

Hello RPPS Families!

The deep freeze of January has got us in its grasp - let's hope the temperature climb upwards this week. This is also a reminder to check the weather daily and to ensure that your child is ready to play outside in our winter conditions. A few key details as we start Week 3 of InPerson learning:

Covid-related Items

- **Daily Covid screening confirmation continues.** Thank you to those who have been reporting your child's daily screening through our online RPPS reporting tool. If you require a hard copy, please let your child's teacher know. The screening and reporting continues this week; a daily reminder will be sent out to help you locate links easily:
 - Complete the [Covid-19 School and Childcare screening](#)
 - Complete the [RPPS Form](#).
 - Repeat for each child who attends RPPS.
- **Covid and classroom routines.** Both with Covid and snow play, RPPS students and educators work together to build routines that are safe and inclusive for everyone. [Click here](#) to talk about routines with your child at home.
 - We have noticed a good improvement in student mask-wearing, and safe routines at eating times. Well done dragons!
- **Sharing of Positive PCR and RAT COVID Test Results.** The OCDSB is developing an online form through which staff, students and parents can voluntarily report a positive test. The form data will populate a district dashboard to indicate the number of positive cases by school, grade and class (maybe). This will be based on voluntary reporting, meaning the information will be incomplete and not validated. People should be cautious about using this tool to determine the degree to which COVID may be present in a school/class. Stay tuned.

RPPS information - non-Covid items

- **Strategies to support your child with anxiety.** Thanks to parents who joined our parent workshop last Thursday. [Click here](#) to see a recording of the workshop, if you missed it!
- **Holocaust Remembrance Day.** On 27 January, RPPS took time to honour the memory of the over 6 million people who were victims of the Holocaust. [Click here](#) to see the text which was read over our announcements during the day.
- **Book Fair Meeting (31 Jan - 7pm).** Book Fair needs volunteers! The Book Fair committee is looking for volunteers on the Communication Team - if you can write, or are good with social media, we need you! Anyone familiar with Wordpress who could update our website would be a very welcome addition too. [Click here](#) for more details on Book Fair roles. [Click here](#) for details and the agenda. Please join us for our next Book Fair Meeting, this Monday, January 31st, at 7pm. Email rockcliffeparkbookfair@gmail.com to be added to the Meeting invite. Come on board and help us shape the future of Book Fair!
- **Kindergarten Information Evening. February 4 (6pm).** Find out more about our kindergarten dragon teams! RPPS will be hosting a Kindergarten Information Session at 6pm on February 4. The session will share information about the OCDSB, Rockcliffe Park PS and its classrooms.
 - [Click here](#) to join the presentation on 3 Feb.
 - [Click here](#) to ask questions via a Parent Questionnaire before or during the presentation.
 - [Click here](#) to register your child online with the OCDSB.
 - After the presentation, email rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca with questions regarding registration or our programs. Please share this information with your friends and in the community.

- **Student enrolment - Sept 2022.** As we approach the registration period for schools, RPPS will be asking parents for information about your plans for your child's school attendance in September 2022 (RPPS, grade 6 destination, or otherwise), as well as gather any considerations for classroom placement. Watch for our form!
- **Student transfer cap.** We have received the school's student transfer cap; this cap is a designation for consideration of requests to attend RPPS for those who do not live in our catchment area. The designation is based on school capacity, future growth enrolment, leased spaces not available for instructional purposes, attendance boundaries and programs at the school. The RPPS transfer cap remains at zero for September 2022. For more information about school transfer, visit the [District website](#).
- **Writing Workshops at the library.** The Ottawa Public library has workshops and competition that feature various authors for different genres of writing for ages 9-18. The workshops take place on Saturdays to help prepare students to write their own entries by 25 February 2022. Visit the [Awesome Authors](#) page for more information. There are cash prizes and a chance to be published in Pot-pourri! Workshop dates include:
 - Saturday, February 5
 - 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Poetry Workshop with spoken words artist Apollo The Child 13-18
 - 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Comment devenir un super bédéiste avec l'auteur et bédéiste Éric Péladeau 9-18
 - Saturday, February 19
 - 10:30 am – 11 :30 am How to Become an Awesome Comic Book Writer with author Éric Péladeau 9-18
 - 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Short Story Writing Workshop with author Amelinda Bérubé 13-18
 - 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Comment devenir un.e super auteur.e avec l'auteur Pierre-Luc Bélanger 13-18
- **RPPS School Council meeting (8 Feb).** [Click here](#) to be added to the Google Meet at the January Council meeting. Contact School Council: sc-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca.

This week's jokes focus on the wonderful gift of snow, as part of our Ottawa winter. 1) How does a penguin build a snow fort? *Igloos it together*, 2) What falls in winter but never gets hurt? ... *snow*, and 3) What do robots wear when it snows?... *robotots*.



Madame Mace, Long winter nap Principal

Be Kind, Be Brave... be a Dragon.

Key upcoming dates

- 31 Jan - Book Fair meeting
- 4 Feb - RPPS Kindergarten Information Night
- 8 Feb - School Council
- 16 Feb - Report cards home to parents

- 18 Feb - PD day (no class for students)
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Mental health resources and supports

The OCDSB has compiled a [list of mental health and community supports](#). For more information on taking care of our own mental health as well as that of our families, please visit the [Ottawa Public Health website](#).

- [1Call1Click](#) a simple way to access mental health supports for children, youth and families
- [Counselling Connect](#) free video or phone counselling sessions for children, youth and families
- [Parents Lifeline of Eastern Ontario](#) Family peer support services 613-321-3211
- [Distress Centre](#) Crisis line (24/7) 613-238-3311 in English and [Tel-Aide Outaouais](#) 613-741-6433 in French
- [YSB Crisis Line](#) 613-260-2360 or online chat at [chat.ysb.ca](#)
- [Hope for Wellness Helpline](#): Available for all Indigenous peoples across Canada, offers experienced and culturally competent counsellors 1-855-242-3310 or chat <https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/>. Phone counselling is also available in Cree, Ojibway, and Inuktitut.