



**Kars on the Rideau PS
School Council Principal Report
April 20, 2023**

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

Preparing for 2023-2024

We have begun our yearly process to prepare for the 2023-2024 school year. This includes looking at our projected enrollment and tentative school organization. At this time we don't anticipate any reductions in our classrooms as our projected student enrollment looks pretty stable from this year to next.

Some bittersweet news - Mme Eileen Leitch has announced that she will be retiring at the end of June. While we are sad to see her go, we are so grateful for all her care and dedication to students, and we wish her all the best as she prepares for this new and exciting chapter in her life!

Primary and Junior Assessments

The EQAO Assessment for students in grade 3 and 6 will be online again this year. The assessment window opens May 10th and closes June 14th. With the changes to how the assessment is administered, students in the various grade 3 and grade 6 classes may be participating at different times. The classroom teachers will communicate more on their particular timetable for the assessment. Once families have that information, we strongly encourage you to avoid scheduling appointments or other absences during that time. Families and students are encouraged to visit the [EQAO website](#) where they can see sample assessments.

Get REAL Presentations

The Get REAL Movement is a Canadian non-profit organization focused on combatting 2SLGBTQ+ discrimination, racism, and bullying in schools, summer camps, and workplaces. We have virtual presentations booked for May 29th and 30th for our grade 4-6 classes and our grade 7-8 classes on inclusivity and anti-Black racism.

Safe and Accepting Schools Team

We are looking for parents to co-lead and/or be a part of our school's Safe and Accepting Schools Team. One of the important roles of the SAS Team is to help create and revise the school's Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan based on input received through various sources such as recent climate surveys. A Google Form will be going home to families to indicate their interest in joining this team.

Upcoming Events

- Soccer tryouts are underway for the intermediate boys and girls. Mr. Bowlby and Ms. Westbrook are leading these teams
- Marathon Club has started with Mr. Blois and Ms. Lanthier
- Grade 6 tryouts for track and field are this week
- The intermediate band will be heading off to Toronto for an overnight excursion from May 31-June 1. They will be participating in a music workshop and engaging in other learning activities throughout the city.
- Planning for Camp Iawah for the grade 8s is well underway.
- Students in grade 1-5 will be invited to participate in a jump rope self-directed competition to acquire coloured belts as a way to prepare for Jump Rope for Heart (more info to come)
- There will be a grade 1-5 track and field school-based event on May 25th.