

Weekly Family Update

Week of November 18 - 22, 2024

Hello KOTR Families!

Welcome to our school weekly newsletter! We are pleased to share some exciting updates and important information with you.

Staff, students, and families came together this past Monday to remember all those who gave their lives to the Armed Forces of Canada. A very special thank you to the students who helped to lead and organize this very special day, as well as M. Millen, Mme DiStefano, and Mme Reece. We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Kars family members who currently serve or have served Canada in the most profound way. We are humbled by and grateful for your service.

We had a very successful Holiday Market this past Saturday. We had over 30 adult vendors, but what was really exciting were the over 2 dozen student vendors who packed our foyer and wowed us with their creativity, their maturity, and their generosity. They not only got a taste of entrepreneurship, but also raised money for great causes! A huge thank you to the School Council for their help too.

Progress Reports/Initial Observations of Learning

Grade 1-8 progress reports and Kindergarten Initial Observation reports will be sent home via email on Wednesday, November 20th. The progress report is designed to share information with parents about their child's general progress early in the school year, focusing on the development of the learning skills and work habits, as well as a student's general progress in working towards their achievement of the curriculum expectations. Progress reports will not include marks or letter grades, but rather progress will be reported by indicating if the student is "progressing with difficulty", "progressing well", or "progressing very well". This report is intended to provide parents with an early indication of their child's progress.

The Kindergarten Initial Observations report is designed to identify and describe the child's learning during the fall of the school year and to provide parents with clear, detailed, and straightforward information about their child's learning, growth in learning, and next steps in learning in relation to the overall expectations in The Kindergarten Program (2016).

A reminder that parent-teacher interviews are being held the evening of Thursday, November 28 and the morning of Friday, November 19th. Teachers will be reaching out to families to coordinate a time for interviews.

ICYMI (In case you missed it):

- Toonie Tuesday is December 12th and 13th. The School Council is still accepting donations of new and gently used items, as well as materials for gift-wrapping (paper, tape, etc.). We have a donation bin located in the school's front foyer.

Please see the [KOTR Family Calendar](#) for Upcoming Events!

Take good care,

Erin and Lara
Principal and Vice-Principal
[Kars on the Rideau PS](#)