



October 2013

Redstone



Roadrunners

Redstone Review

Administrators' Message

We have enjoyed a very positive start up to the school year, and an extremely busy month at Redstone P.S. October has quickly arrived! We would like to thank everyone for working with us to make our parking lot a safer place. We greatly appreciate your cooperation when dropping off your children. Keeping the traffic moving and not parking along the exterior of the parking lot has helped with students getting onto the playground safely. Let's keep working together to make our children's arrival safe.

A special thank you is extended to all of our families who were able to join us for our BBQ and Curriculum Night and came by to say hello—we appreciate getting to meet with you, and look forward to working with you in the future. We hope that the Curriculum Brochure you received will be a good guide for you this year.

Our grade four and grade seven students recently received the results from last year's EQAO standardized tests. As a school, we were pleased with the results, though we do recognize that this is merely one standard to which our students measure. We have many other sources of data that we use as we continually try to raise the achievement bar.

In staff news, we would like to welcome Jack Lombardo to the world. Both Mrs. Lombardo and baby are well!

To those celebrating Eid Al Adha, we wish you a happy Eid to you and your families! For those of you celebrating Thanksgiving this month, we wish you a relaxing and festive time with your family and friends!

Diana Dal Bello and Liz Lue-Kim



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School Council 2013-2014



Thank you to the following parents who will be part of our Redstone School Council for the 2013-2014 school year.

The voting members are:

Linga Easwaran, Karen Lee, Connie Li, Walton Raja, Sarah Raza, Grace Yan Ruyu, Howard Shin, Erin Xiang, Jeff Young and Jaclyn Zhang.

Our first meeting will be on Monday October 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. As part of the agenda, we will be reviewing the EQAO scores. Please join us!

COURAGE DOES NOT ALWAYS ROAR. SOMETIMES COURAGE IS THE QUIET VOICE AT THE END OF THE DAY SAYING 'I WILL TRY AGAIN TOMORROW' ~ Mary Anne Radmacher

Students Demonstrating "Courage" in September

JK/SK—Phoenix, Owen, Kathyna, Jacquelyn, Shayan, Frederick, Julia Z., Amman, Ben, Amy

Gr. 1 -Melina L., Tammy W., Stanley Z. Eshani S.

Gr. 2 - Diana K., Grace Z.

Gr. 3 - Tiyaam, Aiden Y., Marianna L.

Gr. 4— Jack B., Salman F., Jennifer K., Robert B.

Gr. 5 - Parsa B., Grace T.

Gr. 6 - Missy K., James L.

Gr. 7 - Vanessa N., Jason A

Gr. 8 - Joshua L, Joshua T.



Redstone Walks for Terry Fox and Cancer Research

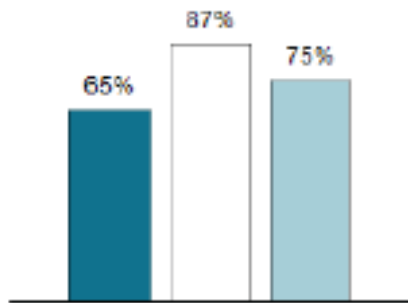
Terry Fox had a way of giving Canadians a new fresh way to look at their country, the geography, the distances and the differences of people. He effectively transformed the distances between people by inviting them to focus on what could bring us together rather than divide us. Terry was able to close a gap and unite a nation around a common cause. His journey across Canada called the *Marathon of Hope*, was successful in raising money in support of cancer research. Today, in honour of Terry Fox, significant amounts of money are still being raised and the Redstone community itself raised **\$1000** this year!

Redstone staff, students and parents honoured Terry Fox and his great courage by participating in a Terry Fox Walk on Friday September 27, 2013. The weather was perfect for a walk around our community in support of such an excellent cause. The students collected "Toonies for Terry" or "Fivers for Fox". Thanks to Mr. Inglis and all the staff who assisted in the planning, organizing and participation of such an important event. Again, this year, Redstone showed great Character!!

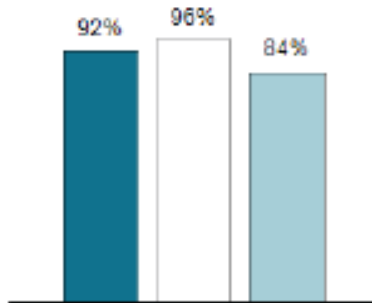
Achievement Data

Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)

Grade 3



Grade 6



■ Reading □ Writing ■ Mathematics

Redstone EQAO Scores for Grade 3 and 6 Students from the 2012-2013 School Year

The results of our Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division and Junior Division, 2012–2013 are in!

