



December 2014

**Redstone**



# Redstone Review

## Administrators' Message

December is a time for being grateful for what we have and a time for giving. It is that time of year again when we have our annual holiday food drive in support of the **Richmond Hill Community Food Bank**. Recent statistics indicate that more and more families and children, including those living in suburban area of the GTA, such as our own, are turning to food banks to meet their basic needs. Here is our opportunity to help. During the next two weeks, students are encouraged to bring in healthy non-perishable items like pasta, canned veggies, powdered milk, beans, or baby food. All food collected will be delivered to our local food bank to help those families that may need some help over the holidays. Thank you in advance for your support of a very important community organization.

To kick off the holiday season, we will be having **5 Days of Holiday Cheer!** During the last week of school in December, we encourage all students to participate in our daily fun.

Monday December 15 - **Holiday Sweater Day** and Holiday Kick Off Assembly

Tuesday December 16 - **Winter Hat Day** and Sing-a-long (pm)

Wednesday December 17 - **Pajama Day**

Thursday December 18 - Primary Electives (am) Sing-A-long (pm)

Friday December 19 - **Red/Green/White Day**

It's a time of celebration for many cultures and religions. What is most interesting about the celebrations of these different faiths is the commonalities. These celebrations are time for families to gather and remember their traditions. Special decorations festoon their homes and traditional meals are enjoyed. Family and friends exchange gifts and participate in special rituals such as attending religious services or singing seasonal songs. Although we have our differences, families around the world all celebrate and value family, friends and traditions. Wishing you and your family happiness and peace during this time of year.

**Diana Dal Bello and Jennifer Anderson**



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## School Council's Successful Donation Drive



The annual Donation Drive wrapped up last week and it was a great success.

**\$5,482** was raised through your very generous donations. Thank you! Many great prizes were raffled off during the donation. Staff and families were also very generous in providing incentive prizes which greatly encouraged participation during the Donation Drive. All students have won an extended recess, 2 homework free nights and also a photo with classmates in our "photo booth". Congratulations to Aparna in Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Richter's class who will invite 3 friends to have lunch on the roof with Ms. Dal Bello and Ms. Anderson (when the

weather gets nicer, of course!). Along with these prizes many gift cards and gift baskets were won by Redstone students. And of course, Mrs. Class are the winners of an ice cream sundae party for having raised the most classroom money.

The money raised during this Donation Drive will be used to purchase more laptops for our classrooms and also support programs coming into our school such as Jungle Sport coming to our gym in March. Next council meeting is Monday December 8th, 7 pm in the library. Join us!

*The best teachers are those who show you where to look  
but don't tell you what to see*

### EQAO Dates

A reminder to all parents who have students in grades 3 and 6. This year the dates for the Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics will take place between May 25 to June 5, 2015. Advanced notice of these dates are given to ensure that students are in attendance during this time. Please avoid scheduling appointments during this time.

### Grade 2's Trip To VORC

The grade 2's had a fun-filled day of outdoor education at Vivian Outdoor Resource Centre. All bundled up, we ventured into the woods to learn about animals. The children were thrilled to become parents of a new baby cub (a small stuffed toy). They made a den for their babies and gathered food to keep the family alive over the long winter months. The students were also busy learning about animal groups and mapping. A wonderful day was had by all!





## Grade 7 Students Visit VORC

The grade 7 students recently attended the Vivian Outdoor Resource Center (VORC) and enjoyed seeing nature up close and personal, as they took part in The Amazing Survival Race.

This completely redesigned program challenged students to think about how prepared they were to deal with a real emergency situation, such as a natural disaster, severe weather event (like our recent ice storm), or prolonged power outages. Teams of students raced across the Vivian property in their version of “The Amazing Race”, trying to complete their own emergency kit before time ran out. Problem-solving and communication skills were emphasized and put to the test, and the grade 7’s rose to the challenge!

The students will be introduced to the Canadian Government’s “72 Hours Be Prepared” campaign, which encourages all Canadian families to construct a family emergency kit, and we encourage all families to have an open conversations about what to do in an emergency situation at home, and to start building emergency kits to be prepared should this occur.



