

Good morning RPPS families,

As you know, the school remains closed for the summer until 30 August; the board is working to review [Ministry announcements](#) and to set up safe routines for the fall. At RPPS, the updated “How to train your dragon” student guide will be shared later in August once we know more. For now, our custodial team has worked hard to deep clean the school, as well as continue the painting as part of regular school maintenance.

For now, we would like to share this week’s installment of Dragon Tales about friends. [Click here to see Mme. Mace read the Fabulous Friend Machine.](#) I know I’ve appreciated the long screen-free break this summer to see friends and family in person, rather than online. You can find all the Dragon Tales [on our school website.](#)

When we return together, we know that RPPS students will work together to stay safe and to be good friends. We encourage you to [review the WITS strategies](#) for whole body listening and for problem solving with your child. This helps us build a common language for working together. Kindergarten parents - there are tips just for you on the WITS website.

This week’s jokes are about making friends: 1) Why do students in Antarctica take longer to make friends?... *because they need to break the ice first*, 2) What did the 2 carrots say on their “friend-aversary?... *lettuce celebrate*, and 3) Why do trees have so many friends?... *they are always trying to branch out.*

Of course, my favourite friends are those who remember my birthday but not my age. Stay safe, go for a walk, and keep reading,

Madame Mace, Screen-free Summer Principal

### **Key dates for parents**

- 30 August - RPPS school office re-opens
- 9 September - First day of class for gr 1 - 6 students
  - Homeroom teachers will be in contact the week of 7 September
- 9 - 10 September - Kindergarten intake days (details to come in August)
- 13 September - First day of class for all kindergarten students

### **Summer address changes or registration needs - [Visit the OCDSB website](#)**

- Use the School Locator function to check which school is connected with your new address