

## **Weekly Family Update**

### **Week of September 8, 2023**

Hello KOTR Families!

What an amazing (and hot!) first week back! Thank you to everyone in our Coyote family for making it such a success!

But you don't have to take my word for it - see what some students, staff, and parents have to say! <https://youtu.be/rdLdLSbyh0A>

### **School Transportation**

We know that the ongoing shortage of busses has been incredibly challenging. We don't have any further updates to share with families at this time.

If you have made carpooling arrangements with other families, we appreciate you letting your child's teacher know so that they are aware of where the students need to go after school.

### **Staff List**

KJSA (Frog class) - Lindsey Evoy (French)/Kelly Lanthier (English), Stephanie Gordon and Teresa Palmer (ECEs)

KJSB (Hedgehog class) - Paula Gravelle (French)/Stephanie Thomson (English), Lauralee Nixon and Alex Lascelle (ECEs)

KJSC (Owl class) - Paula Gravelle (French)/Debbie Kinny (English), Kitty Runions, Kylan Ferrin and Sherry Lindsay (ECEs)

Grade 1 French Immersion - Jolene Kosloski and Nathalie Graham

Grade 1 Math - Debbie Kinny

Grade 2 French Immersion - Katie Robidas

Grade 2 Math and English - Mike Blois

Grade 3 French Immersion - Nicole Zahorka

Grade 3 Math and English - Sara Levine

Grade 4 and 5 French Immersion - Jennifer Lamarche

Grade 4 and 5 Math and English - Heather Ford

Grade 4 and 5 Middle French Immersion - Lisa Villeneuve

Grade 4 and 5 English and Math - Spencer Roberts and Lara Eager

Grade 5 and 6 Math and English - Tania Falls

Grade 6 French Immersion - Bobbie Cabana, Emilie Vriend, and Monica Gordon

Grade 6 Math and English - Richard Michaud

Grade 7 French Immersion - Mac Millen

Grade 7 Math and English - Kevin Hertz

Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion - Jennifer DiStefano

Grade 7 and 8 Math and English - Aaron Bowlby

Grade 8 French Immersion - Lynda Winn

Grade 8 Math and English - Tamara Beanish  
Grade 6 - Spencer Roberts  
Grade 7 - Alex Robb  
Grade 7/8 - Naomi Boyce, Rayon Finnikin, and Josh Yazbeck  
Core French - Kelly Hines (for Renee Pelland) and Sue Dennett  
Intermediate Music - Jess Bennett  
Intermediate Physical Education (French) - Renee Dubord  
Arts and Physical Education (French) - Kirsten Baker, Lindsey Evoy, and Joanna Zandi  
Library - Ann Triemstra  
Learning Support - Lara Currie, Stephanie Thomson, and Andrea Westbrook  
Intermediate Student Success- Andrea Westbrook  
Educational Assistants - Georgina St. George and Derek Somerville  
Office Administration - Heather Pottle and Ruth Carpenter  
Care Staff - Dan Forget, Ted St. Louis, Christine Preece, and Wayne Partington  
Vice-Principal - Lara Eager  
Principal - Erin Paynter

## **Student and Family Handbook**

We are preparing to create a KOTR Student and Family Handbook. We are looking for students and families to contribute questions or areas they feel would best support students and families as part of the school community.

If you wish to contribute, please fill out this [form](#). This is strictly voluntary.

**Forms** *(please bookmark this site as it contains many important forms that families will need over the course of the school year)*

- **Life Threatening/Medication Forms**

The District recently amended procedure [Procedure PR.691.SCO Administration of Prescribed Medication for Students with Non-life-threatening Medical Conditions](#). Below is what the revisions mean to schools and families:

- *Non-prescribed* medications are allowed on a student's person only where the student is capable of safely self-administering them and with the support of parents/caregivers.
- Schools no longer require authorization for students to self-administer *prescribed* medication provided that they adhere to the new parameters included in the procedure.
- School staff will intervene if we observe or become aware of any misuse or abuse of *any* medication.
- The rescission of forms OCDSB 285 - Self Admin Oral Med Authorization and OCDSB 286 - Admin Oral Med Authorization and replacing them with [OCDSB 988 Handling of Prescribed Medication for Students With Non-Life-Threatening Medical Conditions](#). The new form replaces the requirement of a signature of a healthcare professional with an upload of the original prescription label.

- Parents/caregivers must still complete a Plan of Care form for any child with a life-threatening allergy or medical condition. [Plan of Care for Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions](#)
- **Other forms (for all students)**
  - [Appropriate Use of Technology Agreement](#)
  - [Media/School Website Permission Form](#)

## **Student Accident Insurance**

Creating a caring and safe environment for our students is our top priority. Unfortunately, despite all reasonable precautions being taken, accidents can still happen. Some injuries may result in medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans and caregivers become responsible for these expenses.

The OCDSB does not provide student accident insurance and encourages all caregivers to consider purchasing accident insurance or student accident insurance for incidents that may not be covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or any additional medical plans they have.

Student accident insurance is available for purchase, on a voluntary basis. Caregivers may apply online at [insuremykids.com](http://insuremykids.com) or call 1-800-463-5437. The accident insurance coverage options range from \$17.00/year to \$33.00/year. All plans provide 24/7 coverage and a variety of important accident benefits (benefit limits differ based on plan selected). If you have any questions, please call Binks Insurance Brokers directly at 613-226-1350.

## **Mabel's Labels**

For any parents stocking up on Mabel's Labels - Kars on the Rideau now has an open fundraiser so if you select our school while purchasing, 20% of your purchase will go to the school council to support purchases and activities within the school. Just follow the link below and type in Kars, or be sure to click "support a fundraiser" while checking out!

[https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/)

The fundraiser will remain open for the entire school year.

## **Dates to Remember:**

September 15 - Rosh Hashanah

September 19 - Powley Day

September 21 - Meet the Staff/Family Fun Night (more info coming in a separate email)

September 24 - Yom Kippur

September 26 - School photos/School Council Meeting/Elections (more info coming in a separate email)

September 27 - Terry Fox Walk/Run/Roll

September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

All the best for a great weekend!

Erin and Lara  
Principal and Vice-Principal  
Kars on the Rideau PS