The Redstone students in grades 3 and 6 performed well in the EQAO assessment administered last May/June in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. The scores above show the percentage of students performing at a level 3 or 4, a level 3 being grade level achievement.

The grade 3 students scored slightly below the Board and provincial scores in the area of reading and this is an area we will continue to work on improving. In the area of writing and mathematics, our grade 3 students performed very well, surpassing the Board and provincial scores.

The grade 6 students scored very well in all three areas. In reading, writing and mathematics, we have more students performing at the expected level and above when compared to the Board and Provincial results.

Large-scale testing results are just one of the many tools that support student learning. These results are a snapshot of achievement and should be considered alongside school-based information. Regular assessments conducted in the classroom remains the fundamental method of assessing and supporting students throughout their education.

Individual student results were sent home on Monday September 30, 2013.

Cross country

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, many of our students in grades 4 to 8 have been out bright and early to practice for the Cross Country team. They are preparing for the Area Cross Country Meet which will be held on October 9th at Richmond Green. We are so impressed with the number of students who have shown a high level of commitment to this team. Way to go Roadrunners! A big thank you is also extended to the coaches who have been encouraging their team to do their best and run to their full potential. Thank you, Mr. Hynd and Ms. Appoloni!

Volleyball

Congratulations to the boys and girls who have made the Senior Volleyball teams. They are currently practising for their upcoming season which will begin in mid-October. Good luck to the teams and coaches. Thank you Mr. Mangaloglu and Mr. Horowitz for your time and support for these teams!

Take Note...

Photo Day

October 8 & 9

Cross Country Areas

October 9

Grow Interactive Special Program for grades 4-8

October 10

PA Day - No School

October 11

Thanksgiving Day– No School

October 14

Cross Country Regionals

October 17

Dental Screening JK, SK, Grades 2 & 8

October 15 & 17

Bus Evacuation Training

October 22

Immunization -HEP B (Gr.7) & HPV (Gr.8 Girls)

October 22

Character Week

October 21– 25

Character Assembly

October 28 @ 11:15 am

Roots of Empathy

Once again this year, Mr. Mangaloglu and his grade 7 students will be participating in the Roots of Empathy (ROE) program. This program teaches children about feelings, their own feelings, and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks baby Owen and his mom will visit the classroom. A trained ROE Instructor will gather the children in the classroom around a green blanket and together they watch the baby grow.

The children predict and cheer when their ROE baby reaches the 'developmental milestones' of the first year: "He can roll over!" "He got his first tooth!" "He can sit up!" "She can crawl!"

The ROE instructor also coaches the children in observing the baby and reading the cues the baby gives as to how the baby is feeling: "Is the baby happy or sad?" "How can you tell?" And we use this discussion as a lever for the children to talk about their own emotions and to understand how their classmates feel: "Do you smile when you're happy?" "How can you tell if your friend is happy?" Being able to understand how other people are feeling is called **empathy**. The ROE Instructor also visits the classroom before and after each Family Visit to prepare and reinforce the teaching using a specialized lesson plan for each visit.

For more than ten years across Canada and internationally, thousands of children are learning respect and care for one another with the lessons started through their Roots of Empathy baby.

We're excited that we've been chosen to participate in Roots of Empathy!

It's time to remind children about walking to school safely

This is a good time for parents to remind their children about pedestrian safety. York Regional Police has provided the following safety tips on their website to help keep students safe on their way to and from school:

- Walk on available sidewalks
- Always cross at intersections
- Obey crossing guards
- Stop before stepping into roadway
- Be visible and indicate crossing intentions
- Look and listen for traffic in all directions
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Cross safely when the roadway is clear
- Walk. Do not run or cycle across roads
- If possible use the buddy system

For more information, visit www.yrp.ca.



School Hours 9:10 to 3:30

Period 1	9:10 - 9:50
Period 2	9:50 - 10:20
Period 3	10:20 - 10:50
Recess	10:50 - 11:10
Period 4	11:10 - 11:50
Period 5	11:50 - 12: 20
Period 6	12:20 - 12:50
Lunch	12:50 - 1:50
Period 7	1:50 - 2: 30
Period 8	2:30 - 3:00
Period 9	3:00 - 3:30

Please be respectful of our school hours. Students should be arriving at school no earlier than 8:50 a.m. Pick up is at 3:30. Thank you!

Important Bus Transportation Message

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

There are no seven wonders in the eyes of a child. There are seven million ~ Walt Streightiff

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