



November 2013

Redstone



Roadrunners

Redstone Review

November has arrived and it is winding up to be a busy month. October has been a productive month for both students and teachers. During our Professional Activity Day on October 22nd, the staff took time to review student data and determine focus areas for our School Improvement Plan (SIP). We will continue to focus on improving literacy as well as mathematics. Our SIP will also include goals and strategies connected to Equity, Healthy Schools, ECO and Parent Engagement.

Later in the month your child will be receiving their Progress Report. Please take the time to review this report with your child. It will give you important information, not only on how your child is doing in curricular areas, but also in learning skills. We encourage you to look carefully at the learning skills as these are the skills that help students to be successful in school. It's a great time to discuss successes (and be sure to point out all the positive accomplishments). And it is also a good time to set some goals for improvement.

And again, we wanted to thank you, the parents, for continuing to follow our parking lot rules. One of the things we are finding is that the parking lot gets congested right at bell time (9:10). Please try to arrive a little earlier so that we may reduce the congestion right at the bell.

Looking forward to seeing many of you during our Student Led Conferences on November 14 & 15.

To those of you celebrating Diwali, Diwali ki Haardik Shubhkamnae . We wish you happiness, peace and prosperity!

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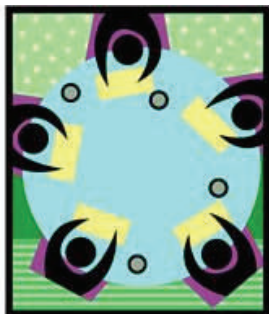
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News from the School Council



The School Council held its first meeting in October. During this time, the executive council was elected. Redstone's 2013-14 Executive Council is :

Co- Chairs: Karren Lee and Jeff Young

Secretary : Sarah Raza

Treasurer: Walton Raja

Voting Members: Linga Easwaran, Connie Lai, Grace Yan Ruyu, Howard Shin, Erin Xiang, Jaclyn Zhang and teacher representative, Doug Inglis.

At this first meeting Doug Inglis (teacher rep) updated parents on the many happenings at Redstone. We reviewed Redstone's EQAO scores and talked as a Council as to possible plans for the new school year. The minutes from this meeting will soon be posted on our school website and also on the white board outside of the office. Please consider joining us at our next meeting on Monday November 4th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed!

IF WE COULD LOOK INTO EACH OTHER'S HEARTS AND UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES EACH OF US FACES, I THINK WE WOULD TREAT EACH OTHER MUCH MORE GENTLY, WITH MORE PATIENCE, LOVE, TOLERANCE AND CARE ~Marvin J. Ashton

Students Demonstrating "Empathy" in October

JK/SK— Hannah L., Jueun C., Autra S., Cyrus W., Ella L., Graham L., Sydney W., Smriti I., Aymaan A., Angela J., Katerina D., Emilie F.

Gr. 1 —Charley L., Oscar N.

Gr. 2 - Jonathan K., Isa D., Sarah J., Sara B.

Gr. 3 - Anish N., Jacob H.

Gr. 4— Meher C., Charlie Z., Riona R.

Gr. 5 - Kevin K., Angela K.

Gr. 6 - Sooriya R., Adin A.

Gr. 7 - Chang S.

Gr. 8 - Carter L., Jocelyn L., Vanessa D.



Remembrance Day Celebration at Redstone P.S.

On Monday November 11, at 10:10 we will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly. We will be welcoming a Veteran from the Memorial Project as a guest speaker. The primary choir will also be performing. Parents and family members are welcome. Thank you to Ms. Hancock for organizing this important ceremony.



What is Remembrance Day?

The **eleventh hour** of the **eleventh day** of the **eleventh month** marks the signing of the Armistice, on 11th November 1918, to signal the end of World War One. **Remembrance Day is on 11 November.** It is a special day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts. At one time the day was known as **Armistice Day** and was renamed **Remembrance Day** after the Second World War.



But Why a Poppy?

