

Hello RPPS Families,

To all the mothers in our community, I trust that you enjoyed a happy Mother's Day on Sunday - how kind of Mother Nature to grace us with good weather.

RPPS News and Remote Learning routines:

- **Chromebook distribution.** RPPS has distributed over 90 Chromebooks for Remote Learning. If your child's device is not working, first try a full shutdown and reboot - this is good practice for Chromebook functions. If issues continue, parents may email our school board tech support (csc.parent@ocdsb.ca) to describe the issue and to seek further support. There are 4 devices remaining; you may request one [using this form](#).
- **Virtual Learning Tips.** A reminder of the [OCDSB virtual learning tips](#) for what you can do to support your child for virtual learning. From what we learned supporting students last week:
 - Use Chrome to access classroom materials and GoogleMeets;
 - Check the Google icon: at the top right of the screen, you should see your child's account in both Chrome and GoogleClassroom to avoid sign-in glitches;
 - point out the features of technology (mute/unmute, raise your hand, camera on/off) but let your child operate the screen themselves to help them build independent skills;
 - during a class GoogleMeet, parents are asked to stay off-screen to respect the integrity of classroom learning and the privacy of other students;
 - If you are using an iPad to access the learning environment, check whether you have downloaded the following Google apps: GoogleMeet, JamBoard, GoogleClassroom.
- **Netiquette.** It's important that we all build positive online learning behaviours. Take some times to review GoogleMeet etiquette with your child - [English](#), [French](#), [Arabic](#) and [GoogleMeet entry etiquette for students](#).
- **Attendance.** Attendance is taken daily. If your child is absent for one of the synchronous times, they will be marked as absent. Please communicate with the office (absencerockcliffeparkps@ocdbs.ca) and your child's teacher, if your child is going to be miss all or part of the day.

School Council news

- Last call for:
 - [Joining the School Council meeting on Tuesday \(7pm\)](#)
 - [Click here](#) to see the May 2021 RPPS School Council agenda.
 - Ordering Spirit Wear - the deadline is this Friday. [Click here](#) to order tshirts, hoodies, toques, ball caps and more.

This week's jokes represent May showers 1) Why did the worm becomes friends with the ruler?... *to become an inchworm*, 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](#)
 - [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](#)
 - Ottawa Immigrant COVID-19 Resource Line (OICRL) at 1-844-833-1234. Visit the [Ottawa Public Health Multilingual Resources for Diverse Communities page](#)