

Happy Friday RPPS families,

Our weekly update is full of information this week, as June always includes many overlapping activities and tasks as we approach the end of the school year.

- **2022-2023 School Year Calendar.** The first day of school is 6 September for all students. [Click here](#) to see the approved school year calendar.
- **Updated Student Dress Code.** The OCDSB has approved [an updated dress code](#). All students have the right to express themselves in school through their choice of clothing, hair styles, jewelry, and accessories. While a student's style is their choice, we want to keep school a place where everyone can feel comfortable. RPPS will have a dress code consistent with the District direction.
- **PRIDE month continues.** There are many ways to take part in Pride month. As educators, we are encouraged to share our pronouns with students and in our signatures lines; this is part of our obligation as educators to recognize and affirm 2SLGBTQ+ identities and make classrooms welcoming and safer spaces for all. We encourage parents to check out the [OCDSB Gender Identity and Gender Expression guide](#) as we all learn more about how to build inclusive schools.
- **Welcome to Kindergarten.** RPPS will be hosting a Welcome to Kindergarten open house for new students on 21 June (5:30 - 6:30 pm). Please share this information with friends, and ask them to email the main office rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca for more information.
- **Staffing news.** Every year, there are changes to our school staff. We encourage you to visit our [staff page](#) for updated list.
 - Jennifer Lamarche. Our kind and caring office administrator is retiring after 22 years with the OCDSB. If you would like to contribute a retirement message, [click here](#) to sign the virtual card.
 - Sandy Miller. Our vice-principal has been transferred to Hopewell PS. We are so proud to have been Mme. Miller's first school as an administrator.
 - We also wish a fond farewell to the following staff members who have accepted positions at other schools or come to the end of their term contracts with our school:
 - Mrs. Buck (teacher grade 5 / 6 - going to Convent Glen PS), Mrs. Lines (teacher grade 4 / 5 - going to Dunning Foubert ES), Mme. Pham (teacher grade 1 - going to Elgin St PS), Mrs. Deepika (ECE - Orange dragons), Mrs. Wilguite (ECE - Blue dragons), Mrs. Wilson (teacher grade 4 / 5), Mrs. Elliott (teacher grades 1 / 3 / 4), Mme. Richard (teacher grade 3), Miss Takara (teacher grade 3 / 4)
- **Classroom news.** Each year, we are provided with a homeroom structure from Human Resources. These are based on the funding formula provided by the Ministry of Education. On 2 September (PA Day), parents will receive an email from their child's homeroom teacher to indicate their placement for 2022-2023. We have the following homeroom classes:
 - Kindergarten: 4 classes (Orange, Blue, Green, Purple)
 - Primary EFI: Gr 1 (2 classes), Gr 1 - 2, Gr 2 (2 classes), Gr 2 - 3
 - Junior EFI: Gr 4, Gr 4 - 5, Gr 5, Gr 5 - 6, Gr 6
 - English: Gr 1 - 2, Gr 3 - 4, Gr 5 - 6
- **Recent storm reality.** For those who continue to feel stress and worry after the recent severe storm, visit [Responding to Stressful Events](#) for tools and resources.
- **Joint Custody Application and Renewal Forms for 2022/23.** A reminder that the extended deadline for NEW Joint Custody applications has been extended to 12 June (30 June for required annual renewals). Both homes must be within the attendance boundary and eligible for transportation to apply. Find out more about Variable Transportation to two homes here: <https://bit.ly/3pzK02J>
- **Report Cards.** Elementary report cards will be issued on 29 June via email. Your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) is required to access the report card: if you will need help identifying or using

your child's OEN, contact the main office now, as there will be limited capacity for us to respond to queries once the school year ends. Learn more [on our website](#).

- **Final School Council meeting (14 June - 7 - 9 pm)**. This month's Council meeting will be held in person. [Click here](#) to see the draft agenda. [Click here](#) to be added to the list of attendees. To contact School Council (or for additional agenda items prior to 5pm Monday), please email sc-rockcliffeparkps@ocdsb.ca.

This week's jokes are connected to rainbows 1) What do you find at the end of a rainbow? ... a "W", 2) How much does a rainbow weigh? ... *nothing, it's pretty light*, and 3) What do rainbows go if they make a big mistake?...*they go to prism*.



Madame Mace, Proud Principal

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

Key upcoming dates

- 15 June: Superhero Day (your favourite or invent one!)
- 17 June: Staff versus gr 6 students soccer game
- 21 June: National Indigenous Peoples Day
- 21 June: Kindergarten Open House for new students (5:30 - 6:30)
- 22 June: Play Day for all students
- 22 June: Beach Times and Wacky Hats Day
- 28 June: Grade 6 ceremony
- 29 June: Comfy Clothes - P.J.s Day
- 29 June: Report cards sent to parents
- 30 June: Last day of class

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.