

KOTR Weekly Family Update

Week of Jan 30 - Feb 3, 2023

Hello Coyote Families,

My name is Erin Paynter and I am so honoured to be the new Principal at Kars on the Rideau. I have had the pleasure of meeting some of you, and getting to know the students here. Everyone has been incredibly welcoming and I look forward to connecting more with you and with the staff and students here.

If you would like to learn a little more about me and my focus as an educator, please see my [Principal's Message](#) on the school website.

Food drive

In collaboration with the North Gower and Area Outreach Food Bank, we will be running a food drive over the month of February. More information will be coming soon in a separate message. Please keep an eye out for this great opportunity to help our community.

Toonie Tuesday

More information will also be coming home about Toonie Tuesday, which raises funds for the Education Foundation of Ottawa. More information can be found [here](#), but we will also send home more information at a later date.

Dr. Eva Olsson presentation

We are honoured to be hosting Eva Olsson on Monday, February 6th. She will be engaging students in grades 4-8 in a virtual presentation. Dr. Olsson speaks about her experience as a Holocaust survivor, and teaches students the importance of showing kindness in your actions and your words.

Term 1 Report Cards

Report cards will be emailed home to all families, as well to students in grades 7 and 8 on Wednesday, February 15th. As with previous report card distribution via School Messenger, parents/guardians and grade 7 and 8 students will need their student's Ontario Education Number to access the report card. OENs can be found on previous report cards.

Black History Month event

The OCDSB invites parents/caregivers, students, staff and community members to join us on **February 11, 2023, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**, for an in-person event to celebrate Black Excellence. This event, titled **Black History: A Day of Celebration**, will be held at Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School. The event will begin with a keynote address by **Meghan Stewart**, founder of [Unified Mindfulness](#), located in Ottawa. OCDSB students will emcee the event. Performances by various OCDSB students and staff, and community members will follow the keynote. There

will also be information tables for participants to interact with and learn about the work of Black Excellence Student Clubs.

[Click here to register for the event.](#)

Upcoming Community Events:

[Parents for Diversity](#)

Thank you for a great week at KOTR! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. The school number is 613-489-2024, and my email is erin.paynter@ocdsb.ca

Have a wonderful weekend.

Erin Paynter
Principal
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