

Hello RPPS families,

The most asked question of the week... do you know if we are going back InPerson? As with all the unexpected moments this year, I don't have any news to share with you; however, we'll be watching for news next week as many factors are being considered to make the decision. Once we hear from the Ministry, OPH and the school board, you will receive a message from the school.

As you start your weekend, I'd like to share the [first broadcast of Dragon Tales with Mme. Mace](#). Each week, I will select a book from the library to read to students. This week's book is called Something's Wrong: A Bear, a Hare and some Underwear. You are welcome to watch it as a family. This book is one of the new arrivals in the library, thanks to School Council funds.

For the bird watchers this week, [3 blue eggs have appeared](#) in the nest outside our back door.

RPPS News

- **Starting in September 2021 - an update.** The first day of class for students will be Thursday, 9 September. There are 3 PA days scheduled from 3 Sept - 8 Sept for staff. A full calendar will be shared once it has been approved by the Ministry.
- **Are you ready for report cards? Find your OEN.** Your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) can be found on previous report cards. You will need it to access the June 2021 report card.
- **Ottawa Children's Festival.** The Ottawa Children's Festival de la jeunesse is offering free online shows during its OCF Virtual Festival June 2-7. Visit the website at ottawachildrensfestival.ca and click on "Get Free Tickets". All links will be available on June 2 and you can view the shows whenever you like, as many times as you'd like, through June 7. The three professional theatre productions on offer are Cyclo, The Snail and the Whale and Old Man and The River. Please contact joni@ottawachildrensfestival.ca if you have any questions.
- **Celebrating Pride Month.** Watch for the Pride Flag outside RPPS from 1 - 30 June. The Progress Pride Flag has been redesigned to include the rainbow and black and brown stripes to represent people of colour, and baby blue, pink and white to include the trans flag in its design. By flying this flag, we reaffirm our values and commitment to creating and sustaining a culture of caring where 2SLGBTQ+ students, families and staff matter.
 - **Webinar for parents:** Join us on June 1st, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for an information session for parents to discuss gender identity and supports available at the OCDSB. [Event Details Register Now!](#)
- **June is National Indigenous History Month.** This is a time to reflect upon the history, contributions, culture and strength of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, and to learn about, celebrate and honour Indigenous knowledge, role models, and ways of knowing. Watch for activities and more in our school and from your child's classroom or [visit the OCDSB website](#) for more.

Covid protocols or information

- **Vaccine update.** Ottawa Public Health has shared some information on how to book a vaccine appointment and consent for youth 12-17. [You can read it here.](#) You might also be interested

in the information the District received from provincial and local health authorities on vaccines. You can read more on our [website](#).

- **Indigenous youth vaccination clinic.** Indigenous students (ages 12 - 15) at OCDSB can book their first dose at a youth specific clinic at Rideau High for May 31 or June 6. To book, call 613-691-5505 and press 1 twice for the Indigenous booking and let them know you are calling for the Youth Clinic. Spaces are still available for both days. If our family doesn't have status, contact Mme. Mace or email Nathalie Lloyd at Wabano (nlloyd@wabano.com)



School Council news

- To join the School Council meeting in June (8 June - 7pm), [click here](#).
- The SpiritWear order has been placed. Watch for more information about pick-up.

This week's jokes are connected to the main character in this week's book, bears: 1) What do you call a bear with no teeth?... *a gummi bear*, 2) What did the teddy bear say after dinner?... *I'm stuffed*; and 3) What do you call bears with no ears?... *a B*.

Thank you for supporting your children at home with learning as best you can.

Madame Mace, Proud Principal

Upcoming dates:

- 4 June (PA Day - no class for students)
- 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 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](#)