

Happy Sunday RPPS families,

Our first week of school - students are re-learning routines and how to learn in a classroom environment together. Having identified a confirmed Covid case, this is a chance for some good reminders about how to help our school staff keep our school safe and healthy:

- **Does your child have their mask?** Check that your child has a good supply of masks each day; our student masks supplies have been depleted with many students forgetting masks
- **Does your child know how and when to wear their mask?** Review with your child that they need to stay seated during eating times and/or wear their mask when they get up. Practice taking their mask on and off.
- **Daily screening.** Thank you to all parents who have worked along with us to report on [daily Covid-19 Screening](#) prior to 8:15 am.
- **Safe arrival.** Students are asked to arrive on the yard after 8:20 am and go directly to their homeroom line location.
- **Safe dismissal.** Students are asked to proceed directly home at the end of the day. A reminder that each homeroom class is a cohort. Continue to make informed decisions about who your child plays with outside of the school day.

Here are some key RPPS highlights for what is happening at our school in September:

- **Start-up Forms.** Student verification forms are coming home Monday with your child(ren). This is a chance for parents to verify the information we use our database for communicating with home. Each student / parent is also required to complete the following forms by the 30 of September:
  - [Form 122 -- Trip Participation](#) (permission to access learning areas adjacent to our school grounds)
  - [Media Permission Form](#)
  - [Acceptable Use of Technology Form](#)
- **RPPS Open House (23 Sept).** Parents are invited to join RPPS staff online for our Open House. If you are not able to attend during our Open House hours, we will be posting recordings of the presentations for a week afterward to allow all parents to peak into our classrooms. You will receive the link for the class presentations from your child's teachers.
  - 5:00 - 5:20 - [RPPS Welcome to the 2021/22 school year](#)
    - Principal welcome
    - School staff introductions
    - RPPS Book Fair updates
    - School Council updates
  - 5:30 - 5:50 - Class presentations 1
  - 6:00 - 6:20 - Class presentations 2
- **Terry Fox Run (24 Sept).** After being diagnosed with osteosarcoma at 18, Terry Fox was fiercely determined that more money was needed for cancer research. And so, on April 12, 1980, Terry dipped his artificial leg in the Atlantic Ocean and proceeded to change the world. Every year, schools across Canada take part in the Terry Fox Run. Learn more about Terry's story on the [Terry Fox Foundation website](#).

- RPPS is 11th in the province for fundraising - we show we care each year! Each year, we set a fundraising goal and Mme. Mace along with Mme. Miller offer encouragement to reach the goal by setting a celebratory task they will undertake if we reach it. Last year, our Principal and Vice-Principal dressed up as clowns for the day after we reached our goal of \$8000; we will unveil this year's total and celebratory task on Tuesday. To donate, click on the [RPPS Fundraising Link](#). Let's get our fundraising going and show everyone how we can "try like Terry"!
- **10 days of Truth, then Reconciliation.** 30 Sept is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We also call it Orange Shirt Day. On this day, we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools. Watch for more information from your child's teacher regarding how we will lead up to this important day.
  - In 1973, 6-year-old Phyllis Webstad was excited to wear her new orange shirt to her first day of school. Phyllis says of the shirt, "it was so bright and exciting — just like it felt to be going to school!" When she arrived at St. Joseph Mission Residential School, her shirt was taken and never given back. For Phyllis, "the colour orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying, and no one cared."
  - Established in 2013, Orange Shirt Day recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools System for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. By wearing orange, we acknowledge the history of Residential Schools in Canada, and we honour survivors.
- **RPPS Book Fair (5 - 7 November).** The Book Fair Committee has been working to adapt our 60th anniversary RPPS Book Fair to current Covid protocols. Check out the [RPPS Book Fair website](#) to find out how you can get involved.

This week's jokes are about running as we look ahead to our Terry Fox run this week: 1) What type of race is never run?... *a swimming race*, 2) How did the barber win the race?... *he took a shortcut*, and 3) Why didn't the tomato win the race? ... *because it was always playing ketch-up*.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Madame Mace, Grateful Principal

### Key dates for parents

- 23 September - RPPS Open House
- 24 September - RPPS Terry Fox Run
- 30 September - Orange Shirt Day (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)

### Key links for parents

- School office: 08:00 - 16:00 daily; [rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca) or 613-749-6357
- Student absence reporting: 613-749-3992 / [absenceRPPS@ocdsb.ca](mailto:absenceRPPS@ocdsb.ca)
- [School supplies list](#) / [OCDSB website school supplies](#)
- [2021-2022 School year calendar](#)
- [Request to change learning model](#) (OCV <-> InPerson)

- [OCDSB School Locator](#)
- [How to Train your Dragon guide](#)

### **Key Covid links**

- [Daily self-assessment for students](#)
- [OPH Out-of-province confirmation of vaccination](#)
- [City of Ottawa vaccination clinics](#)