

Good morning Rockcliffe Families,

Wow! Our online Terry Fox fundraising total is \$7455. We have received a cheque in the school for \$500, which puts us over our \$8000 goal this year. We are so proud of RPSS for showing how much we care and support cancer research, despite all else happening our world. There is still time to donate at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/RockcliffeParkPSOttawa> Receipts are emailed immediately and there is no minimum donation! Every dollar counts! #terryfoxschoolrun

I would like to highlight a few key items as we begin our week:

- **Start-up forms.** Have you completed your school start-up forms yet (i.e., use of technology, media permissions, School Cash online and Verification forms)? If not, please complete them online asap (see links below).
- **RPPS Morning entry.** RPSS dragons started their new morning entry routine today. Our routine starts with a land acknowledgement, followed by O'Canada. Singing is not permitted with our physical distance practices in place. Thanks to the grade 5-6 classes, we will use sign language to "sing" O'Canada. [Learn the signs as a family using this video.](#)
- **Taking off masks** - students wear masks during class time but they remove them during eating and recess times. Students should keep their masks in their pockets or in a ziploc bag during recess times. Lanyards are not recommended as they become a choking hazard, as well as allow the clean side of the masks to be exposed to contamination during recess times.
- **Fire Drills and Safe Schools routines.** RPPS practiced its first fire drill on Friday. Our fire drills this year are staggered to keep cohorts separate as they exit the building. Our students did a good job keeping physical distance throughout the drill and we exited the building in a timely manner. We have 2 more fire drills to practice this week.
- **Celebrating diversity.** October allows us a time to pause and reflect on what we are thankful for. One of the ways we can express gratitude is by celebrating diversity in our community. This month allows us to celebrate, reflect and learn more about others through Islamic Heritage Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, [Women's History Month](#) and Learning Disabilities Awareness Month. Learning about others through these designated months raises awareness and increases understanding in our community. Take a look at some of the information and resources available.
- **Mental Health and Community Resources.** We know that these times are stressful and it is normal to feel anxious while we deal with the ongoing pandemic. If you or someone you know is struggling, the resources on our site are here to support you. Remember, no matter where you are or what you're going through, you don't have to go through it alone.
- **2020 morning routine.** Every morning, all families and staff are asked to conduct a [COVID-19 screening](#) to determine if your child should attend school that day.

And the principal jokes of the week with the help of the grade 6 students: 1) What did the tornado say to the plane? ... Do you want to go for a spin? and 2) What do you call a tree you hold in your hand?.... A palm tree.

Have a good week.

Madame Mace, Proud Principal

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
 - [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](#)