## Students Demonstrating Responsibility

**JK/SK** - Danbi, Heleyna, Daisy L, Kristopher J., Victoria L, Mia, Katelyn, Mila, Benjamin, Ryan

**Gr. 1**– Lakshman, Armaan A.

**Gr. 2** - Sorina, Robert, Ivana, Chloe, Eshani

**Gr. 3** - Grace Z., Isabella, Jasmine, Selena, Amaan

**Gr. 4** - Ilina, Marlo, Marcus

**Gr. 5** - Ava B

**Gr. 6** - Ethan L., Kelly Z., Jacky, Grace T.

**Gr. 7** - Narges K, Missy, Arthur, Reena

**Gr. 8**– Eva, Amir, William



## Take Note...

**Intermediates to RGSS for musical**

**December 8**

**School Council Meeting  
7 pm**

**December 8**

**Grade 6s VIP**

**December 10**

**RGSS Panel Visit—Gr 8s**

**December 11**

**5 Days of Holiday Cheer**

**December 15 to 19**

**Wear a Holiday Sweater  
Holiday Kick-off Assembly**

**December 15**

**Winter Hat Day  
Holiday Sing-A-Long**

**December 16**

**Wear your Pajamas Day  
Character Assembly  
(Respect) 9:15 am**

**December 17**

**Winter Electives  
(primary)**

**Holiday Sing-A-Long**

**December 18**

**Wear Red/Green/White  
Day**

**Junior Skating Trip  
Intermediate Dance**

**December 19**

**Winter Break**

**December 22—January 2**

**See you back to school on  
January 5th 2015!**

## Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 16, 2015

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

## French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Michaelle Jean P.S. on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2015, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to [school name] to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

## Grade 3's Trip to Pioneer Village

The grade 3's travelled back in time to the pioneer days. They enjoyed a fun filled day living and learning about the life of a pioneer child. The students worked in the home - churning butter, cleaning the floors, dusting, baking and practicing cursive with a quill pen. They were busy in the workshop - carving spoons, weaving and drilling holes. It was also exciting to explore the village and discover what life was like! It was a great day and an excellent launch to our studies in class!



## Redstone on Ice!

In support of our physical education program and healthy school initiative, our junior students and teachers (gr. 4 - 6) will be making two walking trips to the Tom Graham Arena at Richmond Green for a morning of skating fun. We have the rink booked for 2 hours on the mornings of Fri. Dec. 19 and Thurs. Jan. 22, with classes walking up Redstone Road to the arena following morning announcements and returning by lunch. Students are required to bring skates and a CSA approved helmet. Please note that rental skates are not available at the rink. Parent volunteers are most certainly welcome to come for a skate and supervise students on the ice (and help tie and untie skate laces!).

For those students who do not currently own skates, used skates can be purchased at *Play It Again Sports* on Yonge St. at 16th Avenue. We also have a few pairs of skates at the school that have been donated that can be shared, or students may arrange to share skates that belong to a classmate. We would greatly appreciate any families that have old skates that no longer fit their children to please donate them to our school 'skate bank' for current and future students to use. Thank you in advance.

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*"work for a cause, not for applause. live life to express, not to impress"*

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## Santa Shuffle—5 km Run for the Salvation Army

On Saturday December 6, staff students and parents headed up to Newmarket to participate in a 5km run in support of the Salvation Army. Mr. Hynd was the lead organizer of this event, running with the cross country team every Tuesday and Thursday mornings, leading up to the run in Newmarket. Staff and parents also joined in to support a great cause! Thanks to Mrs. Evans and her son, Chris, who captured the wonderful memories on film.



## Lost and Found Items

It's that time of year! Please have your child check the lost and found area. All the clothing and other lost items will be placed on tables outside of the library and in the upstairs hall. Any articles that are not collected by the end of December will be donated to a charitable organization.

## Volleyball

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls and Boys Volleyball teams for playing some good volleyball and winning a game or two in the area tournament. The girls and boys demonstrated perseverance, team work and Roadrunner awesomeness! Great thanks goes to Ms. Aylett, Mr. Barwin, Mr. Horowitz and Mr. Mangaloglu for their hard work and dedication in preparing the girls and boys for the tournaments. Thanks for your time and commitment to coaching the team.

## Lunch Assistants Needed

If you are interested in working as a Lunch Assistant during the lunch hour, please contact Mrs. Muench in the office. We need persons who are available every day between 12:50 and 1:50 to supervise students during the lunch period.

## Message From Our Trustee

As we near the end of 2014, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school. Partnerships with families are essential to student achievement and well-being, and to creating a caring and supportive learning environment in which students can thrive.

There are many ways for families to get involved – from volunteering with the school and getting involved with the school council to attending school events, communicating with your child's teacher and supporting learning at home. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference.

Earlier this year, the Board of Trustees reviewed and revised our Multi-Year Plan, the plan which guides system direction. The plan continues to have a sharp focus on student achievement and well-being, the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs and the stewardship of Board resources.

Thanks to your support and the hard work and commitment of our staff, students, families and community partners, we continue to move forward in achieving our goals. As an elected trustee and an advocate for high quality public education, I am committed to ensuring the highest quality public education possible for our students and their families.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to the new year. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

Carol Chan  
Trustee