

Hello RPPS Families,

We are masters of the pivot! Thank you to our staff, students and parents for working together once again to transition to Remote Learning. We all adapt to this transition with different emotions and we know it's not easy for you at home, nor for our educators who are juggling their own children and their teaching. Continue to keep your child's teacher informed how you are doing.

Today, staff focused on professional learning today for the PD day. Staff worked with their employee groups for workshops and collaboration. This year's PD focus included literacy strategies and equity. We gain a great deal from dialogue with experts and with our colleagues as part of our own professional growth.

Covid routines

- **Chromebook distribution.** RPPS has distributed 75 Chromebooks to students for use during Remote Learning. We have limited devices remaining, however, there are a few left, in case your child requires a device. You may request one [using this form](#).
- **Keep RPPS safe.** Thank you parents and students for staying-at-home as we work through this phase of the pandemic. Vaccine appointments are now rolling out and some of our staff (and parents) have been able to access their first dose.
- **Student absences.** If your child is going to be absent, please continue to report to the main office (absencerpps@ocdsb.ca) as attendance is taken twice daily.

RPPS news

- **Contacting us.** The school office will not be open in-person every day as we are trying to keep our staff working remotely wherever possible. The best way to reach the school is via rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca. It is monitored throughout the day, and we can direct your emails to the best person to respond.
- **Games Group.** Mme. Mace and Mme. Miller often have students playing cards and other games at recess times as part of modelled play and interactions. There are online platforms that allow us to play cards. This will be set up virtually at recess times starting this week. There will be a primary and a junior games group.

School Council news

- **Read the RPPS School Council April newsletter.** [Click here](#).
- **Scientists in the school... At home! (29 April)** - [Sign up for the Virtual Family Science Night](#). Limited spaces available. Once your place is confirmed we will send out an email so your family can pick up your science kit from the school.
- **New SpiritWear - April Fundraiser.** Hoodies- baseball caps- t-shirts and more with our new RPPS dragon logo in navy and white! There is a limited time to order from the [Spirit Store](#) - deadline Wednesday, 6 May.
- **Council fundraising.** Through parent donations, the RPPS School Council Online Store has successfully raised \$5945! Well done Rockcliffe, let's reach our end goal of \$12,000!!! Helping to enrich the learning experience of the students at RPPS.
 - For those interested in how Council funds are used, [visit the Tale of Two Years page](#).
 - Check out the [April fundraising campaign page](#).
- **Book Fair Chair.** [Check out this wonderful volunteer opportunity](#). If you like books, people and organization this role is for you. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator Shannon Shamsuzzoha at volunteer@rockcliffeparkps.com for more.

- **100th Logo - last call for entries!** Find us on Facebook or contact at RPPS100th@gmail.com. [Click here to visit the RPPS@100 - Logo competition page.](#)

This week's jokes represent the work to improve our school garden, thanks to Mme. Emilie, Mr. Codie, board staff and School Council support: 1) How do you know flowers are friendly?... *they have new buds*, 2) How does a bee brush his hair?... *with a honey comb*; and 3) What kind of garden does a baker have?... *a flour garden*.

Enjoy the warmer temperatures and sunshine.

Madame Mace, Proud Mask-free Principal

Upcoming dates:

- 24 May - Victoria Day (school closed)
- 25 June - Last day of school

Quick references for parents:

- Council Links:
 - [School Council Online Spirit Store](#)
 - [Donate to School Council fundraising](#)
 - [11 May School Council meeting sign-up form](#)
 - [Volunteer sign-up form](#)
 - [How to Talk With Your Child About Racism \(Destine Lord\) - Recording](#)
 - [Resource list](#)
 - [Pandemic parenting: Tools for stress management and emotion regulation - Recording](#)
- Admissions
 - [OCDSB School Locator](#)
 - [Online registration at the OCDSB](#)
- School day
 - RPPS attendance email: absencerpps@ocdsb.ca
 - [OSTA website for bus cancellations and delays](#)
- 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](#)