Throughout the world the poppy is associated with the remembrance of those who died in order that we may be free. Flanders is the name of the whole western part of Belgium. It saw some of the most concentrated and bloodiest fighting of the First World War. There was complete devastation. Buildings, roads, trees and natural life simply disappeared. Where once there were homes and farms there was now a sea of mud - a grave for the dead where men still lived and fought. Only one other living thing survived. The poppy flowering each year with the coming of the warm weather, brought life, hope, colour and reassurance to those still fighting.

Cross Country Results

On Wednesday October 9th, 69 members of our school's Cross Country team participated in the Area Cross Country Meet at Richmond Green. Our runners did extremely well. Our Grade 4 boys team placed 3rd overall in the area.

Qualifying members of our school's Cross Country team were invited to participate in the Regional Cross Country Meet at Bruce's Mill.

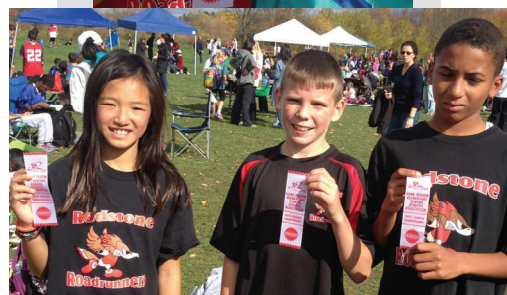
These students were:

Grade 4: Sina, Jeanue, Arian, Jibraan, Harjeevan

Grade 5: Tarra, Grace

Grade 6: Caleb, Jackson, Kayla

At the Regional Meet, Redstone showed its Roadrunner pride as we strived for our personal best. Our runners did a great job competing against students from all over York Region. Special thanks go out to all of the parents who came out and supported our team. Great job!



Progress Report and Report Card Time Lines

Most parents know that students now receive **one** Progress Report Card in November and **two** Provincial Report Cards, one in February and one in June. The **Progress Report** will be issued on Wednesday November 13. Student Led Conferences will be held the evening of Thursday November 14th and during the morning on Friday November 15th. This will provide you the opportunity to have discussion regarding your child's Learning Skills and of their general progress towards meeting the First Term expectations. Learning skills and work habits play a critical role in a student's achievement of the curriculum expectations. Information about a student's development of these skills and habits also provides a strong indication of the student's development as a self-directed learner.

The Learning Skills (with an example) are:

Responsibility - completes and submits class work, homework, and assignments according to agreed upon timelines

Organization - establishes priorities and manages time to complete tasks and achieve goals

Independent Work - follows instructions with minimal supervision

Collaboration - accepts various roles and an equitable share of work in a group

Initiative - approaches new tasks with a positive attitude

Self-Regulation - perseveres and makes an effort when responding to challenges

Term One Report Cards will be issued the week of February 10, 2014

Term Two Report Cards will be issued the week of June 23, 2014

Volleyball

The Sr. boys and girls volleyball teams have been working hard in preparation for a busy month of November ahead. Both teams will play in tournament and exhibition games over the course of the month in preparation for the area tournaments being held on November 25th and 26th. Special thanks to our coaches Mr. Horowitz and Mr. Mangaloglu for coaching the teams this season. Good luck to both teams.

Take Note...

Fall Ball Dance (gr. 7 & 8)

November 1

Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11

Progress Reports arrive home

November 13

Redstone's Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tournament

November 12

Student Reporting

November 14 & 15

Friday Schedule

November 14

Redstone's Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament

November 21

VIP program (gr 6)

November 21 & 28

VIP program (gr. 3,7, 8)

November 25

Intermediate Girls Area Volleyball

November 25

Intermediate Boys Area Volleyball

November 26

Anti-Bullying Week

November 17-23

Character Assembly (Responsibility)

November 27 @ 1:50

What Goes Into A Recycling Bin and What Doesn't?

Did you know..

- In North America, we produce enough garbage everyday, to fill 70,000 garbage trucks. Lined up bumper to bumper, over a year, they would stretch half way to the moon
- When our trash disappears off the curb it is buried in the ground where it can remain, unchanged for centuries
- Canadians take home more than 55 million plastic bags each week

Do your part to reduce garbage! Take the challenge and see if you know what can be recycled in our blue bins. Do you know what's in and what's out of a recycling bin? Check your knowledge by checking the chart below.



