

## **Week of May 8 - 12, 2023**

Hello KOTR Families!

It's so lovely seeing all the green sprouting around the community! Someone once told me that the colour of happiness is spring green! I do have to say that all the blooms I'm seeing have indeed lifted my spirits!

With the sunny weather comes many opportunities for our students to participate in many clubs and athletics.

Students in grades 4+ are involved in track and field activities, and in soccer. Many classes are arranging field trips to outdoor centres to learn about and enjoy nature. Our Marathon Club is also in full swing. A huge thank you to our staff who are volunteering their time to provide these opportunities to students.

We also had our first Popcorn Day yesterday (thank you School Council and parent volunteers!) and our first Freezie Friday (thank you grade 8 leaders!).

Take good care,  
Erin Paynter, Principal  
Lara Currie, Vice-Principal

### **Student-led Food Drive**

Here is a re-send of our previous message regarding the food drive being led by the students in grade 5 and 6 EFI.

**Hi my name is Wren, and I'm Gracelyn and we are two students from EF5/6A.**

**We are writing to talk about what happened to the House of Lazarus and why we want to help. If you didn't know, the House of Lazarus is a food bank for the community. Sadly on the 25th of April a fire occurred at the House of Lazarus and for that reason we are starting a food drive to help them. The food drive will take place from the 8th of May to the 19th of May. We will be collecting unexpired and non perishable food items, we will also be collecting soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste. The top three classes that donate the most items will receive free freezies and a pj day. Thank you for your help and generosity, we really appreciate it!**

### **Year-end School and Family Celebration**

A HUGE thank you to our School Council for once again organizing our year-end celebration. Attached please find an information poster with all the details. School Cash Online should now

be open to purchase items. \*Please note that food will need to be purchased at the event, and not before\*

### **At KOTR We Do No Harm**

We unfortunately are dealing with some vandalism targeting displays in our school that affirm 2SLGBTQ+ identities. AT KOTR and within the OCDSB, we are committed to building a Culture of Caring that makes students, staff and families of all gender expressions and identities feel safe, welcomed and valued. We are dedicated to fostering a school environment where discrimination and harassment, including transphobia and homophobia, are eliminated. Any destruction or vandalism that is targeting any group based on their human rights-protected grounds will be addressed with the seriousness required.

