

Happy Monday RPPS families,

The Dragon's Breathe tulips are blooming in our garden beds. Watch for details of tulip bulb sales as part of our first 100th anniversary fundraiser.

RPPS 100th celebrations begin September 2022

- RPPS alumni, former staff or students. RPPS is collecting 100 stories to represent our 100 years of learning. If you know someone who wants to share a story or to be contacted by school staff as part of our celebration, [share this link with them](#) or add yourself to the collection!

RPPS Book Fair

- Book bin donations are coming. While we don't have confirmation yet on whether InPerson events will be permitted in schools in the fall, book donations are the backbone of Book Fair in whatever form and this starts in the spring. The book collection team has been working on a plan to re-open book bins - get your donations ready!
- Join the volunteer team. We need you! Click here for [current info on volunteering](#) on the Book Fair website, or you can also find more specific info on the [role of each team](#). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: rockcliffeparkbookfair@gmail.com

RPPS information

- **June School Council meeting (14 June)**. If you would like to attend the meeting, [click here](#) and you will be added to the list of attendees. To contact School Council, please email sc-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca.
- **Sunscreen at school**. Consider the following 'sun smart' strategies for the school day:
 - apply sunscreen every morning;
 - wear long sleeve shirts;
 - come to school wearing a sun or baseball cap;
 - practice self-application of sunscreen with your child;
 - aerosol sprays are not permitted; and
 - send a bottle of unscented sunscreen in your child's backpack so that they can re-apply throughout the day (label the bottle with your child's name). Note: staff typically do not apply sunscreen for students during the school day.
- **Hot weather and school**. We have experienced our first hot weather week; we watch for heat warnings from Ottawa Public Health based on the humidex (combined effect of heat and humidity). On these days, our staff make decisions that pay particular attention to ensure the health and safety of students.
 - Here are some of the key recommend strategies:
 - Drink plenty of fluids, preferably water, and avoid caffeine and caffeinated beverages;
 - Avoid strenuous physical activity, especially outdoors;
 - Wear lightweight and loose clothing;

- Avoid direct exposure to the sun and seek shade and shelter at the first signs of heat exposure; and
 - Where direct sun exposure cannot be avoided, wear a hat and apply sunscreen.
- At school, we work to mitigate hot weather with the following strategies:
 - open the windows first thing in the morning and close them mid-morning as it starts to get hot outside; and
 - keep the blinds/curtains closed during the day, particularly on windows that are facing the sun.
 - our ventilation systems are left running all night with the fresh air dampers fully open and then staff start closing them down in the morning as the heat starts to increase outside.
 - Portable fans will be used with measures to minimize risk of transmission of COVID 19 (i.e., not blowing directly around breathing zones, air flow not at face level, positioned to provide upward movement of air, fan setting on low to minimize turbulence):
- **Hot weather and face masks.** Wearing a mask continues to be an important strategy for controlling the transmission of COVID-19 and masks are required to be worn while indoors at all OCDSB sites. Masks may become more uncomfortable in hot temperatures, and decreasing intensity/volume of learning activities, more frequent rests, and more cooling breaks may be necessary. We will consider options that will allow more time outside, so that students and staff can access more mask breaks during the course of the day. Further information is available at [Ottawa Public Health's website](#).

This week's jokes are connected to last week's hot weather 1) What does a bee do in the hot weather? *He takes off his yellow jacket*, 2) What did the air conditioner say to the student? ... *I'm your biggest fan*, and 3) What is faster, the heat or the cold?...*the heat, because you can catch a cold.*



Madame Mace, Popsicle-loving Principal

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