

## **Week of March 6 - 10, 2023**

Hello KOTR Families!

Well, we made it to the March Break! We have had such an eventful start to 2023 already - sports events, dances, ski trips, food drives, clubs, and more! KOTR is such a vibrant community - and now it's time for a bit of rest. For some of us, it may be slowing down and not having to listen for bells or watch the time. For others, it may be time for activities that bring us joy. Whatever your plans, may you spend the break doing things you love with the people you love.

### **Staffing updates**

We want to wish Mr. Alex Thomas a huge thank you for his care and diligence in teaching Mrs. Ford's classes while she has been away. We are so happy to welcome Mrs. Ford back after the March Break.

Mme Villeneuve will also be returning to us part-time after the break. Mr. Birch, who has been teaching the class since the fall, will remain the other classroom teacher in the Middle French Immersion class. Welcome back Mme Villeneuve!

### **Cyber safety resources for children and parents/caregivers**

Children are engaging with social media, the Internet and other online media at younger and younger ages. As parents, it can be challenging to support and understand what your children are doing when they are online. [MediaSmarts](#) is a Canadian resource on media and digital literacy with many resources for children and parents/caregivers.

One set of resources are a set of checklists children and parents can use to start conversations about media safety, or to support conversations that are already happening.

[Are you Web aware? A checklist for parents](#)

[Are you Web aware? A checklist for kids ages 9-12](#)

[Are you Web aware? A checklist for kids ages 13-17](#)

### **Treasure Jar fundraiser is back!**

Our much-anticipated treasure jar fundraiser is back and will take place on April 4th and 5th. More information can be found in the attached poster.

### **Invitation - monthly breakfasts with the KOTR admin team**

As a way of fostering open communication between home and school, we are looking to invite parents/caregivers to the school for monthly morning breakfasts. This could be an opportunity

for parents and administrators to discuss general issues affecting the school and education, to ask questions, and to connect.

We are looking first to see how much interest there would be in our community. You are invited to fill out [this form](#) to share your ideas and whether you would perhaps attend. It should only take a few minutes to complete, and we appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

### Days of significance

There are many days of significance being observed and/or celebrated over the March Break, and the week after. March 17 is Irish Heritage Day. March 20th is Naw Ruz, which is a celebration of the new year in the Baha'i faith. March 21st is the International Day for the Elimination of Racism, and March 22nd is World Water Day, and the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan.

For any students who are observing Ramadan, we will be offering spaces where prayers can occur. If your child needs a space to pray, or a place to spend time during nutrition breaks, they can come to Room 165.

From our staff to your home, have a wonderful, safe, and restful March Break!



Take good care,

Erin Paynter (she/her)  
Principal

Lara Currie  
Vice- Principal