



**Kars on the Rideau PS
School Council Principal Report
March 21, 2023**

To submit a general school question to me prior to the next School Council meeting, please use [this form](#).

Parent/Caregiver School Climate

The survey administration window closes this Friday, March 24th at 11:59PM. So far we have had 74 responses from KOTR.

Door buzzer system

In keeping with practices across the OCDSB, our school has now activated the swipe card/door buzzer system. This means that students and families and guests will ring the doorbell so that the office staff can unlock the door for them, and they can check in with the office to be helped.

Intermediate Student Leadership Committee

We have started an Intermediate Student Leadership Committee for students in grades 7 and 8. To get started interested students were invited to share an expression of interest based on the following questions:

- What strengths do I bring to the group?
- What goals do I wish to achieve for myself, my peers, and my school?
- What are some of the priorities, or activities you wish to lead as part of this group?

So far, students are suggesting anti-bullying and kindness initiatives, a school newspaper, regular assemblies that showcase student talents or interests, and initiatives to raise awareness around equity and diversity.

Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP)

[PCAP](#) assesses a sample of grade 8 students in science, reading and mathematics. For 2023, the students in EMF8B have been randomly selected to participate in this assessment. It is an online assessment that will take about 2 hours to complete. The assessment window is April 27 to May 2. More information will be provided to the families of those students shortly.

February/March KOTR events

Feb 22- Pink shirt day to promote awareness of bullying

Feb 27- primary Bird workshop

Feb 28- Toonie Tuesday

Mar 1-Craig Cardiff music workshop grade 5

Upcoming Dates:

March 23 - beginning of Ramadan

March 29 - Grade 8 grad photo retakes

March 31 - International Transgender Day of Visibility

April 2 - World Autism Awareness Day

April is World Autism Awareness Month, and Sikh Heritage Month

April 6 - Passover

April 7 - Good Friday

April 9 - Easter

April 14 - Holy Friday

April 16 - Orthodox Easter