What's In?	What's Out ?
Aluminum foil	Foam trays
Books	Foil packets
Bottles (glass and plastic)	Plastic Bags
Bristol board	Plastic Lids from Jars
Brown paper bags	Plastic Wrap
Cans	Styrofoam
Cardboard boxes	Waxed paper cups
Coffee cups including lids	Artificial flowers and plants
Drink boxes (no straws)	Broken Dishes
Flyers	Bubble-wrap packaging
Magazines	Ceramics
Margarine tubs (with lids)	Cereal box liners
Milk carton	Medicine bottles (empty)
Newspaper	Metal bake ware
Paper towel rolls	Mirrors
Paper (not shredded)	Sandpaper
Tetra paks	Scissors
Tin cans	Styrofoam egg cartons
Toilet Paper Roll	Waxed cardboard

National Anti-Bullying Week November 17-23, 2013



Parenting Tips on Bullying (from Parenthood.com)

1. Encourage your children to report bullying incidents to you.

Validate your children's feelings by letting them know it's normal to feel hurt, sad, scared and angry.
Let them know they are right to report the incident and are not to blame.
Help your children be specific in describing bullying incidents.

2. Ask your children how they tried to stop the bullying.

3. Coach your children about possible alternatives.

Avoidance is often the best strategy.
Play in a different place.
Play a different game.
Stay near a supervising adult when bullying is likely to occur.
Look for ways to find new friends. Support your children by encouraging them to invite friends to play at your home or involve your child in activities outside of school.

4. Treat the school as your ally.

Share your children's concerns and specific information about bullying incidents with appropriate school personnel.
Work with school staff to protect your children from possible retaliation.
Establish a plan with the school and your children for dealing with future incidents.

5. Encourage your children to seek help and to report bullying incidents to someone they feel safe with at school, such as a teacher, counselor, principal or bus driver.

6. Use school personnel and other parents as resources for finding positive ways to encourage respectful behaviors at school.

Volunteer time to help supervise field trips, the playground or the lunchroom.
Become an advocate for school-wide bullying-prevention programs and policies.

7. Encourage your children to continue to talk to you about all bullying incidents.

Do not ignore your children's reports.
Do not advise your children to physically fight back.
Do not confront the child who bullies.
Do not confront the family of the child who bullies.

To insure good health: Eat lightly, breathe deeply, live moderately, cultivate cheerfulness and maintain an interest in life ~ William Londen

Making Redstone A Healthy School

This year at Redstone we are planning to broaden the Healthy Schools Initiative that is already in place to include active members within the student population, staff and community. In a healthy school the entire school community works together to help children and staff to make healthier choices at work and at play. Meaningful involvement from students, school staff, parents and community partners can help students build their skills and we plan on putting it all together this year! If you are interested in volunteering to be a member of the Redstone Healthy Schools Community please contact the office. ***It has been proven that healthy learners are better learners!***

Further information on the Healthy Schools Initiative can be found at:

www.york.ca/healthyschools

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/foundations.pdf>

High School Information Evenings

Bill Crothers Secondary School

Bill Crothers Secondary School (BCSS) is a system-wide school with a focus on healthy active living and sport. The school is open for Grade 9 to 12 students. Students and parents from across the region are invited to attend an information evening. Information will be shared regarding the vision, mission, schedule, programs, transfer policy and application process.

All information sessions will occur at Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main Street, Unionville, Ontario, L3R 2E4 from 7 – 8:30 in the cafetorium.

