

Happy Sunday RPPS families,

RPPS was filled with a sea of orange shirts on Thursday as we recognized the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. A small group of student leaders painted our Every Child Matters bench orange as a daily reminder for us to continue our learning, reflecting and actions. We will continue to talk about how to go “beyond the orange shirt” in what we are learning and doing.

To further your family’s learning, click here for an [Orange Shirt Primary Book](#) list, or the child-friendly version of the 94 Calls to Action: [Spirit Bear’s Guide to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#) or [Le guide de Spirit Bear sur la Commission de vérité et réconciliation du Canada](#).

Here are some key RPPS highlights for what is happening at our school and community:

- **World Teachers’ Day (5 Oct).** This Tuesday is [World Teachers’ Day](#). Where would our world be without teachers? We are so grateful for the caring and supportive teachers we have in our building every day. Please consider sending a special note to your child’s teacher this week.
- **Open House recordings.** Thanks to all parents who joined us for the virtual Open House. For those who were not able to get into the Google Meet, the [Welcome Session](#) recording is posted on our school’s website. The recordings from your child’s classroom teachers have been shared with you separately through GoogleClassroom or emails.
- **Terry Fox total.** WOW, RPPS fundraising for the Terry Fox Foundation has risen to \$9800. This means that Mme. Mace and Mme. Miller will dress up as dinosaurs and dance the tango for the day. They have also been heard practising their singing voices to help us celebrate. To donate, click on the [RPPS Fundraising Link](#).
- **School Council meeting (12 Oct).** All parents are welcome at Council meetings. [Click here](#) to be added to the list of participants. Get to know Council - click here to see Open House videos from [our past-co-chairs, Sarah Jane Estabrooks and Kristen Healy](#) and [this year’s chair](#), Varvara Chernogorskaya.
- **RPPS Book Fair (5 - 7 November).** Have you offered to help yet? Many hands move many books. Our 60th anniversary RPPS Book Fair has been adapted to a virtual event. Book Fair is also supporting a storytelling festival for RPPS students later in November. Check out the [RPPS Book Fair website](#) to find out how you can get involved. Click here to view the awesome [Book Fair video](#) from the Open House presentation.
- **Vaccination Hub.** [Click here](#) for information on the Lowertown vaccination hub Wednesdays - Saturday.
- **Learning Commons.** Our construction project is moving forward. Painters were in the school this week, and we have new lighting installed. As we wait for its reopening, Ms. Roebuck-Constantine, our new librarian, has been working on a [Learning Commons site](#) which features Resources, Games, Trivia and Reading for Fun section. Check it out!
- **Babysitting courses.** Grade 6 students or those who are ages 11 and up can take the Canadian Red Cross Babysitter Course. There is one available 23 Oct (Sat) (09:00 - 15:00; \$70 per participant). Click [here to see flyer](#) or check out their offerings online at [www.helpinghandsfirstaid.ca](#). You may use the Promo Code HHFIRSTAIID to save 10%
- **Have you completed the Start-up Forms?** Student verification forms should have been sent back to the school this week. Each student / parent is also required to complete the following:

- [Form 122 -- Trip Participation](#) (permission to access learning areas adjacent to our school grounds)
- [Media Permission Form](#)
- [Acceptable Use of Technology Form](#)

This week's jokes are about turkey and pumpkins because Thanksgiving is coming: 1) Why did the turkey cross the busy road twice?... *to prove he wasn't a chicken*, 2) What kind of weather does a turkey like?... *fowl weather*, and 3) Who helped the little pumpkin cross the road? ... *the crossing gourd*.

Madame Mace, Grateful Principal

Key dates for parents

- 11 October - Thanksgiving Monday (school closed)
- 12 October - School Council - virtual (7:00 pm)
- 29 October - Halloween celebrations at RPPS (no masks, no weapons, no face makeup)
- 11 November - Remembrance Day
- 12 November - PA day (no class for students)

Key links for parents

- School office: 08:00 - 16:00 daily; rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca or 613-749-6357
- Student absence reporting: 613-749-3992 / 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](#)