

Happy November Rockcliffe Families,

Thanks to the families who shared pumpkin carvings on social media! We are working on a “Friendly Neighborhood Dragon” project where your child can colour a dragon outline and put it in your front window for our “secret code” to identify RPPS student houses.

As we close off this week, I would also like to thank our RPPS families for their diligence with Covid protocols. The combination of our school routines and your work beyond the school day form a healthy partnership for all of us!

As we take time for remembrance this week, we hope this weekend gives you a chance as a family to talk about the importance of Remembrance Day and the contributions of those who have served and/or who are serving.

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

- **School Council Meeting this week.** The first School Council meeting of the year will be held Tuesday, November 10 at 19:00. All parents are welcome to attend. The agenda includes updates from the 100th Anniversary committee, a review of budget, and the Principal profile, among other topics. Click on this [GoogleMeet link](#) at 6:55 pm to join us (meet.google.com/bos-ybiy-vhs).
- **Veteran’s Week 2020 - Aboriginal Veteran’s Day and Remembrance Day.** Next week, we honour those who have served, past and present, in times of war, military conflict and peace: 8 November is Aboriginal Veteran’s Day and 11 November is Remembrance Day (75th anniversary of the end of WWII). RPPS students will be building our Wall of Remembrance in the front hall throughout the week. Check out our Instagram feed ([wetherockrpps](#)) for photos!
 - The RPPS Remembrance Day assembly will be held on 11 November starting at 10:30 am. For students, there are virtual and in-person parts to our ceremony. Parents are welcome to “join” our ceremony via GoogleMeet. Here is the link: meet.google.com/vcc-ownb-qim. You will be “admitted” into the ceremony anytime after 10:15 am.
- **Chromebooks are back in our school.** The RPPS Chromebooks have been reimaged and we are now introducing them back into junior classrooms. Our Covid protocols include one Chromebook assigned to a student only; the teacher distributes and collects the Chromebooks at the start and end of a learning activity; Chromebooks are not shared between cohorts. Some students have brought in their own devices for use in the classroom.
- **School locator.** Have you used the [School Locator on the District website](#)? It’s a handy function where you can enter an address to see which homeschool it’s connected to - this is helpful if you are considering moving, or if you want to see the school where your child would attend for grade 7.
- **Physical Education protocols.** The District is now looking at re-introducing equipment into physical education (PE) in a Covid-friendly manner. A team of teachers is exploring together which areas of the curriculum require equipment, which equipment can be safely disinfected, and how equipment can be allocated to different homerooms to avoid sharing between cohorts. The learning activities within PE will continue to maintain physical distancing, as well

as reduce contact points (i.e., balls are not thrown between students, but a ball could be kicked around pylons by an individual student).

- **HEPA filter at RPPS.** As part of our Covid-19 measures, RPS will receive HEPA filtration units for enhanced air filtration in key areas. Our units will be located in the 'Isolation Rooms' at each facility.
- **Progress reports.** Progress reports will be available for parents on 20 November through a secure online Report Card Portal only. Your secure account will give you access to all of your children's report card data.
 - For those who accessed report cards online in June, you will be familiar with the OCDSB online portal and you **do not need to register a second time**. You only need to register once, even if you have more than one child in the OCDSB.
 - If you need instructions on how to register or how to use the portal, [click here](#).
 - If you want to access the portal directly, [click here](#).

The Principal joke and riddle this week are credited to the grade 3 students: 1) I am tall when I am young, I am short when I am old; what am I? ... a candle, and 2) Why were the parallel lines sad?... because they would never meet.

Madame Mace, Proud Principal

Quick references for parents:

- [RPPS office request](#).
- **2020 morning routine:** Get up. Eat breakfast. Check the weather. Conduct [Covid-19 screening](#). Go to school. Learn. Repeat.
- RPPS Instagram or Twitter: [@wetherockrpps](#)