

Good afternoon Rockcliffe Families,

Thank you to those parents who joined us during Parent-teacher interviews - the Covid learning continues with holding these online! We held another series virtual assemblies this week to extend our work on Bullying Prevention Week. There are recordings of the assembly, which you are welcome to watch with your child this weekend:

- [Kindergarten-primary assembly](#)
- [Junior assembly](#)

We talked again about how to be a Golden Dragon by using your Big Five every day (and of course, there are now 5 golden dragons hidden in our school watching over our students). Ask your child if they have found the hidden locations or the messages the Golden Dragons have been leaving for us.

Students also took the [WITS oath together](#), as we talked about how to solve our problems. You can see what the WITS acronym stands below but we also read books on listening. Ask your child about “full body listening”. We talked about how to best use our WITS.

- W - Walk away
- I - Ignore
- T - Talk it out
- S - Seek help

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

- **Covid measures:** Ottawa Public Health [has created a video](#) which offers a good summary of the measures taken in schools, and also what happens if a positive case is identified.
- **Classroom pivot:** If a case is identified in your child’s classroom and a closure is required, our goal is to pivot to remote learning within 24 hours. Please ensure that you and your child know how to log onto the class’ virtual classroom.
- **December holidays:** While there is no forecast of an extended school closure after our December holidays, students and staff will be taking all learning and personal materials when we start our holidays on 18 December.
- **Ventilation measures:** Parents often ask about ventilation in the school. Here is a good summary of the following ventilation measures taken at RPPS:
 - Purge cycles before, during and after school which exchanges the building air with 100% outdoor air at a rate of approximately 6 complete air changes per hour;
 - Increased frequency of filter changes throughout the year;
 - Thorough cleaning of HVAC equipment by the manufacturer's service technicians;
 - Provide portable HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) filtration units for our Wellness (isolation) and Staff rooms.
- **Winter routines.** Teachers are helping students adapt to winter routines. Alternating hooks / lockers, as well as staggered access times help students get ready in their cohort while maintaining physical distancing.
- **Safe arrival and dismissal.** If you are picking up or dropping off your child, park your car safely - you should not be blocking a lane or parked illegally.

- **School Council.** The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm. Parents are invited to join the meeting via GoogleMeet using the following link: meet.google.com/snz-enfm-vvo

The Principal joke this week was sparked by our Golden Dragon search: 1) Why can't dragons play ice hockey? ...Because it always turn into water polo, 2) Why are dragons so amazing at making music? ... They really know their scales, and 3) What is a dragon's favourite food? ...Hot wings

Have a restful and safe weekend.

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