

Happy sunny Sunday RPPS families,

A good week getting back into InPerson routine with students. Thanks to parents for reinforcing good mask routines, and for sending extra masks to replace those that get wet during recess play. We have received 50 requests for bird feeders, and these will start being sent home Monday. WOW!

We hope that you have been outside to enjoy the fresh winter air and weather this weekend. Lots of skiers and walkers observed around Mackay pond and along the parkway. A good reminder to students to watch the [weather forecast](#) while you are doing your daily [Covid self-assessment](#) and come dressed for the weather, as we go outside for recess most days.

Around RPPS in February

- **2021-2022 Requests / Plan.** A reminder for the [2021-2022 Student Program / Request](#) form to be completed by Friday, 12 February. A further survey will be conducted later in the spring when more information is available re: Remote versus InPerson options.
- **Queen Elizabeth PS - Parent information sessions (11 February).** Queen E is an RPPS school destination for grade 7 students, but also for grade 4 Middle French Immersion (MFI). The school is offering two information sessions on 11 February to share more about their programs and school community. Any questions? Email: queenelizabethps@ocdsb.ca. Sessions are being offered via [GoogleMeet](#) using nicknames; you enter the nickname and the organizers will admit you from there:
 - Grade 4 MFI- 5:00 pm (Nickname: QueenEgrade4mfiparents). For students in our English program, one program option is MFI to extend your child's French learning. MFI offers instruction 60% in French and 40% in English.
 - Grade 7 Info Night - 6:00 pm (Nickname: QueenEgrade7parents).
- **RPPS Kindergarten Information-** the [recording from our info night is available](#), and materials for incoming kindergarten parents are on our school website; including the [RPPS welcome to kindergarten video](#). Share this with those in our community who you know are starting kindergarten in September.
- **[Sankofa Centre of Excellence Graduation Coach Program](#)** is committed to advancing the academic success of African, Black and Caribbean students in the OCDSB. As part of this aim, we have launched our Pathways to Excellence Series to support students to learn about post secondary opportunities. While these virtual workshops are available to secondary students, we highlight this resource for future use.

School Council

- **School Council Virtual Meeting. Tuesday, 9 February (7:00 pm).** See the draft agenda [here](#). To attend the meeting, [complete this form](#) and you will receive a meeting invitation
 - Highlight: Queen Elizabeth PS staff will be sharing information about programs and the school itself at the meeting. Join us to hear more about this wonderful school.
- **The Big Ask - Volunteers needed.** School Council is trying to build a bank of volunteers. Let us know you are a willing volunteer [using this form](#).
- **Rockcliffe 100.** Did you know RPPS is approaching its 100th anniversary? Watch for more info!

This week's jokes reflect our winter weather : 1) What did the icy road say to the car?... *Want to go for a spin?* 2) How do mountains stay warm?... *they put on their snow caps*; and 3) What do you call it when a snowman has a temper tantrum?... *a meltdown*.

Madame Mace, Proud to be back In-Person Principal

Upcoming dates:

- 4 February (6:30 pm) -9 February (7:00 pm) - Virtual RPPS School Council ([click here to be added to the meeting invite list](#))
- 11 February – Report cards available on the [parent portal](#)
- 11 February (5:00 pm) - [Grade 4 MFI Session](#)- Queen Elizabeth PS (enter nickname: QueenEgrade4mfiparents)
- 11 February (6:00 pm) - [Grade 7 Session](#) - Queen Elizabeth PS (enter nickname: QueenEgrade7parents)
- 12 February - PD day - No classes for students
- 17 February - 100th day of school

Quick references for parents:

- *Admissions*
 - [2021-2022 RPPS Student Program / Requests](#)
 - [Request to change between InPerson and Virtual learning model](#)
 - [OCDSB School Locator](#)
 - [Online registration at the OCDSB](#)
- *School day*
 - RPPS attendance email: absencerpps@ocdsb.ca
 - [OSTA website for bus cancellations and delays](#)
 - [Daily Covid self-assessment](#) for students
 - [How to Train your Dragon guide](#)
- *Support / Covid references*
 - OPH Parent Line: 613-580-6744
 - Family and Mental Health Support in our Community
 - [OCDSB - Mental Health and Community Supports](#)
 - [Kids Help Phone](#)
- *School Council*
 - [January School Council newsletter](#)
 - [Volunteer sign-up form](#)
 - [Bird feeder request form](#); [Bird feeder instructions](#); [Bird watching tips](#)

How to join a GoogleMeet

- Go to meet.google.com.
- Click Use a meeting code.
- Enter the code and click Continue.
- Click Ask to join.
- When someone in the meeting gives you access, you'll join it.