

Hello again dear RPPS families,

We have some keen scavenger hunters in our community! Congratulations to those who have found all 10 clues and for sharing your pictures with us. Note (and apologies) - there is a typo in the School Council email address in the email messages (an 'e' was missing). The correct address is sc-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca. With revised timelines, we'll keep the scavenger hunt in place until 8 January.

To add some clarity to the transition to remote learning announced by the provincial government Monday, RPPS will be closed for students 4 - 8 January, and we are set to re-open 11 January, pending other direction. During that week, you can anticipate for your child to follow their regular school timetable during school hours (8:30 am - 3:00 pm). A reminder that our school day schedule is as follows:

- 8:30 - 10:30 - Learning time
- 10:30 - 11:15 - Nutrition break / recess
- 11:15 - 13:15 - Learning time
- 13:15 - 14:00 - Nutrition break / recess
- 14:00 - 15:00 - Learning time

Details for January 4:

- This will be a transition day for students and staff
 - Students will confirm access to their online classroom and take part in some preliminary learning materials / meets
- Staff will use some of the day to plan the remainder of the week
 - Staff will communicate to students and parents by the end of the day regarding the learning schedule and plan for their homeroom class

Other details regarding the closure:

- EDP will be closed 4 - 8 Jan
- The main office will be open 4 - 8 Jan (08:00 - 16:00)
 - If your child requires personal items for learning from the school, you may submit an [office request](#) and an appointment will be booked for you
 - If your child requires a Chromebook to access Remote Learning, submit a [Chromebook Request form](#) prior to 4 January. Please note we have limited numbers of Chromebooks; requests will be reviewed on a priority basis, with priority given to SEA equipment requests. This form may also be used if you have limited access to the Internet.

Watch for a letter from me on 2 January to add further detail, as the above is preliminary in nature. For now, both myself and staff are going to step away from email to enjoy time with our families. I know we'll continue to navigate the twists and turns of this school year together in January. Once again, thank you for your support and diligence to keep our community healthy and learning,

Madame Mace, Proud Principal who is enjoying mask-free moments over the holidays

Other resources for parents:

- OPH Parent Line: 613-580-6744
- Family and Mental Health Support in our Community
 - [OCDSB - Mental Health and Community Supports](#)
 - [Kids Help Phone](#)
 - [Youth Services Bureau](#)
 - [Black Youth Helpline](#)
 - [Parents' Lifeline of Eastern Ontario](#)
 - [Family Services Ottawa](#)
 - [Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services](#)
 - [Youth Net](#) Mental Health Services and Programs
 - <https://www.youthline.ca>
 - [Mental Health During COVID-19](#) Ottawa Public Health resources
 - [Ottawa Food Bank](#)
 - [Parkdale Food Centre](#)
 - [South East Ottawa Community Health Centre - Coping with the Holidays](#)

Have you search for clues on the RPPS holiday scavenger hunt 2020 yet?

Did you know that Spirit, the Dragon, is hiding somewhere as part of the scavenger hunt fun? Find him as you search for the 10 clues which are part of the hunt.

A joint project between School Council and the school, this is an activity to get families outside safely over the holidays. No masks required, but have them in your pocket just in case! [Fill out this form](#) to let us know you are “on the hunt”. On the form, let us know if it’s ok to share your pictures on our FB page and school Instagram feeds.

About the hunt:

[Starting at the front door](#) of the school there are 10 clues for your family to find. The locations are found on school grounds and in community locations. [All clues are on green paper](#) to help you spot them.

Depending on the age of your clue hunts, the scavenger hunt should take approximately 1 hour to complete; you can complete all at once, or you can stop at any time and pick another day to find more clues. You don’t need a car, you can park at the school and walk to the locations. There are some locations which are farther than others, however, all are within walking distance.

To get the clues, there are QR codes which you scan with your phone. An iPhone will read the clues from the camera; some Androids require a QR reader. The QR code is linked to a file where you will receive clues in the form of riddles, codes or pictures. There may even be one of Madame Mace's groaner principal jokes as a clue. Solve the clue to find the location of the next QR code.

If you have any difficulty during the Scavenger Hunt, ask for help:

Email: sc-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RPPSCouncil/>

All students who complete the scavenger hunt will receive a vinyl RPPS Dragon decal. This decal can be placed on [water bottles](#) or other items as it is durable.

Happy hunting dragons!

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