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Administrators' Message

We would like to welcome everyone back to school for the 2018-2019 school year. A particularly warm welcome to our new Kindergarten families, as well as new families to the Redstone Community. We hope that you had a wonderful summer, taking full advantage of the longer days. Excitement has definitely been in the air as our staff prepared the school for this new academic year. Special thanks to our caretaking staff for their many hours throughout the summer to get the school looking amazing!

We welcome back Ms Kathir who will be teaching a Grade 1/2 class for Ms. Inglis.

It is understandable that "Courage" is our Character Trait for the month of September as we demonstrate it in so many ways as we begin a new school year. For students, September always brings a mixed bag of emotions as we begin the school year. Enthusiasm about learning new things, excitement about re-connecting with friends, nervousness around meeting new teachers or worry about achieving higher expectations – these are all normal feelings that children may experience as the school year begins. As parents/guardians, it is important to validate these feelings, but also to reassure your child that these emotions are part of a new challenge, and that there are many people to support him/her along the way. We need to remember that every school year is a new journey, full of ups and downs. The key to success lies in believing in ourselves and having the courage to handle the challenges ahead. We also need to remind ourselves that we are never alone and there are many who can help us to face the challenges!

Your partners in education,

W. Thompson
Principal

S. Small
Vice-Principal

Office Hours: 8:30-4:30

If your child will be absent
or late please use your

EDSBY account to log the
absence

or you can call our
24 hour voicemail system.
AT 905-508-1073

AND PRESS 2 TO LEAVE A
MESSAGE ON THE ATTENDANCE

Email: www.redstone.ps@yrdsb.ca

This will be our **final** newsletter.
Please keep up to date with all the
exciting things happening at
Redstone P.S. through our website:
www.redstone.ps@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

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I will stand up for my beliefs and principles and face challenges, fear and difficulty with fortitude.

Courage doesn't always ROAR.
Sometimes courage is the *quiet voice* at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow."

- Mary Anne Radmacher

Important Information for Parent Volunteers

York Region District School Board procedure requires that all parent volunteers who come to help out in the school (i.e., in the classroom, on trips, etc.) require a valid Police Check including the Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) along with a completed Offence Declaration form. Both forms will be kept in the school office and are in compliance with YRDSB procedure NP 280-Volunteers in our Schools.

Parents...Get Involved and Join the School Council!

- The School Council acts as an advisory committee to the Principal and is actively involved in supporting the school. Meetings are held to discuss school plans, set goals and to provide advice to the school administration. All parents are welcome to attend School Council meetings. Please come out to the first meeting on Monday October 1st at 7pm in the library. If you are interested in serving on the 2018-2019 Redstone School Council, please complete the Self-Nomination Form which you will find in the "School Start Up Package". Deliver the completed form to the School Office by Friday September 21st. If we receive 15 or less nomination forms, the Council will be considered acclaimed and we will meet on Monday October 1st. If more than 15 nominations are received, an election to select members will be held. Ballots will be sent home on Thursday, September 27th (one per family) and can be to school by the latest by Friday, September 28th. New members will begin their term on Monday, October 1st at the School Council Meeting. At our first official meeting, elections will be held for the Executive positions: president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Please join us!

Medication

Thank you to all parents who have promptly returned medical forms and medication for your child/ren. The Board policy states that those students who require an Epi-Pen carry their Epi-Pen on them in a "fanny pack" at all times during the day (as age appropriate). This also includes on the bus coming to school and going home. It is mandatory that the school office has an extra Epi-Pen that is kept in the health room. Parents are asked to bring the extra Epi-Pen to school as soon as possible along with the required medical forms completely filled out.



Allergies

There are children and staff who have life threatening allergies. In order to ensure the health and wellbeing of these individuals, we have a Peanut/Nut Sensitive Policy in our school. We need the understanding and commitment of everyone in our community. Please take the time to read ingredient labels carefully. This will help to ensure that our students, staff and visitors remain free from exposure to nut products and help avoid the possibility of a medical emergency.

