

Good afternoon Rockliffe Families,

We have had a productive week! Two Fire Drills and a final Terry Fox grand total at \$8290. In celebration, thanks to student suggestions, RPPS was run by two clowns: Harriet, the Scottish clown (Madame Mace) and Sandrine, the French clown (Madame Miller). Classes voted on what types of oil Harriet and Sandrine should drink (olive oil, canola oil, and pumpkin seed oil, yuck), and the clowns danced a hybrid version of the floss and the Macarena. You may hear stories at home this evening.

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

- **RPPS Morning entry.** A reminder that students should not be dropped off on the yard until after 8:20 am.
- **Halloween** - Our RPPS Halloween guidelines are based on District direction and OPH input:
 - Students should wear their costumes all day (no changes of clothing at school)
 - Costumes should be simple (no accessories, no costume masks or makeup)
 - There will be no distribution of treats or sharing of food, nor Halloween parades this year.
 - There may be spooky dance music played at recess.
- **What on your mask?** - As part of our Halloween day, students are encouraged to decorate their face masks. Can you add a funny nose? Can you give yourself an expression?
- **Fire Drills routines.** RPPS has completed its fall fire drills. Our fire drills are staggered to keep cohorts separate. Our students did well with staying quiet and distanced as we exit the building in a timely manner.
- **2020 morning routine.** Get up. Eat breakfast. Check the weather. Conduct a COVID-19 screening. Go to school. Repeat.
- **Student absence codes.** Effective Sunday, October 25th, there will be 2 reasons for student absences related to COVID: COVID testing and COVID symptoms. If you are emailing or calling our Attendance Lines, please include these reasons.
- **School Photos** - At this time, school photos have been postponed. Thanks to those parents who have offered creative alternatives. If there is an opportunity to schedule later in the year, we will let you know.
- **Stay Safe! Course** - Canadian Red Cross has an online format for their Red Cross Stay Safe! (Home Alone) Course (youth ages 9 and up or completed Grade 3). There are fall sessions available (Nov 14th: 9:00am - 2:00pm; Nov 21st: 9:00am - 2:00pm; Dec 12th: 9:00am - 2:00pm). To register visit <https://helpinghandsfirstaid.ca/register-now/> Use Promo Code HHFIRTAID to save 10%.

And the principal jokes of the week with the help of the grade 6 students: 1) Why did the witch not wear a bowler hat? ... because it had no point and 2) What do a dog and a phone have in common?... they both have "collar ID".

We are looking forward to seeing the RPPS Characters on Friday.

Madame Mace, Proud Principal

Quick references for parents:

- RPPS forms (Oct 2020) - last call!
 - Virtual [Student Registration Verification](#) change form - Do not return hard copies to school
 - [School Cash Online](#) account link
 - [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](#)