



January 2016



Administrators' Message

Happy New Year! On behalf of all staff we would like to welcome you all back to an exciting start to 2016!

With the New Year comes a new beginning for us all. New hope, new goals and new expectations are always a part of a resolution that many of us make. Students should be included - encouraged - to set academic and social goals for themselves. Setting high expectations is part of this process, but the expectations must be achievable as we move forward. As a staff, we also continue to reflect on our practice and set goals for improvement. In the next several months, we will be reviewing our school data and school improvement plan and we will continue our professional learning journey. We are excited about consolidating our own professional learning to better meet the needs of our students.

We wish to remind students and parents of Redstone Public School that we believe that children learn better when they receive regular intervals of exercise and fresh air. We send the children out for either a full or a shortened recess in everything but the most inclement weather. We keep a close eye on all weather conditions, including wind chill before making our decisions. When conditions necessitate, we may decide that students remain inside for recess. *We ask that children are appropriately dressed for the weather*: warm hat, gloves, scarf, coat, pants and boots at this time of year. Generally, if students are well enough to attend school, then they will be expected to go outside for recess.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment in helping prepare your child for learning in a safe, comfortable and enjoyable manner.

Wendy Thompson
Principal

Jean Rudman
Vice-Principal

In appreciation of.....

our wonderful Designated Early Childhood Educators. They work in partnership with our Kindergarten teachers to enrich the lives of all our youngest students!

(L to R) : Ms. Visvalingam, Ms. Jaffer, Ms. Mirahmadi, and Ms. Ciccone



School Website

www.redstone.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Superintendent: Rita Russo

905-884-4477

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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 ATTEN-

DANCE LINE. If the voicemail is full, send an email to:

redstone.ps@yrdsb.ca

Safety Is Our First Priority



In the event of busses being cancelled.....

To ensure the safety of students, **school bus service may be cancelled** 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 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.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.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be 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 6:00 a.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 CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB and YCDSB on twitter.

Thank you and Congratulations

Santa's Helpers

In December, a group of Gr. 5 students in Mr. Stoddart's class started a fundraiser called 'Santa's Helpers'. The fundraiser sold nut free treats, crocheted ornaments, and raffle tickets for an incredible candy cane tree. The group was very proud to raise over \$300! All proceeds from the sale will be donated to Sick Kids' Hospital. Thank you for your caring of others.



Gift Drive

Thank you to everyone for all their support of the 2nd Annual Redstone Gift Drive. Over 100 gifts were collected during the course of the Drive. As a result, Redstone will be donating \$310.00 to the Ronald McDonald House Charity. Thank you students and Ms. Binicki and Ms. Dietrich.



Food Bank Donations

A sincere thank you to the Redstone Community for your participation in our annual food drive. Over 20 bins of food were delivered. Mr. Hynd and Mr. Inglis made several trips to the food bank to donate food on our behalf.



Respect Award Recipients

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

JK/SK— Ryan, Chloe C, Jayden, Acenzio, Ayaan, Ethan, Elaine, Darren, Ryan K, Katelyn

Grade 1— Vidya, Andrew, Jessica

Grade 2— Edward, Anoushka, Armaan, Adrian, Smitri

Grade 3— Selina, Stanley, Bill F

Grade 4— Selena, Madison, Rukshan, Rodney

Grade 5— Lucas B, Marianna L

Grade 6— Mariyeh, Rachel, Cherry, Nathan

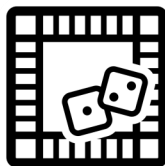
Grade 7— David, Amanda, Athi, Prina, Ali

Grade 8— Mariram, Iliya K

School Council Partnership

Thank you to Yvette Nazarian and the School Council for providing exciting more indoor recess games to our classrooms. The students enjoyed unwrapping the bright gifts.

Also a big thank you to Yvette and her team of volunteers to make the Fundscrip fundraiser such a success.



.....More Appreciations



Before the snow flew, staff, students and parents were busy cleaning up the main entrance of Redstone Public School. This area was in great need for restoration and a facelift. Much weeding, spreading of ground cover, and thoughtful placement of STONES of inspiration was done. Way to go Redstone Community!!



