

Happy Sunday RPPS families,

I trust that you and your family are safe after the intense thunderstorm yesterday. A reminder that the school is closed tomorrow for Victoria Day.

### **RPPS information**

- **Mask Mandate.** We have limited masks to offer students who have forgotten or lost masks during the day. Parents are asked to send extra masks in their child's backpack each day. Some RPPS parents have asked about the status of the mask mandate at RPPS. This is at OCDSB / Trustee direction and no end date has not been established. You may [click here](#) to read the updates.
- **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](mailto:sc-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca).
- **Welcome to Kindergarten.** Planning is underway to welcome our incoming kindergarten students. Watch for more information about a welcome event and materials.

### **RPPS Book Fair**

- **Book Collection Evening (26 May).** Mark your calendars! Thursday, May 26 from 4-7:00 PM, the RPPS Book Fair team will hold its first Book Collection Evening (with more dates to follow!). Please drop off your gently used children's and adults' fiction and non-fiction books at the outside entrance to the small gym - located to the left of the Queen Jubilee hall entrance and accessible via the Rockcliffe Park Library parking lot. The team will be there to help unload your boxes.
- **We need YOU!** Join the Book Fair volunteer team and meet other school parents while helping us relaunch our biggest and most important school fundraiser. Many hands makes lighter work and more fun! 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](mailto:rockcliffeparkbookfair@gmail.com)
- **What is RPPS Book Fair?** We do it for the students. Parent and community volunteers work hard to collect, sort and then sell books to raise funds to enrich our programs for RPPS students. To take place in fall 2023. [Check out this link](#) to learn more.
- **Book Fair Committee meeting (24 May - 7 pm).** The next Book Fair Committee meeting will be May 24 and 7pm. All welcome. Agenda will be posted [on the website](#) before the meeting. Please contact Joni Hamlin for the meeting link: [rockcliffeparkbookfair@gmail.com](mailto:rockcliffeparkbookfair@gmail.com)

### **RPPS 100th celebrations**

- **Dragon's Breath bulbs.** The bulbs are in full bloom in the RPPS beds. Thank you to our parent photographer volunteer, Mathieu Louis-Seize, for taking photos with our students as part of the fundraiser planning.



- **100th kick-off event (16 Sept).** An ice cream truck has been booked, and we are looking for ideas on community games as part of the celebrations. Suggestions? Send them to [100th-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.c](mailto:100th-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.c).
- **100 years of stories.** Share your RPPS story as alumni or family, or share this link if you know someone connected to this history of RPPS: [RPPS stories \(https://forms.gle/DedYeipAXBDTf5o67\)](https://forms.gle/DedYeipAXBDTf5o67). We want to build a library of storytellers for our classrooms!

This week's jokes are connected to last week's weather and spring storms 1) What does a cloud wear under its raincoat? .... *thunderwear*, 2) What is a tornado's favourite game? ... *twister*, and 3) What happens when it rains cats and dogs?...*you might step in a poodle*.



Madame Mace, Storm-weathering Principal

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

#### **Key upcoming dates**

- 3 June - PD Day (no classes for students)
- ?? June - Kindergarten Welcome (stay tuned for details)
- 14 June - RPPS School Council
- 18 June - OSTA Driver Appreciation Day

- 28 June - Grade 6 school leaving ceremony
  - 30 June - Last day of class
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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.