

Another virtual hello RPPS families,

Well it seems one week of Remote Learning has turned into 3 weeks - mute buttons, hands up, comment boxes, GoogleClassrooms and more have been active this week in all our "classrooms". Thank you to our students for their diligence and persistence in adapting to learning online; thank you to parents for supporting it all, we know it's not easy.

For the next 2 weeks, you can expect the following in our classrooms:

- Regular synchronous (schedule on-screen) and asynchronous (off-screen) learning times
- GoogleMeets and breakout rooms
- Classroom materials posted in your child's virtual classroom

Looking ahead, Term 1 report cards are scheduled to go home on 11 February. The Remote Learning period is part of our teacher's assessment of your child's learning; it's important that your child takes part in the scheduled class tasks and activities to allow our teachers to report on their learning.

A few details this week during the extended closure:

- **School Council Meeting - 12 January.** See attached for the [January Council Agenda](#). **To attend the meeting, [please complete this form](#)** and you will receive a meeting invitation.
- **Scavenger Hunt closed.** Over 70 families (including 100 students and their siblings) took on the Scavenger Hunt challenge. The clues have now been removed and the QR codes closed. Thank you to School Council for their support of this community effort.
 - Watch for more details about the next School Council community project: Bird Watching kits!
- **Scavenger Hunt decals.** The decals for those who took part in the scavenger hunt are now prepared and ready for pick-up
 - You should have received a confirmation email and these will be available during office hours at the main door.
- **Main office hours.** 08:00 - 16:00 daily
 - If you require a device, please use the [Chromebook Request form](#) and you will receive a confirmation email with 48 hours.
- **Virtual Learning Tips.** A reminder of the [OCDSB virtual learning tips](#) for what you can do to support your child for virtual learning. From what we learned supporting students last week:
 - Use Chrome to access classroom materials and GoogleMeets;
 - Check the Google icon: at the top right of the screen, you should see your child's account in both Chrome and GoogleClassroom to avoid sign-in glitches;
 - point out the features of technology (mute/unmute, raise your hand, camera on/off) but let your child operate the screen themselves to help them build independent skills;
 - during a class GoogleMeet, parents are asked to stay off-screen to respect the integrity of classroom learning and the privacy of other students;
 - If you are using an iPad to access the learning environment, check whether you have downloaded the following Google apps: GoogleMeet, JamBoard, GoogleClassroom.
- **Attendance.** Attendance is taken daily. If your child is absent for one of the synchronous times, they will be marked as absent. Please communicate with the office (absencerockcliffeparkps@ocdbs.ca) and your child's teacher, if your child is going to be miss all or part of the day.

- **Buddy Bench and graffiti.** Sadly, our buddy bench has been the object of graffiti last week and our Facilities team needed to remove the paint in order to remove the graffiti. A police report has been filed. There has been additional lighting installed on our yard to avoid "dark areas" and Ottawa Police has the school property on their patrol list; however, if you do see any behaviours of concern during off school hours, please report to Ottawa Police as part of our "community watch". Reports may be done [online](#) or via phone (613-236-1222, extension 7300, for non-emergency calls; or dial 9-1-1).

With our Remote Learning extension, this week's jokes reflect our extended reality: 1) What's a favorite part of the school day for remote-learners during winter?... Snow and tell. 2) Why did the student bring metal polish to class today?... to polish her Chromebook; and 3) What did the iceberg do when he got sick?... he ice-olated.

Continue to refer to the OPH [Guidance for Social Gatherings During COVID-19](#); thank you for the positive messages and support as we adapted further to Remote Learning this week.

Madame Mace, Proud Remote Learning Principal

Other resources for parents:

- OPH Parent Line: 613-580-6744
- [Family and Mental Health Support in our Community](#)
- [OCDSB - Mental Health and Community Supports](#)
- [Kids Help Phone](#)
- [Youth Services Bureau](#)
- [Black Youth Helpline](#)
- [Parents' Lifeline of Eastern Ontario](#)
- [Family Services Ottawa](#)
- [Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services](#)
- [Youth Net](#) Mental Health Services and Programs
- [Mental Health During COVID-19](#) Ottawa Public Health resources
- [Ottawa Food Bank](#)