



**January 2015**

**Redstone**



# Redstone Review

## Administrators' Message

It was our pleasure to welcome back the students this past week! The New Year has brought a great deal of excitement to the halls of our school. It is so nice to see the children's smiling faces and to hear the wonderful stories they have to tell of their holidays. January is a great time to reflect on our goals, and celebrate our successes over the past year, as well as to set new goals for 2015. This is a good time to remind your child(ren) about their strengths and what they are most successful in. It is also a good time to remind them about a couple of areas that need improving and encourage them to set goals. Identifying areas of needed growth can make positive changes in a students' performance and achievement. On behalf of the school staff, we wish you a wonderful New Year.

As we move forward in the coming winter months, families are reminded to send their children to school well-prepared for cold weather conditions. Snow pants, mitts, hats, scarves and boots are key ingredients to safely enjoying cold weather conditions at Redstone P.S!

Also, please be reminded that Term 1 Report Cards will be going home to families February 18th, 2015. Please feel free to contact the school at any time to discuss your child's academic achievement and next steps for further growth. A strong partnership between the families and the school serves the interests the children in our care most effectively!

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

**Transportation Services**

**1-866-287-7837**

**Website: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)**

## Report Cards

On February 18, 2015, the First Term Provincial Report Card will be sent home with your child(ren). Information about the report card is available in 22 different languages at the following website:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parentsreportCard.html>.

If you have any questions about your child's report card, please feel free to contact the homeroom teacher.

## School Council



Happy New Year! We are always looking for parent volunteers. Please join us for our next meeting which will be held on Monday, February 9th at 7:00 pm in the library.

The Milk Program will be running again for the next term. Your child could have some healthy nutritious milk every day. Be sure to fill out the order forms that were sent out last week and return them to the school by the due date.



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*Every child deserves a CHAMPION—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be ~ Rita F. Pierson*

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## Enjoying Recess Outdoors

If you are too sick to go out for recess then you are too sick to attend school. It is an expectation at Redstone that if your child attends school then they must go outside at the recess breaks. Supervision is not available in classrooms or the office during these times of the day. Exceptions are made for students with injuries that restrict mobility. On severe weather days with extreme wind chill temperatures or a cold weather alert, we use judgment to shorten the length of time spent outdoors

## School Bus Cancellation

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and /or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/ transportation arrangements. Please note, when buses are cancelled in the morning they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by their parents in the morning will need to be picked-up by their parents in the afternoon. Parents, students and school staff are asked to access 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 AM 93.1 FM 94.9 FM, 95.9 FM 97.3  
FM 98.1 AM 99.1 AM 99.9 FM 101.1 FM 102.1 FM 104.5 FM 100.7 FM  
107.1 FM

Television:

City TV, The A-Channel, CFTO TV, CP24, Global News

Internet:

A bus cancellation message will also be available at:

[www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

**\*\*Also it is very important to call the school to let them know if you are keeping your child home for the day**

## Redstone Photo Booth

As an incentive for reaching the \$5,000 Donation Drive goal, students had fun getting their photo taken at the Redstone “Photo Booth”. Staff and students enjoyed using the fun props and smiling big for the camera! The photos are especially fun because it was also Pajama Day. Thank you to all the families who generously supported the Donation Drive!



## School Hours - Be At School on Time!

For those of you choosing to drive your child to school, please note that staff are on supervision duty starting at 8:50 a.m. Therefore, it is very important that students be dropped-off at the school no earlier than 8:50 a.m. each day. Further, it is important that students are picked-up by parents at the end of the school day by 3:30 p.m.

Setting an example from an early age is important and that means arriving to school on time is a must! Once in a while we all have those days when things aren't going right and lateness does happen.

These practices will ensure that students are safely monitored by staff while they are at school. Please feel free to contact the school should you have any questions; thank you for your attention to this important matter!

## Search and Seizure

As per the protocol between the York Region District School Board and the York Regional Police, please be aware of the right of school administration to search school property, such as lockers, desks and backpacks, without notice to or permission of any person. Also, from time to time, police may be invited onto any school premises to conduct their own searches without notice to or permission of any member of the school community other than the school principal.

## Take Note...

**Swim to Survive—grade 3**  
January 15

**PA Day—no school for students**  
January 16

**Junior Skating Trip**  
January 22

**Swim to Survive—grade 3**  
January 22

**Character Assembly 9:15**  
January 27

**Toronto Symphony Orchestra Trip—gr 1 to 3**  
January 27

**Junior mixed volleyball areas**  
January 28

**Swim to Survive—grade 3**  
January 29

**Toronto Symphony Orchestra Trip—kindergarten**  
January 30



## Boomerang Lunches

At Redstone, as part of our environmental focus, we encourage all students to bring a litter-less lunch to school everyday. Using reusable drink and sandwich containers positively impacts on our world reducing the amount of waste we produce. To encourage a decrease in waste, we will be supporting boomerang lunches this year (as in the past) which means that students will return any garbage from their lunch back home.

## 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.

## Parent's January Check up

- ☐ When my child is sick or will be away from school for any other reason, I call the school and report their absence
- ☐ My child arrives to school between 8:50 and 9:10 a.m. every morning (not before or after this time)
- ☐ I drop my child off at the Drop Off Zones and not at the Front Entrance
- ☐ When I enter the school, I report to the front office
- ☐ If my child does not have their lunch with them in the morning, I drop off the lunch between 12:30 and 12:45 which is the lunch drop off time



## Be Food Safe in packing lunches

Keep your children safe by using these four simple food safety steps when preparing and packing your child's lunch and snacks:

**CLEAN:** Wash your hands before preparing food. Wash all fruits and vegetables (even pre-washed or those with skins or rinds) under cool running water. Wash lunch bags and storage containers every day.

**CHILL:** Use an insulated lunch bag with ice packs to ensure that food is kept cold at 4°C (40°F) or below. Refrigerate foods prepared ahead of time until packing the lunch.

**COOK:** Use an insulated thermal container to keep lunches hot at 60°C (140°F) or above. Bring soups to a rolling boil and stir prior to packing in lunch bag (thermal container).

**SEPARATE:** Store lunches above and away from any raw meat, poultry or seafood in the fridge. Throw out any hazardous food (e.g. cheese, sandwiches, yogurt) that has returned home in the lunch bag.

For more information about creating a healthy school environment, visit [www.nutritiontoolsforschools.ca](http://www.nutritiontoolsforschools.ca)



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