

Week of March 27 - 31, 2023

Hello KOTR Families!

Knowing that tomorrow is April Fools, I think this says it all... <breathes a sigh of relief>



Athletics Update

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls Intermediate Basketball teams who recently represented KOTR at our regional tournaments. All team members played well and exhibited excellent skills and sportsmanship. Many thanks to coaches Mr. Hertz and Mr. Burman, and the many parents and volunteers who helped support our teams.

EQAO Update for Parents/Guardians

Parents and guardians are invited to [Register](#) for a free live webinar to learn about EQAO assessment results, and Ontario's large scale assessment program at the elementary level. EQAO will review highlights from the 2021-22 assessment results and how Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessments have been modernized. Sessions are approximately 45 minutes, followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff.

Message from School Council

Hello Parents/Guardians,

The School Council is getting ready for some really fun events at school. Here is a quick reminder

1 - Little Ceasars Pizza Kit orders are due in by Monday April 3, 2023. Order direct at Little Ceasars and the code is 423448.

2 - Treasure Jar

Excitement is building, filled donated jars are starting to come into the office.

Please send in your donated jars between now and Friday April 21, 2023.

Students will get to enter in the raffle April 24 and 25.

If you have any questions, please email school council at sc-karsontherideaups@ocdsb.ca

Thanks,

Leslie Pattemore and Vicki Arkinstall

International Transgender Day of Visibility

International Transgender Day of Visibility celebrates the joy and beauty of trans, two-spirit and gender non-binary people across the globe, elevating their voices, and working together to make them feel seen, understood, and protected.

Affirming trans, two-spirit and non-binary identities provides an opportunity to reflect on our own bias, and advance awareness about the challenges faced by two-spirit, trans and gender non-binary-identified students, staff and community members. In the learning and working conditions and outcomes that we want in our district, the well-being of communities who are marginalized are centred through our actions to uphold and promote rights and prioritize dignity. Thank you for being accountable by standing with, beside and 'up for' trans, two-spirit and gender non-binary communities and practicing this allyship with empathy and care.

Please see the [OCDSB website for a message](#) about the importance of this day.

International Indigenous Languages Day

Today is International Indigenous Languages Day. This day has been commemorated since 1993 and it is a day we approach with humility. This day honours the strength and endurance of ancestral language keepers who have protected their sacred languages for many generations.

World Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month and World Autism Awareness Day

Autism is a lifelong neurodevelopmental disorder that affects about one in 50 children and youth in Canada. Autism affects the way individuals interact and communicate with those around them, and each person with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is unique and has their own strengths, gifts, and support needs. World Autism Awareness Day is recognized on Sunday, April 2nd.

Sikh Heritage Month

The month of April is an opportunity to celebrate the history, culture, and accomplishments of Sikh Canadians in our District and across the province.

Passover

Passover will begin the evening of April 5, 2023. Passover is an important Jewish holiday that commemorates the freedom of Israelites from slavery in Egypt. We wish a peaceful and joyous Passover to all who are observing.

Easter Weekend

Next weekend, many in our community will observe Good Friday and Easter. A reminder that **all OCDSB elementary schools, secondary schools, and offices will be closed on Friday, April 7th and Monday, April 10th**. We wish a Happy Easter to those who are celebrating.

Wednesday, April 19: Social Media And Your Kids. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19th for a webinar with MediaSmarts, to learn more about how kids are using social networking, and discover strategies to help children and youth minimize negative experiences and maximize the positive opportunities social media has to offer. [Register here](#).

Thank you all for your ongoing support and feedback. Have a wonderful weekend.

Take good care,

Erin Paynter
Principal

Lara Currie
Vice-Principal