

Happy Wednesday RPPS families,

A few quick notes as we hit mid-week of sunshine, warm temperatures and Week 5 of Remote Learning. We were pleased to host Councillor Rawlson-King join our grade 5-6 students today; what a range of engaging questions asked, such as: *What are you doing to promote business growth along Beechwood?, I read on your website that to help the community you will need 40K\$, how will that money be spent?, What did you do before you became a Councillor? What do you think the municipal government can do to convince anti-vaxxers that the vaccine is safe? What is your life's biggest goal and achievement? What is the hardest part of your job?*

### RPPS News and Remote Learning routines:

- **Report absences please.** Teachers submit attendance by 8:40 am. If your child arrives late for one of the synchronous times, they may be marked as absent and you will receive a call from the office. If your child is going to be absent or late, we encourage you to contact the school's attendance line: [absencerockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:absencerockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca) or 613-749-3992.
- **COVID-19 Resource Line for Arabic and Somali speaking families.** Do you need services and information in Somali or Arabic? Call the Ottawa Immigrant COVID-19 Resource Line (OICRL) at 1-844-833-1234. Visit the [Ottawa Public Health Multilingual Resources for Diverse Communities page](#) for more helpful resources in multiple languages.
- **Pride Flag flying at RPPS in June.** RPPS will be proudly flying the Progress Pride Flag in June 2021. The [Progress Pride Flag](#) design was created by Daniel Quasar in 2018. The Progress Pride Flag features black and brown stripes to represent people of colour, and baby blue, pink and white to include the trans flag in its design.



- **17 May - International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia.** Communities around the world recognize the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. We are committed to continuing to work together to build an inclusive, supportive environment for all OCDSB students, staff and families. Stopping harassment and discrimination is everyone's responsibility.
- June is recognized internationally as Pride Month to honour the struggles and celebrate 2SLGBTQ+ cultures, identities and communities. By flying the OCDSB Pride Flag, OCDSB and RPPS are reaffirming their values and commitment to creating and sustaining a culture of

caring where 2SLGBTQ+ students, families and staff matter. They are welcome, seen and represented at OCDSB and in our school. #everyoneiswelcomehere

- **Equity and inclusion assembly** - Thursday. Saidat will "join" our school to reinforce our messages of equity and inclusion. The assemblies will be held in each homeroom at different times, and they are divided into primary and junior levels.



# EQUITY & INCLUSION ASSEMBLIES

**OVER 700 SCHOOLS HAVE ALREADY JOINED SAIDAT IN THE PAST 4 MONTHS!**

**JK - GR 3 ASSEMBLY "I LIKE ME."**

Imagine a place where students feel good about their individuality and appreciate the point of difference in others. This high-energy virtual presentation will use original songs and creative movements to teach students the importance of kindness towards oneself and others. The students will learn and repeat three keywords throughout the show.

**CARE** about and celebrate what makes them different.

**SHARE** and be proud of their race, ethnicity, and culture.

**GIVE** others that same **RESPECT!**

This 40 min presentation will complement the lessons teachers are already sharing with their students on Equity and Inclusion.

**GR 4 - 8 ASSEMBLY "MAKE SOME NOISE"**

Celebrating diversity and respect for individuality

Much expressed on the news, social media, and person - to - person discussions concerning the racial and civil unrest our world is experiencing today. This show will remind students that they can use their voice to disrupt inequality when choosing to respect and appreciate our point of difference. This 50 min engaging and interactive virtual presentation will ignite the joy in our kaleidoscope of human differences and encourage a renewal goal of getting along.

"Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it every day"

- Author Unknown

## School Council news

- To join the School Council meeting in June (8 June - 7pm), [click here](#).
- The deadline for SpiritWear orders has passed. Watch for more information about a school pick-up for orders once they arrive.

Outside our patio door, we have a robin that has built a nest and there are 3 little blue eggs in it - what a bird watching treat for our family! This week's jokes go out to our RPPS bird watchers: 1) Why do hummingbirds hum?... *because they can't remember the words*, 2) Why do seagulls live by the sea?... *because if they lived by the bay, they would be bagels*; and 3) What kind of bird do you find at a construction site?... *a crane*.

Get out the sunscreen - it's a scorcher this week!

Madame Mace, Proud Bike-a-day Principal

**Upcoming dates:**

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

#### **Quick references for parents:**

- Council Links:
  - [Donate to School Council fundraising](#)
  - [Join the June Council meeting - everyone is welcome](#)
- Admissions
  - [OCDSB School Locator](#)
  - [Online registration at the OCDSB](#)
- School day
  - RPPS attendance email: [absencerpps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:absencerpps@ocdsb.ca) 613-749-3992
    - [OSTA website for bus cancellations and delays](#)
- Community Support / Covid references
  - OPH Parent Line: 613-580-6744
  - [Covid Resource for Somali and Arabic speaking families](#) / 1-844-833-1234
  - [OCDSB - Mental Health and Community Supports](#)
  - [Kids Help Phone](#)