

Good day RPPS families,

The Rockcliffe Park PS “slip and slide” of varied conditions this week with ice, mud and puddles. We are working to keep students safe and clean on the yard daily. Another reminder to students (and families) to check that weather daily to ensure that students are dressed for the weather at recess with boots, splash pants, etc.

Our “Knock Down Hunger” domino was delayed until next week as a result of staff shortages today; but we enjoyed our other UnMarch Break events (see photos on Instagram!), including school-wide bingo, travel trivia to go along with our Destination Unknown travel outfits, and classrooms busted a move with DJ Mace to two songs of the Macarena and Happy. Mrs. Lamarche in the office has some great dance moves!

How to talk with your child about racism. Thank you to our amazing School Council for hosting such a positive workshop for parents. The workshop offer clear ideas and strategies for the words we choose when we talk with children. [Here is the recording](#) for those who were not able to join us.

### **Covid routines and reminders**

- **Single symptom.** Thank you to parents who have followed Covid protocols and where needed, taken your child or testing. When you receive your results, you may share them with our attendance email (rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca) as part of sending your child back to school.
- **Staffing shortages and class closures.** We work hard to find replacement staff or other solutions when our staff are away. Should it become necessary for RPPS to close an in-person class, we will inform families as soon as possible via email and phone calls. If a class is closed, we may only be able to offer asynchronous learning. Parents are encouraged to have childcare arrangements in place..

### **Around RPPS**

- **No idling please.** The city's idling by-law has a [3 minute maximum](#). Remember to park 2-blocks away from the school and to turn off your car - let's reduce emissions in the playground where our students (your children) play and learn.
- **Safe schools and lockdown drills.** Our lockdown assembly was held this week to review what we do when a lockdown is called. Each class took time to identify where they would hide out of sight. We are practicing a lockdown drill at this time to maintain physical distancing. Let your child's teacher know if your child is anxious or if you have further questions about learning about lockdown drills.
- **Parent workshop recording:** Click here - [A year into pandemic parenting: Tools for stress management and emotion](#) regulation.
- **Human Rights consultation.** Starting in January 2021, the OCDSB will be consulting with students, parents/guardians, staff and community members to create a district-wide human rights policy.
  - Click here to view the [Human Rights Video](#) regarding the consultation
  - Click here to visit the [Human Rights Policy Consultation Page](#).
    - Watch this page for upcoming dates for small group discussions and forums for students, parents and community members. We will be holding some discussions in Arabic, Somali, Chinese, Nepali and ASL.

- Click here to contribute to the [Online Survey](#) for students, parents and community members

## School Council

- **School Council.** The next meeting is Tuesday, May 11 (7pm). To attend the May meeting, [complete this form](#) by 4:00 pm on 9 March.
- **March newsletter.** Click here for the [March Council newsletter](#).
- **March fundraising goals and Mace rises to the challenge.** Help us reach our \$12,000 fundraising goal (go to [RPPS School Council online](#)). Funds raised support our school in areas such as robotics club, a new sound system, recess equipment, the school garden, and books for the library. Mme. Mace is supporting our efforts for each goal we reach
  - \$ 3000 - Mme Mace will run the track wearing a superhero cape;
  - \$ 6000 - Mme Mace will sing a song to the students over the PA system;
  - \$ 9000 - Mme Mace will dress up as a snowman for the day;
  - \$ 12000 - Mme Mace will dye part of her hair blue.

This week's jokes represent our Opposite Day this week: 1) What type of cheese is made backwards?... *edam (this one takes a second... and then groan)*, 2) What you call 10 rabbits in a line hopping backwards?... *a receding hairline (automatic groan)*; and 3) What is the difference from a bird and a fly?... *a bird can fly but a fly can't bird (thank you grade 2s)*.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Madame Mace, Proud Principal

Upcoming dates:

- 31 March - 100th anniversary logo contest deadline
- 2 April - Good Friday (school closed)
- 5 April - Easter Monday (school closed)
- 12 - 16 April - Spring Break (school closed)

Quick references for parents:

- Admissions
  - [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](mailto: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
  - Child with symptoms: parent letters [English](#) / [French](#)
  - [Attestation letter](#) to return your child to school without testing
  - 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
  - [11 May School Council meeting sign-up form](#)
  - [Volunteer sign-up form](#)