Equity Alert – Food at School!

Due to students with extreme food allergies and in fostering an equitable learning environment, no food products for birthdays as well as fast food purchases for lunch (i.e., McDonald's etc.) will be allowed into classrooms. Thank you for your cooperation and efforts at inspiring healthy eating habits for our children.

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Recording School Events and Privacy

School events and performances are wonderful experiences during which your child has the opportunity to showcase his/her talents and achievements. The photographs and videos you capture will provide memories for a lifetime. To protect the privacy of others, please do not post personal photos or videos in public, such as on YouTube or Facebook. Even if your Facebook account is private only to friends, that still infringes upon the privacy of others such as parents, staff and particularly students whose images appear in your photos without their permission or knowledge.

A message from our School Trustee

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.
Carol Chan



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 schoolbuscity.com to verify bussing for your child(ren).

STSYR works closely with school bus operators to help ensure safe, reliable transportation is provided to students. Occasionally service times may be disrupted for various reasons. As a result, parents and students are encouraged to review the Late Bus Report at <http://net.schoolbuscity.com/latebus>

Eco Corner

RSPS is continuing the process of being an Eco Certified School. Our mandate is to work together as a school and a community to reduce, reuse and recycle to create a safe and eco-friendly environment for our children and the children of the future. We continue to think of innovative ways to reduce the amount of waste and energy consumed at our school.

We continue to support [boomerang lunches](#) (children bring home any uneaten food or food wrap so that you can see what they've eaten at school and ensures that food doesn't end up in the garbage or compost) and our school recycling program.

As well, we would like to reduce the amount of paper that is sent out to the community. In our conscious effort to reduce the amount of garbage that enters our landfills on a yearly basis we will be doing our part in conservation by emailing our monthly newsletter to parents and posting it on the Redstone P.S. website. To help us with this, please register your family's email address by going to: www.redstone.ps.yrdsb.ca



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Staff Directory

Class Code	Staff Name	Room # / Ext.
K12 A	Helen Coetzee & Daniel Spinello (DECE)	130
K12B	Albert Janzen & Bilkis Jaffer (DECE)	125
K12C	Johanna Gertzbein & Samareh Mirahmadi (DECE)	124
SK/1		128
1A	Sharon Blumenthal	110
1B	Jennifer Hotchkiss	111
1/2A	Archana Kathir	112
2A	Robert Hynd	117
2B	Andrea Zonni	113
3A	Kim Short	216
3B	Jennifer Wainberg	116
4A	Robyn Alvarez	204
4/5A	Doug Inglis	223
4/5B	Alisha Cookson	202
5A	Nancy Richter	206
6A	Rob Grey	221
6B	Howie Horowitz	220
6C	Mark Stoddart	222
7A	Elvira Clark	214
7B	Steve Barwin	210
8A	Jordana Ciani	217
8B	Mete Mangaloglu	208
Primary Community Class	Amy Getzler	119
Jr. & Int. Community Class	Jennifer Montgomery	209
Primary/Junior SERT	Ashley Aylett	224
Intermediate SERT	Anderson Dixon	213
ELL	Arthur Au Yeung	115
Prep Coverage	Abina Thayanithi	115
Music	Gail Evans	114
Library & Reading Recovery	Ronda Dietrich	103
Literacy Support	Caroline Dawn	103
Visual Arts	Linda Binicki	103
French	Megan Atkinson	211
French	Jenna Armeland	211
Educational Assistants / Child & Youth Workers	Sharon Hildebrandt, Amanda Kanji, Amanda Hinves, Maro Tsanas, Winnie Yeung, Soudabeh Mansoori	
Caretakers	Aaron Van Gramberg	
Office Administrators	Sukaina Nasser & Sonia Coppolella	150, 151
Administration	Wendy Thompson & Shauna Small	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labour Day	4 First Day of School	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Welcome Assemblies Curriculum Night @ 6pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 P.A. Day – No school for students	25	26	27 Terry Fox Run	28 Orange Day Terry Fox (raindate)	29
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