until after age 4, even though children can be diagnosed as early as age 2

(Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, March 2014)



Not everyone thinks the way you do, knows the things you know, believes the things you believe, nor acts the way you would act. Remember this and you will go a long way in getting along with people. ~Arthur Forman

Class Placement Requests

It is time once again when schools begin the process of organizing classrooms for September. All class placement decisions are made after extensive planning, preparation, and discussion on the part of many people. As a team, we work hard at placing students in the most appropriate learning environment possible, taking into account many factors, including students’ learning styles”, personality traits, social dynamics and gender, to develop balanced classes that reflect the diversity of our community, and allow the variety of interests and talents of our students to emerge.

If you would like to share information about how your child learns best, please put this in writing addressed to the office by April 25th. Each new year brings opportunities for all students to expand their circle of friends. For this reason, class placement decisions based on friendships **will not** be considered. As well, please **do not** ask for a particular teacher. Teaching assignments see continual adjustments, often into the summer months. As always, we appreciate your understanding as we work together for the benefit of all of our students.

Children's Mental Health Week May 4 - 9, 2014

*The York Centre
Coffee & Conversation Series
May 5 - 8, 2014*

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families is hosting a series of workshops for interested parents and other community members. The workshops are free of charge, but **you do need to register in advance for each workshop you would like to attend.**

The format of the evenings will be structured, but informal. Each evening will include a presentation, discussion, coffee and goodies, not necessarily in that order.

TO REGISTER, please go online to the Eventbrite website using the link listed below each topic. Choose one only for each evening.

Dates: May 5-8, 2014 **Cost:** Free
Time: starting from 6:30 p.m.
Place: The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families
11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill (1.5 kilometres north of Elgin Mills on the east side)
905-887-5896

Monday, May 5: 6:30-8:00 p.m.	Attachment Based Parenting - Teens http://tyc141.eventbrite.com Art Therapy (presented in Farsi) http://tyc142.eventbrite.com Therapeutic Use of Hand Drumming http://tyc143.eventbrite.com	Presenters: Natasha Wakefield, MA, CCC Kim Cooper, MSW, RSW Presenter: Mah Ostad, MA, OACCPP Presenter: John Ciccone, CYW
Tuesday, May 6: 6:30-8:00 p.m.	Theraplay http://tyc144.eventbrite.com Parenting Your Anxious Child http://tyc145.eventbrite.com	Presenter: Jaana Lempinen, CYW Presenter: Jennifer Scott, SSW
Wednesday, May 7: 6:30-8:00 p.m.	De-escalating Crisis in the Home http://tyc146.eventbrite.com	Presenter: Bruce Johnson, CYW
Thursday, May 8: 6:30-9:30 p.m.	safeTALK training http://tyc147.eventbrite.com	Presenter: Michelle Cassidy, Mental Health Lead, YRDSB

Workshop Descriptions on reverse side.



Grade 8 Parents - Save the Date!

Grade 8 Graduation will take place on **Wednesday, June 25** at **the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club**. Additional details will be sent home soon.

Gauss Math Contest

Each spring, the University of Waterloo gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their math skills on two separate tests that are geared towards grade seven and eight students. On Wednesday, May 14, seventy-three Redstone students will be participating in the Gauss Math Test, and some of these students are only in grade five. Good luck to all participants!

EQAO - Grade 3 and Grade 6

A reminder that grade 3 students will be participating in the EQAO assessment from Tuesday, May 22 through to Tuesday, May 29 (Periods 1& 2). Grade 6 students will be participating in the EQAO assessment from Tuesday May 29 through to Tuesday June 5 (Periods 1& 2). We encourage parents to avoid any appointments and ensure that students arrive promptly to school during this time so that the assessment can be successfully completed by all individuals.

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.