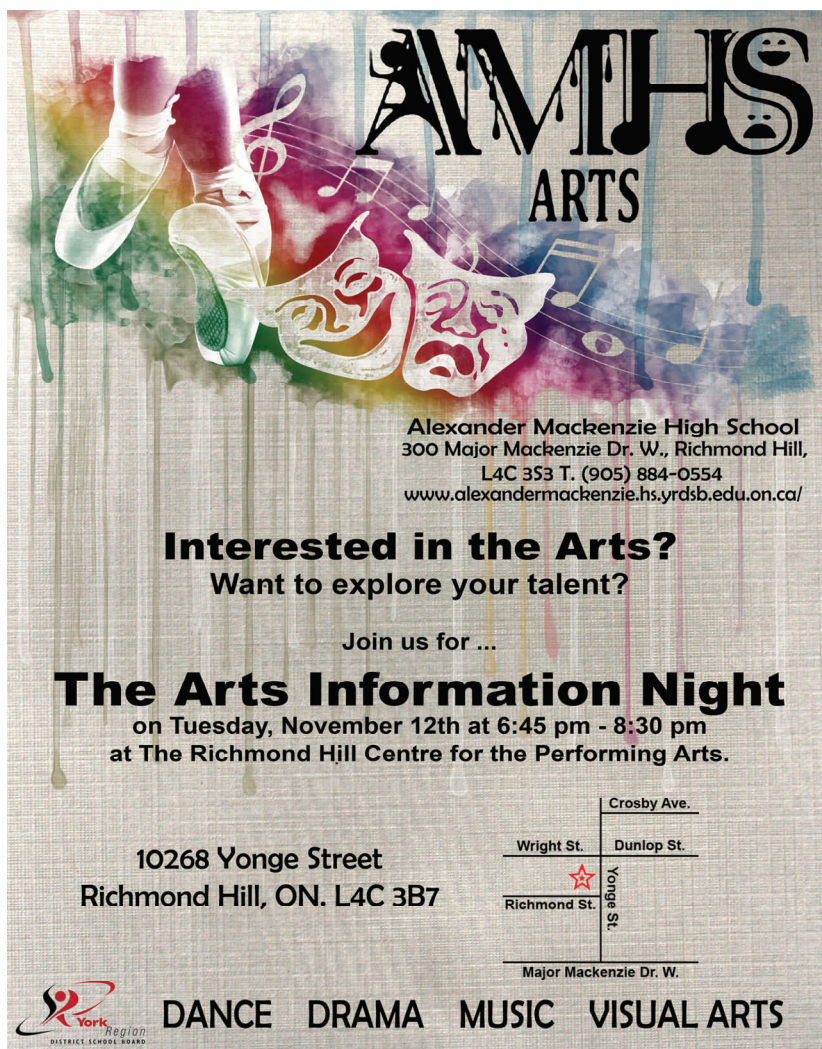
Wednesday, October 30th – Students in the West & North Region

Tuesday, November 5th – Students in the East Region

Thursday, November 7th – Students in the Central Region

Due to building capacity regulations, we request that only students and parents interested in attending BCSS for the school year 2014 - 2015, attend one of these evening. Parking is limited so we ask that parents carpool or park at the GO Station. Markham By-law officers regularly enforce the parking regulations on school property.

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Interested in the Arts?
Want to explore your talent?

Join us for ...

The Arts Information Night
on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:45 pm - 8:30 pm
at The Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

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Get Active on a Family Scavenger Hunt



Looking for a fun family outing? Try an “active” family scavenger hunt at one of York Region’s amazing trails, or at the Regional Forest! To find a trail located near you, visit www.yorktourism.com, and click on “plan your visit” > “outdoor activities” > “take a hike!”

Design your scavenger hunt by listing items for everyone to find while hiking on the trail. You can have a competition, or make it just for fun.

Here are a few ideas to put on your list:

- Find a/an: oak leaf, seed pod, woodpecker hole, dead log, good home for a squirrel, fern that’s longer than your arm, tree that’s too big to fit your arms around, tree that you think is younger than you, cone from an evergreen tree...
- Find something: smooth, scratchy, round, that an insect has eaten, that flies, that’s rotting, that would be good food for a deer, that crawls, that would be good food for a mouse...
- Look for three different colours (not including green and brown!), or your favourite thing...
- Bring a thermos of hot chocolate to enjoy after your hunt.

Plan your active family scavenger hunt today!

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.