

Happy long-weekend Saturday RPPS families,

We trust that your long weekend includes time with family and friends, good meals and fresh air. Both staff and students were ready for a break after a busy fall of getting back to learning and Covid protocols. Our family favourite pie is called Cazuela pie - a combination of pumpkin, sweet potato, coconut milk and flavours. Take time to talk about your family favourite meals this weekend!

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

- **Terry Fox total.** Our final Terry Fox total has risen to \$10,050. Mme. Mace and Mme. Miller have started learning the tango and during the week of 18 Oct, they will dress up as dinosaurs and dance the tango. Song suggestions include [Baby Shark](#), [The Wheels on the Bus](#), [Apples and Bananas](#), [Baby Beluga](#), or [Pollywog in a Bog](#). Students will get a chance to vote this week.
- **School Council meeting (12 Oct).** Our first School Council meeting of the year is being held Tuesday. [Click here](#) to be added to the meeting. [Click here](#) to see the draft agenda.
- **RPPS Book Fair.** Our 60th anniversary RPPS Book Fair has been adapted to a virtual event later in November. A storytelling festival for RPPS students will be held on 15 - 16 November. Have you offered to help yet? Many hands move many books. later in November. Volunteers are starting to think about book sorting in a pandemic and how to create “book bags” for sale. Check out the [RPPS Book Fair website](#) to find out how you can get involved.
- **Halloween.** As part of our Halloween routines, students may come to school wearing black and/or orange, or they may have a costume. There might be a “Halloween whirlpool” outside on the track in the afternoon. Here are some general guidelines for costumes:
  - A costume should be comfortable and easy to move in
  - The costume should not impede walking, vision or the space of other students
  - Weapons or other larger items should be left at home
  - No face paint or decorative masks - save these for the real Halloween on the weekend
- **November: Veterans’ Week (5 - 11 November 2021).** [Veterans’ Week](#) is observed in Canada the week of 05 - 11 November and honours those who have served, past and present, in times of war, military conflict and peace. Aboriginal Veterans’ Day is observed yearly on 08 November, while Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November. Planning is underway for the RPPS learning activities and virtual ceremony. Parents will be welcome to join virtually again this year.

This week's jokes are about the meals we share: 1) Why didn't the family serve pizza for Thanksgiving?... *it was too cheesy*, 2) What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?... *pumpkin  $\pi$*  (pi), and 3) Which friends should you always invite for dinner? ... *your taste buds*.

Madame Mace, Pumpkin-pie Loving 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](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](#)