

Hello RPPS Dragons (students) and Dragon handlers (parents and guardians),

Thanksgiving weekend is upon us. We were so pleased the weather cooperated for our Terry Fox distance run today. At the time of this email, RPPS has raised \$6405 towards [cancer research \(and towards our \\$8000 goal\); our fundraising page is active until 16 October](#). We know this year is not usual, but we wish you restful time as a family and time to enjoy the fall colours which surround us.

I would like to highlight a few key strategies for when we return from our long weekend rest (and eating):

- **Drop and go.** This strategy applies to parents who are dropping off children late at school. Please drop your child at the door with a wave to us; we ask that parents do not enter the building when they arrive late to drop off their child.
- **Drop off bin.** Thanks to those parents who have been using the outdoor “drop-off bin” for forgotten items. This allows us to get the labelled items to students when we can.
- **Delays happen.** A reminder to parents that 3:00 pm is our dismissal time. Students who do not see their parents at the access points will be directed to the main office to wait for you. Please park at the library as there is no parking at the front of the school. Another strategy which has worked: some delayed parents have called the main office to direct students (grades 2 - 6) to walk on their own to the access point. These strategies are for occasional use when “delays happen”.
- **Bus riders.** A reminder to grade 4 - 6 students that masks should be worn while riding the school bus. Students have been assigned seats on the bus, and they should remain in those locations to ensure physical distancing.
- **Hands and squares.** Our dragon team needs each individual on our dragon team making good decisions. Safe decisions count even when no one is watching! Review these 4 key strategies with your child this weekend:
  - *Wear your mask* on your face (not below your nose)
    - lanyards should not be used to hold masks at recess; these present a choking hazard, as well as germs can land on the clean side of the mask while around a child’s neck
  - *Keep your hands clean* (some students like to sneak quickly past the sanitizer bottle after recess)
  - *Know your metres* (1-m inside and 2-m outside) to stay distanced, (we use “one per square” for the lines in our halls to help with physical distance estimates)
  - *Be contact free* (play games which do not bring you in direct contact with others).
- **2020 Mornings:** A reminder that parents should complete a [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Students](#) every morning. The tool has been updated with tiered symptoms and self-isolation recommendations.
- **Dress for weather.** Add a “weather check” to your morning routine to make sure your child is ready to be dressed for the weather, whether during class learning

[Who can research the best "contact free" recess game this weekend? Next week, the Junior classes have been challenged to follow the 4 strategies. Class points will be awarded to those who are following them.](#)

And the Principal joke of the week (not turkeys were harmed in the making of this joke): Why did the farmer drive his tractor over the potato field?.... he wanted mashed potatoes for dinner. And Joke 2 (the turkey made me do it): What is a turkey's favourite dessert?....peach gobbler.

Have a wonderful restful long weekend.

Madame Mace

### **Quick references for parents:**

- RPPS forms (Oct 2020)
  - Virtual [Student Registration Verification change form](#)
    - Do not return hard copies to school
  - [School Cash Online account link](#)
    - [OCDSB School Cash Online website](#)
  - [Appropriate Use of Technology Form](#)
  - [Media and Website Consent Form](#)
  - [Plan of Care for Students with Life-threatening Medical Conditions \(as required\)](#)
- **Other links**
  - [RPPS office request.](#)
  - [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Students.](#)
  - [RPPS Instagram or Twitter: wetherockrpps](#)