

Happy sunny Sunday RPPS families,

The heat is staying with us in August - I trust you are finding ways to stay cool. The school office will re-open on 30 August; school staff are back at work 3 September (PA day). Board staff continue to review [Ministry announcements](#) and I expect updates later this week.

Ventilation: Improving air filtration and ventilation has been a key preventative measure in our COVID-19 response. The OCDSB has received close to \$23 million in federal and provincial funding. The board is currently developing a new dashboard with ventilation information by school. RPPS does have an updated ventilation system and stand-alone units were installed last year in identified classrooms (each portable has its own ventilation unit). We have already received HEPA units for our kindergarten classrooms.

Dragon Tales: [Click here to see Mme. Mace read What the Ladybird Heard](#). This week's installment of Dragon Tales is about friends who solve a problem together. I know we are ready to be back together again, for whatever learning, fun, or challenges we want to solve together! You can find all the Dragon Tales [on our school website](#).

Mask wearing: What can you do now to get ready for September? Take time to start talking with your child about wearing a mask. This [tip sheet offers tips for improving mask tolerance](#). It offers sentence starters to talk with your child, strategies for wearing a mask, mask-wearing incentives and barriers, along with YouTube clips to help with mask wearing.

This week's jokes are about the summer heat: 1) What does the bee do in hot weather?... *he takes off his yellow jacket*, 2) How do you know it's too hot at the farm?... *the cows are producing evaporated milk*, and 3) What's another reason you know it's too hot on the farm?... *the chickens are laying hard-boiled eggs*.

Watch for the updated "How to train your dragon" student guide to be shared later in August / early September; you will also see our Buddy Bench and Everyone Child is Welcome Here benches getting painted the week of 30 August.

Madame Mace, Mask-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