

This is a message for students who are identified as new or returning to Rockcliffe Park PS (RPPS) for September 2021.

Welcome to RPPS! Plans are underway for September; we don't know all the details yet but we would like to provide you with some preliminary information:

- the first day of school is 9 September students
 - you will hear from your child's teacher on 7 September
 - we expect a possible staggered start to the school year; kindergarten students are always staggered for Year 1 and Year 2
 - we will communicate start up plans and routines after 7 September to all parents
- our school office will be closed from 26 June until 30 August
 - the school office email is rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca; it will not be monitored over the summer but it is the place to send requests or queries when we re-open

In the meantime, here is some information about RPPS:

- **RPPS website.** Visit our website to see weekly bulletins from the Principal, [Dragon Tales and other learning resources](#). Check out the virtual book lists for Pride Month and National Indigenous Month posted there.
- **RPPS School Council website.** Visit the [School Council website](#) for more information about how to get involved as a parent. Did you know that a parent's involvement in a child's community improves their overall school experience?
- **Dragon Tales.** Madame Mace will be sharing a weekly story reading over the summer. This week's reading is [Dragon Tales is called Interrupting Chicken](#). We picked the story, wondering whether your bedtime stories get interrupted at home. Make sure you watch to the end - Mme. Mace snuck in a joke (full disclosure, she tells jokes periodically and there are groans everywhere)!
- **Bird watchers.** The baby birds are growing and they are hungry. Check out the videos of the [babies at 2 weeks old](#), the [babies telling us they are hungry](#) and the [Mommy bird feeding them](#). We hope to catch more footage of them before they "fly" the nest.

Other Quick references for parents:

- School day
 - RPPS attendance email: absencerpps@ocdsb.ca 613-749-3992
 - [OSTA website for bus cancellations and delays](#)
- Council Links:
 - Dreaming of Book Fair - June raffle fundraiser ([click here to see flyer in another tab](#))
 - [CLICK HERE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS](#)
- Admissions
 - [OCDSB School Locator](#)
 - [Online registration at the OCDSB](#)
- 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](#)