School Cash ONLINE
www.schoolcashionline.com



Redstone Public School is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- **A convenient fee payment option that saves time**
- **Reduces paper**
- **No more need to send cash or cheques to school**
- **A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.**

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

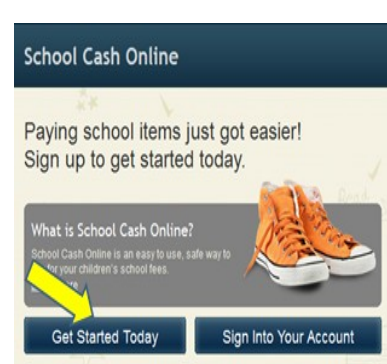
Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!

Step 1: Register

Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <http://redstone.ps.yrdsb.ca/> and select the **"Get Started Today"** button.

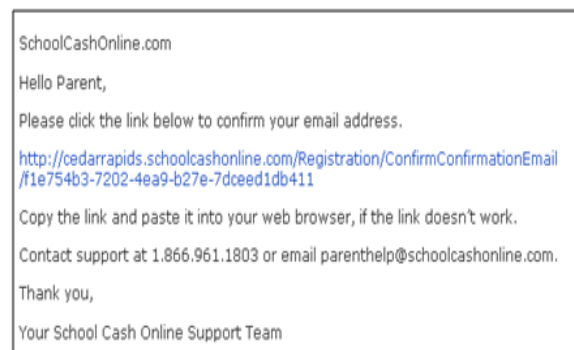
Complete each of the three Registration Steps

***For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED

This step will connect your children to your account.

Enter the School Board Name

Enter the School Name

Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name

Select **Continue**

On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**

Your child has been added to your account

A screenshot of the "Find Student" form. It has three steps: 1. Type in the School Board name and select one from the list. It shows "York Region District School Board" selected. 2. Select a school. It shows a dropdown menu with "Select school..." and a "se-" label to the right. 3. Enter student information. It has fields for "Student Number" and "Last Name", both with red asterisks. At the bottom, there is a "Continue" button and a link "(No students? Click here)".

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.

Would you enjoy **Collaboratively** learning the Ontario curriculum through **the Arts?**

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an **Elementary Integrated Arts Program** at **Baythorn Public School**. If you are currently in grades **four or five** you may

apply for the **arts@baythorn program**, where you will have the opportunity to explore the

disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a **cooperative learning environment**.

To learn more about the arts@baythorn program, you and your family are invited to attend

an information evening at Baythorn Public School on:

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Applications will be available at **bit.ly/arts_application2016**
online after January 13th, 2016.

If you require further information, please call us at

Baythorn Public School

(905) 889-7992.

Kate Kurek
Principal

Meytal Daniels
The Arts Team Vice Principal

Kindergarten News

Junior Kindergarten Registration

On January 15th, at 9:00 am, registration begins for new students born in 2012 who reside within the Redstone Public School boundary. If your child is currently attending school at Redstone you do NOT need to re-register your child. Please visit the Board website to review the registration documentation required.

Senior Kindergarten Parents Interested in French Immersion for their child

French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. Your designated FI school is Michaëlle Jean Public School, 320 Shirley Drive, Richmond Hill. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2016 for any additional information (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>).

FI registration will begin January 15, 2016, after 8:30 am. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in September 2016, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the current school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school where your child attends Senior Kindergarten. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Michaëlle Jean Public School to register between January 15 and February 12, 2016. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

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3	4	5 Grade 2 Outdoor Education Trip	6 Pizza Lunch	7 Grade 7 Outdoor Education trip	8	9
10	11 Grade 4 Outdoor Education Trip Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations	12	13 Pizza Lunch Gr. 2 Scientist in the school Grade 8 course selection for RGSS	14 Gr. 2 Scientist in the school	15 PA Day Kindergarten Registration Day	16
17	18	19	20 Pizza Lunch	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Pizza Lunch- Character Assembly- Optimism Jr. Mixed Volleyball Tourney	28	29	30
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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;