

Happy Sunday RPPS families,

The beautiful fall colours are all around us! I admit, I was glad that it was a rainy Saturday, rather than having rain on Friday - indoor recess days with 400+ students are not easy.

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

- **Terry Fox.** A School News story on the OCDSB website showcased some of the great photos and activities from this year's Terry Fox Run. A tweet/post from RPPS school was included in the story. [Click here](#) to check out the story. Mme. Mace and Mme. Miller have their dinosaurs costumes and we are practising our tango steps for Friday's Terry Fox success celebration.
- **School Council meeting (9 Nov).** School Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. [Click here](#) to be added to the November meeting Google Meet participant list. If you want to connect with Council, please email [sc-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca).
- **Daily screening continues.** All students need to complete this screening daily before going to school. Follow the instructions provided by the screening tool. Stay home and get tested if there are symptoms. Always follow Ottawa Public Health's [instructions for testing](#). RPPS no longer requires confirmation of the screening, as we have met the Ministry requirements for school start up.
- **Learning Commons.** We are making progress! The walls are painted, the new lighting is wired and the flooring was installed last week. Next we are waiting for the arrival of our new shelving.
- **Halloween. (repeat)** As part of our Halloween routines, students may come to school wearing black and/or orange, or they may have a costume. 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

This week's jokes are about celebrating Halloween: 1) Why did the ghosts starch its sheet?... *it was to scare everyone stiff*, 2) Why did the ghost get a ticket?...*it didn't have a haunting license*, and 3) Why did the pumpkin take a detour on the way to school? ... *it wanted to avoid the seedy part of town*.

Madame Mace, Costume Loving Principal

### Key dates for parents

- 29 October - Halloween celebrations at RPPS (no masks, no weapons, no face makeup)
- 4 November - Progress Reports available to parents
- 9 November - School Council - virtual (7:00 pm)
- 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](#)