

Hello RPPS Families!

Our last day of February tomorrow - RPPS has been proud to focus on Black History Month and also, kindness through Pink Shirt Day and Toonie Tuesday. We have also appreciated the Forest Learning moments in all winter conditions this month.

For now, a few key details for our week ahead:

Covid-related Items

- **Masks optional at recess.** The use of masks at recess will now be changed to optional for students while they play outside.
- **Once again. Daily Covid screening continues.** 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.
- **OCDSB Covid case data**
 - Student positive cases may be reported [via this link](#).
 - OCDSB dashboard: [General dashboard](#) / [Case collection data by school](#)

RPPS information - non-Covid items

- **Toonie Tuesday.** RPPS has raised \$773.40 from online and toonie donations in support of the Education Foundation! The [online donation link](#) will be open until Monday for those who still want to donate. Students may also bring toonies to donate in their classrooms.
- **Recess / yard conditions.** With changing winter conditions, we monitor the RPPS yard. When we determine the conditions may cause slipping or other safety hazards, we designate an indoor recess or we change to winter zone locations at the front of the school. While conditions may be safe for a class to be outside for a class activity, it may not be safe for all classes at recess times. We hope to have more outdoor recess time this week.
- **Pattern Day (2 Mar).** Where do you see patterns? Sometimes we work on patterns during math learning. On Wednesday, we look forward to seeing them on our RPPS students and staff. You may wear stripes, alternating colours, plaid (Mme. Mace's favourite colour :), or another pattern you create.
- **RPPS School Council meeting (8 Mar).** [Click here](#) to be added to the Google Meet at the March Council meeting. Contact School Council: sc-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca. Watch for Book Fair news on Wednesdays!
- **Last call - Planning for 2022-2023 - Parent survey.** All parents are asked to [complete the RPPS 2022-2023 survey](#) for each child before 28 February to provide us with information about your child for September 2022: program choice, schools, and class placements.

This week's jokes are connected to ice and snow conditions: 1) What did the icy road say to the car? *Want to go for a spin?*, 2) How does a snowman greet their friends? ... *have an ice day!*, and 3) How do you make a snowman's bed?... *with sheets of ice and a blanket of snow.*



Madame Mace, Snowshoeing Principal

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

Key upcoming dates

- 28 Feb - Complete the [RPPS 2022-2023 parent survey](#)
 - 2 Mar - Pattern Day (stripes, alternating colours, and more)
 - 9 Mar - Outrageous Fashion Day (will you go fancy, sequins or wacky? Let's get creative!)
 - 8 Mar - School Council
 - 14 - 18 March - March Break (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.
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