

Happy Sunday RPPS families,

We are certainly seeing the first signs of winter with flurries during the school day on Friday. A good reminder to all of us to check the weather before school. We go out for recess in all kinds of weather! Thanks to those students who took part in [WITS and bullying prevention](#) learning this week.

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

- **School Directory for families.** Each year School Council creates a parent school directory to help parents and students contact other children in your child's class. If you would like your name or information appear in this directory, [click here to complete the form](#) by 13 Dec.
- **Virtual Book Fair (15 - 29 November).** Last call for 60th anniversary Book Fair shopping: [click here to order your book surprise](#). Check out the [60th Book Fair page](#) or the full newsletter can be found here: [Rockcliffe Park Book Fair - A Rich 60 Year History at RPPS](#)
- **Mask designs.** A reminder that a face covering such as a bandana, scarf or cloth is not an equal substitute for a properly-fitted face mask, as it may not provide the same level of protection. Masks should be made of fabric, medical or otherwise; masks which made of sequins or otherwise are less suitable for use at school.
- **Is your mask clean?** As the cold weather approaches, our masks get moist when we breathe and speak. Make sure you send extras with your child for use during the day, and clean ones for the next day.
- **School Council meeting (14 Dec - note date change).** [Click here](#) to be added to the Google Meet at the December Council meeting. Contact School Council: sc-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca.
- **Safe arrival.** If you are delayed in the morning, use the school's Visitor Parking spots or park at the library. The turning circle may be used from 09:00 am - 2:30 pm for school drop-offs or pick-ups.
- **International Travel:** Families planning for international travel during the holidays should check current [federal protocols](#) that exist for travelers. International travel rules do change; make sure you consult Ottawa Public Health or federal authorities for updated information.
- **Rapid Antigen Testing Kits for Students.** The Ministry has provided school boards with one kit per student containing 5 rapid antigen tests. We plan to send each student home with a kit for winter holidays. We do not have further detail or instructions yet; stay tuned.

This week's jokes were inspired by the work we did this week to be good friends and to solve our problems safely: 1) How do you know the ocean is friendly? ... *it waves* , 2) Why can't you be friend with a squirrel?... *they drive everyone nuts*, and 3) Why do trees have so many friends?... *because they branch out*.

We are planning a school-wide activity called Mask-O for December as part of getting ready for the holidays.

Madame Mace, WITS Principal

Key dates for parents

- 29 Nov - Last day for Book Fair purchases
- 14 December - School Council - virtual (7:00 pm)
- 17 December - Last day of classes for students
- 20 - 31 December - Winter holidays (school closed)
- 3 January, 2022 - Back to 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](#)